



# Statebound: Grant Union girls three-peat as Wapiti track champs

12 athletes  
 move on to state  
 Thursday-Friday

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Grant Union head track and field coach Sonna Smith said several girls made vital contributions by stepping up to compete in extra events, leading to the girls team winning the Wapiti League title for the third consecutive year at Friday's district meet in Union.

"If it was not for these girls' selfless attitudes, we would not have come out on top as a team," Smith said.

The Grant Union boys team improved their finish, moving up from fourth last



Grant Union Prospectors Kaylee Wright outsprints her competitors to place first in the 100-meter dash at the district meet Friday in Union.

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year to second this year.

Twelve Grant Union track and field athletes will be on the road to Hayward Field

this week, the site of the Thursday-Friday, May 17-18, OSAA 2A Track and Field State Championships at the

University of Oregon in Eugene.

"District track was an eventful meet for us," Smith



Grant Union Prospectors Rhea Mead keeps her pace in the 1,500-meter run at the district meet in Union.

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said. "We had some high and some low points."

The Prospectors girls claimed nine individual district titles out of 17 possible events.

Title winners include:

Kaylee Wright, high jump, 100 meters and javelin; Sydney Brockway, 100-meter hurdles; Jozie Rude, shot put and pole vault; Abby Lusco, discus; and Trinity Hutchison,

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Grant Union Prospectors second baseman Logan McCluskey throws to first after getting an out.

# Grant Union boys face Elgin for third to state Friday



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Grant Union Prospectors Zack Deiter slides home, beating the Heppner/Ione catcher on this play.

Pros advance  
 after 8-7 win  
 over Mustangs

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The Grant Union Prospectors baseball team will move on to their second 2A/1A Special District 6 playoff game after a come-from-behind 8-7 win over the Heppner/Ione Mustangs Friday in John Day.

Grant Union will face the Elgin Huskies at 4 p.m. Thursday, May 17, in John Day in a contest which decides who takes the third spot to state.

Elgin beat Culver 3-0 on Friday. In the regular season, Grant Union was 2-1 over Elgin, the Prospectors beating the Huskies 12-0 in Elgin on March 10.

Grant Union dropped game one of a May 14 doubleheader 2-0 to Elgin, then came back to win game two 8-7.

Grant Union is ranked No. 17 among OSAA's 2A/1A teams with a 7-5 league record, 13-11 overall. Out of 24 games, they've scored 166 runs and allowed 115 runs.

Elgin is ranked No. 22 with a 6-6 league record, and 7-7 overall. Out of 14 games, the Huskies have scored 64 runs and allowed 61 runs.

On Friday, Grant Union

was down 4-2 going into the fourth inning when Prospectors Wade Reimers singled, sending Russell Hodge and Zack Deiter home.

Heppner broke the tie in the sixth, coming back with a score of 7-4. In the bottom, Reimers scored Deiter, and then two Grant Union sacrifice flies tied the score again, 7-7.

Warner Robertson pitched five innings with Logan McCluskey relieving in the sixth. McCluskey struck out two batters, and at third base, Robertson caught a foul for an out in the top of the seventh.

Prospectors Jacob Vaughan played aggressively in the bottom of the inning, stealing two bases after hitting a single. He scored off of Deiter's bunt for the win.

"We never gave up," said Grant Union head coach Dusty Williams. "We were down twice, and we kept battling back. We played good team baseball today."

Williams said "a little squeeze play" won the game. Deiter said now the team will have take it game by game to keep playing.

"It was nice to see us all working low, playing good and all the hard work paying off," he said.

Williams said he's looking forward to Thursday's game.

"It's going to be a heck of a game," he said. "I hope the community comes out and supports these boys."



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Grant Union Prospectors Tressa Ranft gets a hit in Friday's game against the Enterprise/Joseph/Wallowa Cubs in John Day.

# Grant Union softball wins district title

Prospectors girls  
 host playoff  
 Friday

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The Grant Union Prospectors softball team has earned the 3A-Special District 2 league title with an 8-0 record.

Grant Union will host district playoff games in John Day on Friday.

Vale plays at 1 p.m., facing the winner of the Tuesday, May 15, game between Nysaa and Enterprise/Joseph/Wallowa (played past press time). Grant Union plays the winner of that game, afterward.

Admission for the games is \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. No passes will be accepted but the gold card.

Grant Union sophomore Taylor Allen's grand slam on Friday contributed to the Prospectors girls' 2-0 sweep over the Enterprise/Joseph/Wallowa Cubs played in John Day with scores of 9-7 and 11-1.

It was Grant Union's final league doubleheader of the regular season.

Grant Union won game one 9-7, making a comeback after being down in the first three innings.

Prospectors Mariah Moulton had a 3-run homer to tie the score 6-6. Hailie

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# Four Grant County 1A track athletes earn trip to state

Emerson,  
 Thomas, Burke,  
 Camarena  
 move on

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Track and field athletes from Grant County's three 1A teams competed at Friday's 1A-4 District Championship in Baker City.

From Monument/Dayville Kyla Emerson will compete in the 100 hurdles and 300 hurdles, and Mark Thomas will run in the 1,500 at state.

Prairie City's Levi Burke qualified for state in the high jump, and Megan Camarena received a wild card opportunity in shot put.

Long Creek's boys 4x100-meter relay team of Jaimie Ballesteros, Luka Pestic, Kim Donggyu and Rafael Gumerato came close to qualifying, but placed third, setting a personal record.

Monument/Dayville's state qualifiers and several others on the team pushed

themselves and outdid their previous personal records. Emerson, JT Hand and Aubrey Bowlus each set two personal records.

"All of the athletes left the track happy with themselves and their efforts," said Monument/Dayville coach Peter Bogardus. "All personal records and are looking forward to going to state and cheering each other."

Long Creek head coach

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Megan Camarena



Mark Thomas



Kyla Emerson



Levi Burke