

# District champs will host softball state playoff game

Grant Union hosts Riverside at 4 p.m. May 23

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The Grant Union Prospector softball girls are district champions after defeating the Enterprise/Joseph/Wallowa Cubs 7-1 on Friday, May 18, in John Day.

Grant Union now advances to the OSAA 3A State Championship playoffs at 4 p.m. Wednesday when they host the Riverside/Arlington Pirates in John Day.

"It feels really good to know that we have a home playoff game, and we get to host it," said Grant Union pitcher Cody Jo Madden. "We haven't played our best game yet, so I'm hoping we play our hearts out the next game and the games from here on out."



Grant Union Prospector Macy Strong slides in safe at third, Josie Scott (18) watching for the ball.

Catcher Brianna Zwegardt added, "I'm excited to move on. I'm really proud of the girls for making it this far, and I have high hopes for the future."

Madden caught the final out of the top of the first in-

ning near the circle, and no Cubs made it on base.

Whitney McClellan started the Prospector offense on the right note with a home run for Grant Union's first at-bat in the bottom half.

Zwegardt's sacrifice hit

sent Mariah Moulton home, and Taylor Allen batted in Hailie Wright to give Grant Union a 3-0 lead.

Enterprise scored their only run of the game in the second when Josie Scott hit a home run in the Cubs' first at-bat of the inning.

The Cubs stranded three Grant Union runners on base in the bottom of the inning, with Madison Plew at the mound.

In the top of the third, Madden had one strikeout, and no Cubs reached base.

Grant Union scored one run in the fourth and fifth, and in the top of the sixth, Moul-



Grant Union Prospector Taylor Allen runs to first, as Hailie Wright, back, who had doubled, runs home.

## Grant Union vs. Enterprise

Whitney McClellan: 1 for 2, home run  
Mariah Moulton: 2 for 3  
Taylor Allen: 2 for 4, home run, 3 RBIs  
Tressa Ranft: 2 for 2  
Macy Strong: 2 for 3  
Pitching  
Cody Jo Madden: 4 2/3 innings, 1 hit, 3 strikeouts  
Mariah Moulton: 2 1/3 innings, 1 hit, 3 strikeouts

a pitching change at the first sign of trouble.

"Cody and Mariah pitched well and got ahead of hitters," he said.

He said, overall, his team hit better off harder pitching, making the needed adjustments. He said the season has been great so far.

"I think they're playing well at the right time, and now we've just got to have a four-game winning streak, so that's what we're looking for," he said.

Grant Union is ranked No. 4 among OSAA 3A teams, and their overall record is 21-2. Out of 23 games, the Prospectors scored 342 runs and allowed 49.

Riverside/Arlington is ranked No. 13 with an overall record of 12-9. Out of 21 games, the Pirates scored 162 runs and allowed 116.

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