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She said she was a little sad this would be their final year competing at Hayward Field before it's renovated.

"It has such a history behind it — getting to compete on the same track as the Olympic trials," she said.

Brockway, also a junior, placed third in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 16.59. Kyndal Martin of Monroe placed first with 15.01, and Kailey Martin of Monroe placed second with 16.57.

Brockway also placed seventh in the long jump with a distance of 15-09 and seventh in the triple jump at 32-05.75.

Freshman Abby Lusco placed sixth in discus with a distance of 105-07. Catylynn Duff of Culver won with 146-01.

The girls said they missed having team member Jozie Rude, a senior, with them and dedicated their performances to her.

"Even without her, we did our best for her," Cates said.

Rude suffered a season-ending injury at the district competition after she placed first in shot put and pole vault. She scored 21 points at state last year, behind only Wright with 28, in the team's second-place finish. Rude was seeded higher in three of her events this year.

"There is a good chance, if she would have been full strength, we would have come away with the state championship," Smith said. "The athletes we took outdid or equaled their seeding going into state, so they did an outstanding job."

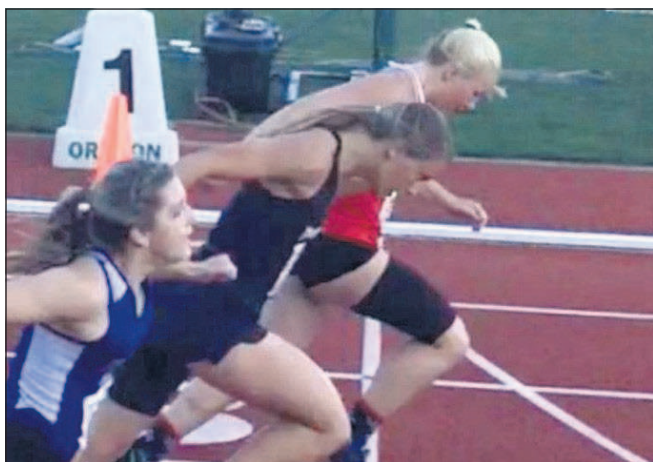
Grant Union boys

For the boys this year, senior Duane Stokes placed fifth in the triple jump with a dis-



Drew Lusco of Grant Union throws discus Saturday at the OSAA state track and field meet in Eugene.

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Grant Union's Kaylee Wright wins the 100-meter dash at the 2A state track and field championships in Eugene Friday. Wright set a new state record in javelin, won the high jump event and placed second in the 4x100-meter relay.

tance of 40-05.25. Alex Lindsay of Heppner placed first with 41-11.00.

Sophomore Mason Gerry placed eighth in javelin with a distance of 142-05. Ethan Burns of Enterprise won with 162-06.

Gerry also placed 10th in long jump with a distance of 17-07.75. Tyreece Gardner of Reedsport won with 21-00.5.

Sophomore Drew Lusco

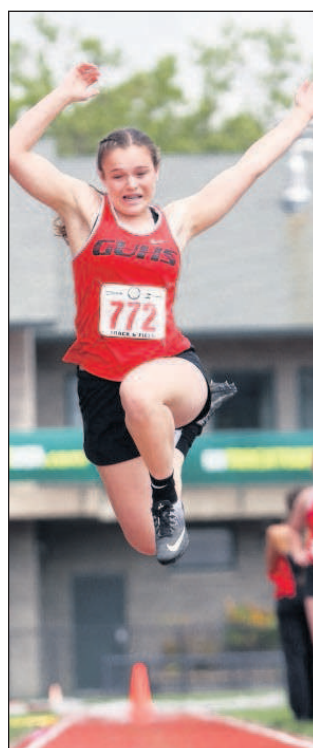
placed ninth in discus with a distance of 113-06. Kirkland Scott of Regis won with 136-04.

Junior Tanner Elliott placed 12th in the 800 meters with a time of 2:18.84. Josh Snyder of Bandon won with 2:00.31.

Freshman Jordan Hall placed ninth in the preliminaries for the 110-meter high hurdles with a time of 18.15, one place outside of qualifying for the finals.

This will be the final year for Grant Union to compete at the historic Hayward Field at the University of Oregon.

After the NCAA cham-



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Grant Union's Sydney Brockway launches for seventh in the triple jump at the state championships.

pionships in June, it will be torn down and rebuilt for the World Championships to be held in 2021.

"It was a once-in-a-lifetime chance for our state athletes to get to compete at this historic track venue, one of the top in the nation," Smith said.

GOLF

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would have been in fourth place on day one.

On day two, Shelley had an 84, Lenz 88, Duane Stokes 92 and Devon Stokes 98.

Senior Duane Stokes said he felt there were other options for OSAA to take, but "they decided to stick hard and fast to the rule."

"It feels like what we've worked hard for this spring — they didn't take into consideration for their decision," he said. "Instead of thinking about the kids, they chose what was easiest for them."

He added, "I'm happy with the way we handled it — it wasn't childish. We take what we get and move on."

OSAA executive director Peter Weber said in an email to the Eagle that "mistakes were made on a number of fronts" regarding the events at Quail Valley on May 14.

"The USGA Rules of Golf, under which the championships were being conducted, are well known for their rigidity and don't allow for the solutions some have suggested," Weber said, adding, OSAA has begun a thorough review

of its golf course setup and event communication procedures to prevent this type of situation from reoccurring.

Lundbom said the problem could have been fixed if the officials had moved the blue markers to the yardage reflected on the scorecard after the mistake had been realized.

He also pointed out USGA rule 33-7, which states, "A penalty of disqualification may in exceptional individual cases be waived, modified or imposed if the Committee considers such action warranted."

Lundbom said the OSAA officials' statements leave the impression that the 12 boys teed off from the wrong markers of their own accord. He added, they would have teed off from the blue markers if they hadn't been told otherwise.

"It stings," he said, but added, "We all decided to take the high road — all three teams decided on that."

Lundbom said they pushed ahead on day two, letting their scores speak for themselves.

"We'll continue to try harder next year, and all the kids ended up on a high note, the boys and the girls," he said.

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track and field athlete, said he hopes to return to state next season.

"If I keep working on it, I'll be coming back better and stronger," he said. "I hope to be back, and hopefully more than just high jump."

Commenting on the experience at Hayward Field in Eugene, he said "It's something you'll never forget."

Prairie City senior Megan Camarena placed seventh in shot put with a distance of 31-02.75.

She placed fourth at the

District Meet with a mark of 32-11, and she received a wild card opportunity to compete at state.

Two Monument/Dayville track athletes qualified for state.

Freshman Mark Thomas ran the 1,500 with a fifth-place finish in a time of 4:23.37. He set a personal record in the event, shaving 13 seconds off his best time.

Junior hurdler Kyla Emerson, a returning state competitor, had an eighth-place finish in the 100 hurdles with a time of 17:73.

She fell just short of qualifying in the 300 hurdles, finishing ninth in the preliminaries with a time of 52:30, a personal record.



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the corner's HOT SHOT OF THE WEEK

WARNER ROBERTSON
 School: Grant Union
 Grade: 10
 Parents: Shaun and Colleen Robertson
 Sport: Baseball
 Position: Pitcher/ Third Baseman
 What I like best about my sport: "It's a game where you can fail seven out of 10 times at the plate and still be considered a great player. You have to think and analyze things. In my opinion, it's the greatest game."
 Coach's Comment: "He has really stepped up for us this season. He is a very hard worker. He always comes to practice with a great attitude, and he is a kid that you love to coach."
 -Coach Dusty Williams

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