



# Grads compete in All-Star volleyball match

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Three Grant Union graduate volleyball athletes were selected to compete in the June 23 Oregon Athletic Coaches Association All-Star Volleyball match at Eastern Oregon University's Quinn Coliseum in La Grande.

Mariah Moulton, Whitney McClellan and Reagan Shelley, 2018 graduates, played for All-Star coach Shae Speth, who last fall led the Grant Union team to their first OSAA Volleyball State Championship win in years.

Their All-Star team, which included athletes from Central Linn, South Wasco, Cove, Powder Valley and Bend, went 2-0 for the All-Star championship title, dropping just one set.

Athletes on the other teams were from Santiam Christian, St. Paul, Dufur, Vale, Union, Elgin, Monroe, Condon and Culver.

All-Star athletes are graduated seniors who earned All-League and/or All-State honors.

Moulton was Oregon 2A Player of the Year and Wapiti League Player of the Year. McClellan was Oregon 2A First Team Libero and Wapiti League First Team Libero. Shelley was a Wapiti League Honorable Mention player. Speth was Oregon 2A Coach of the Year and Wapiti League Coach of the Year.

"It was a great opportunity for the girls to play with and against others who they have competed against for the past four years," Speth said.



Volleyball athletes Mariah Moulton, Reagan Shelley and Whitney McClellan, all Grant Union graduates, stand with their All-Star coach Shae Speth, who was also their volleyball head coach at Grant Union.

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# Local track and field athletes launch to regional Junior Olympics

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Three local track and field athletes have qualified for the Junior Olympic regional meet.

The trio competed June 21-24 at the USA Track and Field Oregon Association Junior Olympic Track and Field Championships at Jesuit High School in Portland.

The top eight athletes in each event qualified for the regional meet.

Mason Morris, who will be a Grant Union freshman this fall, placed first in both the triple jump and long jump to qualify for regionals.

Jordan Hall, who will be a Grant Union sophomore, qualified in the triple jump, placing first in the event. He also qualified in the 110-meter hurdles.

Trinity Hutchison, who will be a Grant Union senior, qualified in the triple jump and also competed in the long jump.

The athletes are coached by Sonna Smith, who is also head coach for Grant Union track and field.

The Junior Olympic Region 13 Meet will be held July 5-8 at Summit High School in Bend.

The top five athletes in each event at regionals advance to the National Junior Olympic Championships scheduled for July 23-29 in Greensboro, North Carolina.

### Results

Mason Morris (13-14): first place, triple jump, 38-11.75; first place, long jump, 19-1.5

Jordan Hall (15-16): first place, triple jump, 38-9; fifth place, 110 hurdles, 18.61

Trinity Hutchison: (17-18), fifth, triple jump, 33-5.25; ninth place, long jump, 15-5.75.



Mason Morris practices at the long jump pit on Thursday at a meet in John Day.



Grant Union's Jordan Hall leaps in the long jump last spring at a Grant Union track meet.



Grant Union's Trinity Hutchison competes last spring in the long jump at a Grant Union Small Schools Meet.

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# Junior golfers putt for scramble tie-breaker

By Angel Carpenter  
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Fourteen Grant County Junior Golfers received two weeks of instruction in golfing basics from coach Ron Lundbom at the John Day Golf Club.

On Friday, the final day, the group separated into two teams for a golf scramble to test the skills they had learned.

Landyn Beil broke the 40-40 tie in a putt-off held at the end of the competition.

Beil, who was a returning golfer this year, said he enjoys playing the sport.

"The coaches help me do everything," he said, adding he had improved his swing this year. "It was just a lot of fun to come out and play."

Rowdy Wilson said he would never have tried golf, but his grandfather encouraged him.

"I didn't think it would be as fun as it was, and my favorite thing was going around the course and hitting holes," he said.

Garrett Lenz, who will be a senior at Grant Union Junior-Senior High School this fall, was assisting coach Lundbom.

"I like being out here golfing," he said. "It's all for the kids. I thank Ron for having me out to help."

Lundbom said he was proud of each of the golfers.

"This is probably the most accomplished set of junior golfers I've had," he said. "They've really made progress in all aspects of the game. I hope they keep it up."



Silas Fansler putts the ball during Friday's golf scramble. From left, behind Fansler, are Brady Ineck, coach Ron Lundbom, Landyn Beil, assistant coach Garrett Lenz and Vincent Raschio.



Brady Ineck receives instruction from Garrett Lenz, who assisted with the junior golf lessons.

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