

# Monument Tigers track team aims to set records

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The Monument Tiger track and field team, led by head coach Jeff Schafer, has five members this year, including sophomore Mark Thomas who placed fifth at state last season in the 1,500-meter run.

The three boys and two girls each look forward to setting personal records, and some have high hopes to compete at state.

Thomas ran the 1,500 with a fifth-place finish at state last year in a time of 4:23.37. At that time, he set a personal record in the event, shaving 13 seconds off his best time.

To start this season, Thomas, who's been competitive in the sport since fifth grade, placed first in the event with a time of 4:50.40 at Saturday's Prairie City Invitational, racing against 16 competitors.

He said he's aiming to improve his times in all his



The Monument track and field team poses with their coach Jeff Schafer, including (back row, left to right), Mark Thomas, Donovan Schafer and Nic Ciochetti, and (front row) Aubreianna Osborne and Shyana Johnson.

events, which include the 800 and 3,000, and he's working toward that goal through weight lifting and interval training.

"I'm hopeful to take it all at state," he said.

Sophomore Donovan Schafer set a personal record in discus with a mark of 104-05 on Friday, placing second

out of 33 competitors at the Prairie City Invitational.

He's also been competing since fifth grade, and his other events include javelin and triple jump.

"I'm hoping to make it to state in discus," he said. "I'm looking forward to starting off strong and keep progressing through the season."



Monument Tiger Donovan Schafer throws the discus in practice on Wednesday, April 3, with teammate Nic Ciochetti and coach Jeff Schafer looking on.

Freshman Aubreianna Osborne, also competing since fifth grade, is taking on the 800, 400 and javelin this season and said she's looking forward to spending time with her team.

Other team members are freshman Nic Ciochetti, who competes in discus and javelin, and Shyana Johnson who

competes in the sprints and hurdles.

Schafer said the team is working hard.

"We're excited to see how we do in this new district," he said.

The Tigers will have 11 opponents in the 1A District 3, including Adrian, Cove, Crane, Prairie City and Day-

## MONUMENT 2019 TRACK AND FIELD SCHEDULE

April 12: @ Burns Lions/Oster Meet in Burns, 1 p.m.  
April 19: @ C/W Invitational in Condon, 11 a.m.  
April 27: @ Sherman Invitational in Moro, 11 a.m.  
May 3: @ Grant Union Invitational in John Day, 10 a.m.  
May 11: 1A-3 Special District 3 Championships in Moro, 10:30 a.m.  
May 17-18: OSAA 1A State Championships, TBD

ville. Schafer has assistance from Treila Osborne with weight training and scheduling, Chuck Thomas helps with distance running with Schafer overseeing the rest of the events.

The coach said track and field keeps the Tiger athletes active during the spring and builds their endurance.

"We have goals to continue to improve and reach our potential all the time," he said. "They have fun and encourage each other even though it's an individual sport."

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in the event at state last year.

"The race was really intense," Thomas said, speaking of Friday's event. "I think to begin with today, it was a great start, and I look forward to the rest of the season."

Grant Union canceled a Small Schools Meet, which was set for April 9, due to a flood risk at the school.

Grant Union, Monument, Dayville and Prairie City are scheduled to compete at 1 p.m. Friday at the Burns Lions/Oster Track Meet in Burns.

Long Creek is scheduled to compete at the River's Edge Invitational at 12 p.m. Friday in Umatilla.



Grant Union Jordan Hall competes in the 110-meter hurdles, finishing in third at Friday's Prairie City Invitational. Hall was first among the 2A competitors.



Dayville Tiger Hallie Rhoda competes in shot put Friday in Prairie City.

## Prospector softball splits wins with Union/Cove

Grant Union/Prairie City softball faced a tough team and tough weather conditions Saturday as they fell 2-1 to the Union/Cove Bobcats in game one and won game two 15-14.

Prospector head coach Zach Williams said they played well defensively in game one, and Macy Strong pitched well for seven innings, striking out four and giving up only one walk. Jordyn Young was 1 for 3, Madi McKrola was 1 for 3 and Tiler Voigt was 1 for 3.

Williams said it was cold and rainy with a 20-mph wind blowing, but the Bobcat pitcher was also a challenge.

"We were facing a good rise ball pitcher that kept us swinging at pitches up in the zone," he said. "That generally means you are going to lift the ball in the air. We hit some balls well that may have been HR's on a normal day, but on Saturday they ended up being fly balls."

He added, "Bottom line is the conditions were the same for both teams, and we didn't make the needed adjustments to come out on top in that one."

In game two Taylor Allen pitched one inning with Strong pitching the final six

innings.

Grant Union was down 11-0 in the bottom of the third.

Williams said his team then "started really battling at the plate, swinging at pitches we could handle."

The game ended in the top of the seventh, with Union up to bat.

A Bobcat hit a single to right field, with a runner on second and two outs, and Kori Jo Girvin came up firing from right field and threw the girl out to catcher Hailie Wright at the plate to end the game, Williams said.

Young was 3 for 5 with a home run, Wright was 2 for 4, McKrola was 2 for 3 and Allen was 1 for 4 with a home run.

Grant Union will hit the road Thursday to face the 3A Knights at 4 p.m. in Irrigon. Then they'll face the 2A Weston-McEwen TigerScots at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday in Athena.

"Weston-McEwen is also well coached and has some girls that can pitch, so we will be prepared for a tough day," Williams said.

## Prospector baseball gets the sweep in Dufur

The Grant Union/Prairie City baseball team bat-

tered for the sweep against Dufur/South Wasco County Saturday, the Prospectors winning 7-5 and 11-1.

Grant Union was up 3-2 going into the last inning of game one when the Prospectors rallied with 4 runs.

"They made a run at us in the bottom half, but Warner Robertson was able to finish them off for his second complete game of the year," said Grant Union head coach Doug Sharp.

Mason Morris started game two for the Prospectors.

At first, he had a hard time commanding the strike zone, Sharp said. "After that, he settled down and was completely dominating them."

Morris gave up only one hit, and Logan McCluskey relieved him during the fifth inning and shut down the batters with strikeouts on all in the 1 1/3 innings he pitched.

Game two was a close game, 2-1, until the sixth inning when the Prospectors broke loose with 9 runs to end the game early with the 10-run rule.

"It was a great start to our league season," Sharp said. "They had to battle some things out of our control, but like I always tell them, stay focused and battle every pitch of the game. We want them to believe that something good is always going to happen."

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

A game with Pilot Rock Tuesday has been moved to Wednesday, April 10, and relocated to John Day as the Rockets field was unplayable.

Grant Union was scheduled to face Weston-McEwen at noon and 2 p.m. in Athena. The game may be rescheduled to Friday, if the weather is better that day.

## Grant Union golf team competes in Pendleton

The Grant Union golf team traveled to Pendleton Country Club for a six-team tournament.

On the girls side, Heppner came out on top with a score of 426.

Individual scores for the girls were Tori Suto, Wallowa, 74; Nicole Prophet, Heppner, 85; Amber Treat, Echo, 88; Sasha Keown, Heppner, 94; Tiana Allen, Vale, 100; and Katelyn Wells, Grant Union, 112. Grant Union's Maddy Way had a 139.

On the boys side, Heppner won with 362, followed by Burns with 400, Grant Union and Enterprise with 420, Vale with 463 and Echo with 495.

Individual scores were Kellen Grant, Heppner, 80; Kolton Kurata, Vale, 88;

Logan Burrig, Heppner, 91; Hunter Greenup, Heppner, 93; Garrett Lenz, Grant Union, 95.

The other Grant Union scores were Devon Stokes 99, Parker Manitsas 106, Maverick Miller 120 and Logan Namitz 159.

"The course was in poor shape due to not all the grass mowed," said Grant Union

head coach Ron Lundbom.

"It is hard to fight back after being penalized for not finding your ball in the fairway," he said. "Nevertheless, we played better than I thought for this time of year."

The Prospectors will compete at the Hermiston Invite at 10 a.m. Friday if weather permits.

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

All games subject to weather and flooding.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

Grant Union baseball vs. Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii/Ukiah, 4 p.m.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 12

Grant Union golf @ Hermiston Invitational, 10 a.m.

Long Creek track and field @ River's Edge Invitational in Umatilla, noon

Grant Union, Monument, Dayville and Prairie City track and field @ Burns Lions/Oster Track Meet in Burns, 1 p.m.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 13

Grant Union baseball vs. Weston-McEwen, noon, 2 p.m.

(game may be rescheduled to Friday depending on weather)

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