



# Lady Pros undefeated in league play

Team sweeps Pilot Rock, will face Union/Cove Wednesday

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The Grant Union/Prairie City Prospectors softball team is 4-1 after winning three in a row last week.

The Lady Pros picked up a pair of wins Wednesday, sweeping Pilot Rock in a doubleheader, routed Heppner Saturday 12-1 and are undefeated in league play.

In Wednesday's doubleheader, the Lady Pros pounded the Rockets 5-1 in the first game and eked out a 7-6 win in a nailbiter that



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**Drewsey Williams pitches April 28 in the final inning of the Lady Pros' 7-6 win to sweep a doubleheader over Pilot Rock.**

saw solid defense by senior infielder Jordyn Young and a solid relief effort by freshman pitcher Drewsey Williams.

With the bases loaded,

Williams faced the top of the Rockets' order and made a heads-up play, doubling up base runners on a ground ball to lock up the win on the girl's



The Eagle/Steven Mitchell  
**Freshman Drewsey Williams**

senior night game.

In the first game, Young said the team hit the ball well and did not let any runners score.



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**Senior Jordyn Young**

"It's always stressful going in, especially with a runner on third with the top of the order coming up," Williams said.

Williams said Young's

heads up play that got a runner out on second base helped the team button up the win.

"It really helped," she said. Young said the infield thought the runner would round second on a grounder, but she hesitated. She said she saw the runner was between the second and third and made the tag for the final out.

She said it was special to come back and win a doubleheader on senior night, Young said, given that they split a doubleheader the day before, winning the first game 8-3 and dropping the second 12-10.

With it being senior night," she said, "it was pretty emotional."

Next up, the Lady Pros will host Union/Cove in a doubleheader Wednesday, with the first pitch at 2 p.m.

# Grant Union/Prairie City sweeps Pilot Rock in doubleheader

Baseball team hosts Lakeview Wednesday, Dufur Friday

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Ordinarily, a week off might disrupt the mojo of a ball club, but an unexpected weeklong pause due to a spike in COVID-19 infections did not stop the Grant Union/Prairie City Prospectors from collecting a pair of wins April 27 in a doubleheader against Pilot Rock.

In the shortened season, the Prospectors improved their record to 3-2 after sweeping the Rockets. A high-scoring 14-6 win in game one was followed by a strong outing by Pros pitcher Kobe Fell in a 5-2 win in game two.

Doug Sharp, Grant Union head coach, said the Pros struggled with their command on defense but made up for it by hitting the ball well.

"It doesn't matter how you win," he said. "A win is a win."

Fell, who held the Rockets to two runs in the second game, said he appreciated the run support.

"We did not make as many errors, and our hitting was good," Fell said.

Prospector senior Logan McCluskey went two for three at the plate said he tried to keep it as simple as he could on offense.

"Just go up there, see the ball, and hit the ball where it's pitched," he said.

McCluskey said the team had their "heads up" in both games and did not let anything get them down, and that made the difference in the sweep.

Sharp said the team is a "great group of kids" who are "fun to coach" and are hard-working.

He said their attitudes have helped them get through the uncertainty of the COVID-19 shutdowns.

"They got great attitudes," he said. "And it's a bad situation made good, because we got good quality kids."

The team hosts Lakeview for a doubleheader starting at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 5.



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**Senior Logan McCluskey ropes a double against Pilot Rock April 27 during game two of the Prospectors' sweep.**



The Eagle/Steven Mitchell  
**Grant Union's Kobe Fell pitches April 27 against Pilot Rock.**

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Long Creek track and field gains experience at Burns Invitational

Long Creek track and field head coach Linda Studtmann said, with mostly new athletes this year, this weekend's meet was a learning experience for the team.

She said her team is working well as a team. "They are learning and helping each other," she said.

In the boy's long jump, junior Khoa Vuong hit his best mark yet, 12-6.5. Peter Jo hit 34-6.

In the javelin event, Jo threw for 34-6, his best. Vuong hit 53-7.

In the discus throw, Nolan Garinger made his season-best throw, hitting 65-6.

Jo set a personal record in 100 meters, sprinting a 14.39, while Michael Martin finished with a time of 14.56.

For the girls side in the 100, senior Lucchese Douglas finished 11th and set a season record, 15.43. Ji-ha Nam, a junior, set a personal record of 16.33, as did junior Belen Frances with 16.27.

The Prairie City team scored 6 points in Burns.



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**Grant Union's Sydney Brandon passes the baton to Kate Hughes in a relay race.**

### Grant Union athletes left it 'all on the track' at Pendleton Triad

In a season marred by uncertainty Grant Union's track and field athletes put it all on the line Saturday at the Pendleton Triad.

For the boys side, Justin Hodge took first place in the 100 meters at 12:03. Hodge came within two seconds of breaking his 2019 record. However, the junior led the race by a 17-second margin. Teammate Eli Wright set a personal record, finish-

ing ninth with a 12.97, while freshman Kaden Talkington came in at 14.24.

Hodge finished second in the 200 meters while Tucker Wright finished sixth.

Eli Wright finished in the top 10 in javelin and 300 hurdles.

On the girls side, senior Abby Lusco set a season record and took first place in the shot put event with 104-2.5.

Grant Union track and field head coach Sonna Smith said some of her athletes might not have placed as high

as they wanted, but they "left everything on the track and gave 110%."

"For our fractured season of starts and stops and starts again," she said, "our athletes have been very resilient and did amazing."

### Prospectors play first bit of competitive golf in Pendleton

Grant Union's golf team scrapped their plans to play in their district tournament and instead played 18 holes at Pendleton Country Club.

Prospectors head coach Ron Lundbom said some on the team had never been on an 18-hole golf course.

Lundbom said the tournament organizers were unsure of the team's status given the two-week pause, and the slots filled up with other teams.

Lundbom said, as a coach, the challenge is to keep the kids enthusiastic about golf. Lundbom said this weekend he was surprised at their enthusiasm and eagerness to play competitive golf.

"That's been a challenge for all of us coaches this season, the starting and stopping, keeping the kids interested and them excited about playing," he said.

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, May 5

Grant Union/Prairie City baseball vs. Lakeview, 2 p.m., 4 p.m.

Grant Union/Prairie City softball vs. Union, 2 p.m., 4 p.m.

### Friday, May 7

Grant Union/Prairie City baseball vs. Dufur, noon, 2 p.m.

Grant Union/Prairie City softball @ Echo, 2 p.m., 4 p.m.

Grant Union track and field hosts Grant Union Invitational, 4 p.m.

### Saturday, May 8

Prairie City and Long Creek track and field @ Wheeler County Invitational, Condon High School, 10 a.m.

Grant Union golf @ Enterprise Invite, Alpine Meadows, 11 a.m.