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**Drewsey Williams at the plate May 5 in the first game of a double header against Union/Cove.**

## Grant Union softball heats up, poised for playoffs

Team is 7-2, 3-1 league

By Steven Mitchell  
Blue Mountain Eagle

The Grant Union/Prairie City softball team has won three of their last four games.

The Lady Pros picked up a pair of wins May 5 when they swept Union/Cove, winning the first game 2-0 and the second 3-1.

Grant Union softball head coach Zach Williams said the team played the best softball of the season in those games. He said that included pitching, defense and offense.

He told the Eagle that Union's pitcher in both games was "tough," but the Lady Pros stayed patient and made adjustments at the plate. He said the team took early leads in both games to sweep the doubleheader.

Williams said a home run by Riley Robertson and a solid outing by Drewsey Williams on the mound locked up the first game. After that, Halle Parsons pitched a gem in game two and kept Union hitters from making solid contact to lock up the second game.

Grant Union split wins with Echo Friday, losing the first game 7-6 and winning the second 11-3. Coach Williams said the Lady Pros gave up six unearned over seven innings. He said the team did not play well defensively, which cost the team the game.

He said Drewsey Williams threw well from the mound in game one, considering the strike zone different from before. He said she made adjustments and did enough to keep Grant Union in the game, but the team came up short.

The Lady Pros bounced back quickly in game two and played solid defense. Parsons pitched well in game two, coach Williams said, and kept the ball down to get big outs.

Grant Union is 3-1 in league play and 7-2 overall as they begin the final week of their shortened season.

Williams said the Lady Pros have what it takes to get into the playoffs. The talent is there, he said.

"We have the pitching and defensive/offensive personnel to get into the playoffs," Williams said. "But we have to show up on game day ready to play."

Williams said the team needs to be the right mix of relaxed and focused when they take the field.

"We talk a lot about being focused on every pitch, every inning, all game long, and making sure we execute," he said.



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**From left seniors CJ Glimpse, Abby Lusco, Jordan Hall, Quaid Brandon and Jesse Randleas pose for a picture on May 7.**

# Grant Union hosts first home track meet after two years

Both boys and girls teams win

By Rudy Diaz  
Blue Mountain Eagle

Grant Union's boys and girls teams had a good showing at their first home track meet in two years amid the pandemic.

Grant Union, Powder Valley, Crane and Joseph competed May 7, and Grant Union's boys and girls came out on top.

"Last year, we literally started track season and then closed down before we had a single event or competition," Grant Union track and field head coach Sonna Smith said. "It felt good to have the meet and I know parents were happy to be outside and support."

Smith said she thought the team did well at the meet during this short season. She said it was also the first meet ever for some of the students.

In the field event, she said the team had a good showing in javelin and jumps for both boys and girls.

Senior Jordan Hall placed first in the javelin event as he threw a personal best that marked 152-07. Sophomore Eli Wright placed second with a throw of 139-04, and junior Justin Hodge placed fourth with 130-00.

For girls javelin, Grant Union junior Katelyn Hughes placed third with a throw of 89-11. Junior Carson Weaver placed fourth with 85-02. Senior Brooke Allen from Powder Valley took first with a mark of 104-10.

Hall placed first in long jump with a new personal best of 19-05. Hodge placed third with 18-08.

Senior Abby Lusco placed first in discus with a mark of 100-04.

Sophomore Tucker Carpenter placed second in both discus and shot put during the second meet of his high school career. In discus, he threw a personal best of 97-09.

Sophomore Max Bailey placed second in pole vault with 7-00, and senior Jesse Randleas placed third with a personal record of 6-06. Freshman Macy Carter placed second in the girls pole vaulting event with 5-06. Freshman Aliciana Archibald placed third with 4-00.

Weaver placed first in high jump with junior Lauryn Pettyjohn taking second. Freshman Drake Euting took second in the boys high jump event with 5-06.

Hall placed first in the 110 meter hurdles with 18.07. Hodge placed first in the 100 meter with 11.9.



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**Senior Jordan Hall jumps hurdles ahead of the competition on May 7 at Grant Union.**



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**Katelyn Hughes winds up her throw at the Grant Union invitational.**



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**Freshman Drake Euting places second in the high jump at the invitational at Grant Union.**

At the end of the event, the Grant Union boys placed first with 280 points with Joseph in second with 114 points. The Grant Union girls placed first with 136 points with Crane in second with 117 points.

Districts is on May 14 at Union, and Smith said they are trying to peak their athletes and overcome some overuse injury caused by the shortened season. She said

they are also figuring out what events would give an athlete a chance to place the highest at districts.

"I would like to thank all of our helpers at the meet and the other coaches here and from the other teams who helped," Smith said. "Overall, I would just like to thank everybody that helped us to have this come out successfully."

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, May 12

Grant Union/Prairie City softball @ Baker/Powder Valley, 3 p.m., 5 p.m.

### Thursday, May 13

Prairie City, Long Creek, Monument track and field @ Prairie City Twilight Meet, 6 p.m.

### Friday, May 14

Grant Union track and field @ Wapiti League Championships, Union Athletic Complex, 10 a.m.

Grant Union golf hosts Grant Union Invitational, 11 a.m.

### Saturday, May 15

Grant Union/Prairie City baseball @ Weston-McEwen in Athena, 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

Grant Union/Prairie City softball vs. Weston-McEwen, 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

# Long Creek, Prairie City track teams compete at Wheeler County meet

The Prairie City and Long Creek track and field teams made a competitive effort at the Wheeler County Invitational Saturday.

The Long Creek girls scored 30 team points, while the boys put up 3. Meanwhile, Prairie City boys scored 6 points as a team.

Long Creek's boys set personal records across a variety of competitions.

In the 100-meter dash, Nolan Garinger finished eighth, with a time of 13.03. Peter Jo nabbed the 12th spot and shattered his own personal record, 13.60. Michael

Martin followed with a time, his personal best, of 13.75. Prairie City's Cayden Howard logged 14.75 in the competition.

In discus, Long Creek's Jan Hanelik threw a 47-00, his best. For the javelin, Martin finished in fifth, throw-

ing the javelin 99-10. Khoa Vuong took eighth, and Garinger came in ninth place.

On the girls side, senior Lucchese Douglas took the top spot in javelin throwing. Junior Olga Fedorovych finished seventh, and Regina Diaz came took ninth.

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