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Riley Robertson rounds the bases in the bottom of the first last week after hitting a home run versus Rogue River.

## Softball

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as well, but they were happy that the team stayed relaxed and had fun the whole time.

Robertson said Grant Union's head coach Zach Williams' favorite quote is to stay in the game for every pitch, "all game long."

Robertson said it was special to share the team's postseason run with the seniors.

"We've all been playing together for so long," she said. "We've all looked up to (the seniors) since we were in the sixth grade."

Halle Parsons, one half of the Lady Pros' starting pitching rotation, said the team's success



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Harli Grove slides into third on a triple against Rogue River.

this year was significant given that she and fellow pitching ace Drewsey Williams are freshmen.

Drewsey Williams concurred and said the pressure at times could be "nerve-wracking."

Williams said the team became a family throughout the season. Williams said Young, her cousin, took her under her wing when her older sister Taylor Allen — a former Grant Union



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Grant Union freshman Drewsey Williams pitches against Rogue River last week.

softball standout — went off to college earlier this year.

Family, Parsons said, was the overriding theme in the Lady Pros success this year.

"We just worked as a family and looked at each other as a family," she said. "And we had each other's back."

## SHOOTING THE BREEZE

# Cult of the one-shot kill

Ideally, every time we take aim on a game animal we would squeeze off the perfect shot, the bullet would execute absolute perfect performance upon impact and our quarry would pass on to that great big alfalfa field in the sky, hardly aware that any transportation between here and there had taken place. Unfortunately the reality is, how we imagine it going in our heads and how it really goes seldom are the same thing.

One of the main reasons I wax contrarian to the increasingly popular practice of extreme long-range shooting in hunting applications is because a lot can happen in between the time you trip the trigger and when the bullet makes impact. Animals are living, moving, eating and breathing. Regularly they make course adjustments, which to our eyes may be completely senseless and altogether unanticipated in any possible way. These unexpected movements can and regularly do happen to hunters even at more regular hunting distances as well. Nobody wants a wounded animal making tracks for the brush. Sometimes supplemental bullets are needed to seal the deal.

Sure it's our egos telling us that we never miss, and we never need more than one shot. Anyone who has hunted very long knows that is a stinky, sticky substance not to be confused with Shynola shoe polish. A relative of mine, who is quite new to hunting, recently took her first buck. When relating the story to me she was sheepish and a bit nervous. Not because the buck was something to be teased about, it

wasn't, but because she felt she had failed to deliver the quick, single-shot death that she feels every animal is entitled to. After making

a less than ideal first hit, the buck was pursued in short order and dispatched. Her heart was still heavy as the buck had to suffer awaiting the second, finishing shot.



Dale Valade

This was a good experience for her for many reasons. First, it's a reminder to take that extra bit of time when pulling the trigger. Secondly, it's a reminder that we need to have a conscience whenever taking a life. The fact that it pulled on her heart strings is proof that she has the proper respect for the game she pursues. Thirdly, we need to be prepared. As I mentioned at the outset, sometimes despite our best plans things go wrong. Sometimes, it simply takes more than one shot. Having the respect to finish the job rather than just moving on is the difference between an ethical hunter and a dime store yahoo in my book.

The binary bottom line here is to work to always sharpen your skills but to operate within your limitations while making every effort to make one-shot kills yet being fully prepared to place additional shots if necessary. Learn from mistakes you make and grow from them. We owe it to the creatures we pursue to be the very best we can at our craft. Anything less than our best efforts should always be eschewed.

We want to hear from you! Write to us at shootingthebreezebme@gmail.com!

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## Track

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### Girls

- 100 meters**  
11th place: Carson Weaver, 13.95a
- 300-meter hurdles**  
15th place: Katelyn Hughes
- 4x100 relay**  
10th place: Sydney Brandon, Lauryn Pettyjohn, Carson Weaver and Katelyn Hughes

### High jump

Eighth place: Carson Weaver

### Triple jump

12th place: Katie Rigby

### Boys

- 100 meters**  
Seventh place: Justin Hodge
- 200 meters**  
Ninth place: Quaid Brandon
- 300-meter hurdles**  
Seventh place: Justin Hodge
- 400 meters**  
10th place: Quaid Brandon

10th place: Luke Jackson

### 800 meters

12th place: Brady Dole

### 3,000 meters

Ninth place: Brady Dole

### 110-meter hurdles

First place: Jordan Hall

13th place: Quinn Larson

### 300-meter hurdles

Seventh place: Eli Wright

### Shotput

Third place: Justin Hodge

### Javelin

Third place: Eli Wright

Fifth place: Jordan Hall

### High jump

10th place (tie): Drake Euting and Eli Wright

### Long jump

Fourth place: Jordan Hall

### Triple jump

Third place: Jordan Hall

11th place: CJ Glimpse

14th place: Eli Wright

### 4x100 relay

First place: Quaid Brandon, Justin Hodge, CJ Glimpse and Luke Jackson

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