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The Grant Union Lady Pros gather around home plate to congratulate Rainey Anderson after she hit a home run Friday, April 29, 2022 in the squad's second game of a doubleheader against Union/Cove. Anderson had seven RBIs in the Lady Pros' 19-1 win.

Grant Union softball continues to dominate

By STEVEN MITCHELL
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY — Grant Union/Prairie City softball picked up a pair of league wins Friday, April 29, with a doubleheader sweep of Union and added a non-league win for good measure with an 18-0 shellacking of Nyssa on Monday, May 2, to extend the Lady Prospectors' win streak to 18.

In Friday's matchup, the Lady Pros decisively took the first game over Union, 12-2, and continued to dominate in the second game, winning it 19-1.

Zach Williams, Grant Union/Prairie City's head coach, said the keys to winning in Friday's doubleheader were solid defense, patient hitting, and strong outings on the mound by pitching aces Drew Williams and Halle Parsons, both sophomores.

In the first game Friday, the Lady Pros got extra-base hits from Addy Northway,

Rainey Anderson, Riley Robertson, Paige Gerry, Sivanna Hodge and Parsons.

Williams said his team had prepared to face Callie Glenn, Union's No. 1 pitcher and a 4-year starter, only to find out that she was out with an injury.

"This certainly changed the game plan," Williams said, "and the girls did a good job of making the adjustment at the plate."

Williams said the second game was more of the same, with solid hitting, patience at the plate and Parsons' stellar outing.

As the team heads into the final stretch of the season, Williams said his players need to keep doing what they have been doing all season, and that is to keep showing up for games relaxed and ready to go to work.

The Lady Pros will honor their seniors on Saturday, May 7, ahead of their game against Weston-McEwen, which starts at 2 p.m.



Justin Davis/Blue Mountain Eagle

Grant Union's Audry Walker lines up a putt as her competitors look on during the Grant Union Golf Invite on Friday, April 29, 2022.

Home, sweet home

Grant union boys win golf invite, girls have two placers

By JUSTIN DAVIS
Blue Mountain Eagle

The Grant Union boys were winners on Friday, April 29, as the golf team hosted its annual home invitational tournament at the John Day Golf Club, while the girls team took posted two of the top three individual scores.

Five teams comprised of 36 boys and girls participated in the event, which had been rescheduled from the original date of April 15.

The Grant Union boys team took first place with a score of 418. Second-place

Vale ended the day with a score of 451, and Enterprise came in third with 461.

Grant Union's Tanler Fuller was the overall boys winner with a score of 82. Dylan Jennings of Enterprise shot an 87, and Chase Woman of Wallowa/Joseph shot an 89.

Rounding out the scoring for Grant Union scoring was Bridger Walker finishing with a 107, Charley Knowles finishing with 108, and Sheldon Lenz finishing the afternoon shooting a 121.

Enterprise left the winners of the girls competition, shooting a 532. Vale was second among the ladies, finishing with a score of 640.

The overall winner for the girls was Chloe Rothwell of Burns, who finished with a 109. Second and third place were taken by a pair of Grant Union golfers. Audry Walker was a single shot outside first, finishing with

a score of 110. Layla Wenick placed third, finishing with a score of 124.

Grant Union coach Ron Lundbom was pleased with his team's play as the Prospectors gear up for district next week.

"What a day for Grant Union golf. The weather was the best so far this season, and to come out on top in our home match was pretty sweet. To have a 1st, 5th and 6th for the boys as well as both girls placing sets a good tone for the week ahead. We have Enterprise this week, and we head to Pendleton next week for the district meet. I couldn't be prouder of the way the kids played."

Grant Union's last match of the season before districts is on May 6 at 11 a.m. at Alpine Meadows Golf Course in Enterprise. The team will then compete in the district tournament from May 8-9 at Birch Creek Golf Course in Pendleton.

Local kids compete at rodeo

By STEVEN MITCHELL
Blue Mountain Eagle

PRINEVILLE — Grant County youth made a strong showing at the Oregon High School Rodeo Association's Tri-County Rodeo in Prineville on Friday, April 30, and Saturday, May 1.

Four students from John Day, Prairie City and Dayville

represented the county in the contest.

Grant Union's Jack Strong, a bull rider, got bucked off his bull, Doomsday, in under eight seconds in both the first and second rounds of action, as did Frankie Beam, a Prairie City student who also rode Doomsday.

A rider must stay on the bull for at least eight seconds

to begin earning points in bull riding.

After eight seconds, both the rider and the bull are awarded points.

Grant Union High School's Bailey McCracken, a junior, finished fifth in barrel racing and pole bending in the first round of action. In the second round, McCracken placed second in pole bending, clocking

a time of 20.8.

Rowdy Israel, a Dayville student, competed in goat tying, an event where a rider gallops to a tethered goat, dismounts, catches, throws, and ties its legs together. Israel tied her goat in 15 seconds.

The Oregon High School Association's next rodeo will be held in Burns on May 13-15.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

SPORTS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MAY 6

11 a.m.: Grant Union track, Grant Union Invite @ Grant Union High School

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

SATURDAY, MAY 7

11 a.m.: Grant Union baseball, doubleheader @ Weston-McEwen

2 p.m.: Grant Union softball, doubleheader vs. Weston-McEwen

SUNDAY & MONDAY, MAY 8 & 9

Time TBD: Grant Union golf, district tournament @ Birch Creek Golf Course, Pendleton

TUESDAY, MAY 10

4 p.m.: Grant Union baseball @ Pilot Rock

Home games in bold

Archibald ended the meet with a fourth-place finish in the 3000 meter race.

Grant Union's Katelyn Hughes placed fifth in the 300 meter hurdles, and her teammates Morgan Randleas grabbed a pair of fifth-place finishes in the high jump and long jump. Carson Weaver rounded out the top five placers for Grant Union with a fourth-place finish in the javelin.

Both Grant Union and Prairie City will be in action again on Friday, May 6, in their final meets before district. Prairie City heads to Baker for the Ray Day Track Meet, which starts at 10 a.m. Grant Union hosts the Grant Union Invitational. Events start at noon.

Grant Union baseball doubleheader canceled

JOHN DAY — The baseball doubleheader between Grant Union and Union that was scheduled to happen on Saturday, April 30, was canceled due to inclement weather and a lack of umpires. The game will be rescheduled, but a date hasn't been determined as of yet.

for the Prospectors, logging a first-place finish in the 100 meter dash and a second-place finish in the javelin. Teammate Luke Jackson finished third in the 100 meter dash and second in the 200 meter dash. Landon Boyd notched a fifth-place finish for the Prospectors in the 110 meter hurdles.

Field events saw Grant Union's Mason Morris place first in the triple jump along with second-place finishes in the discus by Lucas Wolf and in the

shot put by Tucker Carpenter.

Prairie City's Eli Wright led the way for the Panther boys team, finishing first in the javelin and second in the high jump. John Titus logged a third-place finish in the 400 meter race for the Panthers.

Prairie City's Janie Koopman was the highest individual placer among local girls. Koopman finished third in the 400 meter race while also placing fifth in the high jump. Grant Union's Alicia

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