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# Lady Panthers set nets ablaze

PC girls beat Badgers in overtime rout

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PRAIRIE CITY – The Lady Panthers were on top of their game last weekend, claiming victories at home and on the road.

Prairie City head coach Penny Black was pleased with her team’s hustle at home when the Panthers toppled the Joseph Eagles 55-35 and

in Powder Valley, where the team squeaked past the Badgers 32-30 in overtime action.

“We worked very intensively at bettering our defense throughout the (Christmas) break, and it really showed up in our games this week-end,” she said. “Our overall effort was really amped up and the girls

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Amaya Zweggardt (2), moves the ball down the court as teammates from left, Cassie Hire, Brianna Zweggardt and Lindsey Stewart follow.



Lady Panther Brianna Zweggardt keeps a close defensive guard on one of the Lady Eagles.

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## SEASON OUTLOOK



# DETERMINATION ON TIGERS' SIDE

## Team strives for constant improvement

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**D**AYVILLE – Hard work and discipline. That’s what’s driving the seven-member Dayville/Monument boys basketball team, said head coach Jeff Schafer.

The team got off to a successful start this season with three straight wins, the first game played with only five team members.

Dakota Emerson, recently back on the court after recovering from a football injury, is adding depth to the team, the coach said.

While the Tigers have just one 6-foot player, Sage Flower, Schafer says the team works well together defensively.

“They really communicate well – they play as a team,” he said.

Those qualities should help the team as they face tough High Desert League foes, including: Prairie City, Adrian, Crane, Jordan Valley, Harper/Huntington, Long Creek/Ukiah and Burnt River.

“It’s a good league,” Schafer said. “You can never take anyone for granted.”

On their list of things to keep working on: defense, ball movement and movement off the ball as they move forward with the season.

Schafer, who works with assistant coach Taylor Schmadeka, said the goal this season is for continual improvement.

We want to “never be content where we are and strive to keep getting better,” Schafer said.

The sole senior, Sage Flower, said his teammates are excited for the season.

“They all work really hard – it’s more like a family,” he said. “I think we have a chance to go somewhere this year, and we’ll keep working hard and see what happens.”

“Sage has improved tremendously over the last few weeks and is a great team leader,” Schafer said.

“They are working exceptionally hard this year,” he added. “I’m proud of all of them. They are great kids to coach. I feel privileged to coach them.”

The Tigers boys, 7-4 on the season, begin league play in Dayville at 7:30 p.m. this Friday, facing Harper/Huntington.

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Sage Flower



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**Dayville/Monument Tiger Jordan Bowlus, right, puts up a shot at a recent practice, with teammate Hayden Schafer also working on layups.**

Top photo: Dayville/Monument head coach Jeff Schafer, left, and assistant coach Taylor Schmadeka (left, back) visit with the Tiger basketball team, including (from left) Tanner Moodenbaugh, Sage Flower, Jordan Bowlus, Hayden Schafer (foreground), Tanner Walczyk and Scott Werner. Not pictured: Dakota Emerson.

# Defensive intensity propels Lady Pros to success

GU girls place 2nd at Cobra Holiday Tourney

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JOHN DAY – The Grant Union girls basketball team turned up the heat over Christmas break, finding success on the road and at home.

The Lady Prospectors made a strong impression on their home court Saturday in their first league game, beating the Cove Leopards 50-23.

First-half action saw 3-point shots from Kori Pentzer, Mariah Moulton and McKenzie Wilson.

At halftime, Grant Union had a 23-15 lead, and then kept Cove to 8 points for the rest of the game. The Pros gave up only 2 points in the third quarter.

“Great team defense in the second half proved to be the deciding factor in this game,” said head coach Mark Mosley. “We adjusted at halftime and used more ball pressure to create turnovers to jump start our offense.”

Helping move Grant Union ahead were Babe Nash and Moulton.

They “played very well coming in off the bench with



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter  
**Grant Union Prospect Heather Mosley goes up for a shot over the reach of Cove player Kyndal Murchison in Saturday’s game.**

rebounding and scoring,” coach Mosley said.

Prospector Emily Mosley was pleased with the team’s win.

“Our defense was really good in the second half,” she said. “We’re getting better at moving our offense and playing as a team.”

Pentzer and Heather Mosley had 13 points each for Grant Union’ Moulton had 8,

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# GU boys set strong pace against Cove

Pros take 4th at Cobra Holiday Tourney

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JOHN DAY – The Grant Union Prospectors had a busy schedule over the Christmas break, winning three of five games since Dec. 29.

The Prospectors tore up the Grant Union court with a 77-34 win over Cove last Saturday in their second league game.

Grant Union had a 5-point lead in the first quarter, but built a 33-14 advantage by the half and never looked back.

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**Grant Union Prospect Nathan Gehley goes up for a successful shot in Saturday’s winning game against Cove.**

Dayville/Monument

Grant Union

Long Creek

Prairie City

2015 COUNTY SPORTS SCHEDULE			
Basketball			
Friday, Jan. 9	Grant Union @ Imbler	Imbler	6 p.m.
	Prairie City vs. Long Creek/Ukiah	Prairie City	6 p.m.
	Dayville/Monument vs. Harper/Huntington	Dayville	6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 10	Prairie City @ Harper/Huntington	Harper	2 p.m.
	Dayville/Monument @ Burnt River	Unity	6 p.m.
	Long Creek/Ukiah vs. Jordan Valley	Ukiah	2 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 13	Dayville/Monument @ Long Creek/Ukiah	Long Creek	6 p.m.

