



Prairie City girls 50 – Long Creek/Ukiah 5

Two county teams battle at hoops in season opener

By Angel Carpenter
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PRAIRIE CITY – The Lady Panthers took Friday's game against the Mountaineer/Cougars as an opportunity for their younger team members to see action on the Prairie City court.

They toppled the less-experienced Long Creek/Ukiah team 50-5.

"This is one of those situations that you still need to excel and get better but also do it with some respect," said Panther head coach Penny Black. "All the Lady Panthers have seen varsity action and all played with the intent to better themselves and their team."

It was both teams' league opener.

Black was pleased to see scoring from players she's expected to "step up," including Jeannie McCarthy, who had 9 points in the game, and Sarah Ennis, also with 9. Cassie Hire followed with 6

points and Mariah McClung also had 6.

"The young Lady Panthers are responding quickly to our new more intense practices, and it is showing up in their games," the coach said.

Lady Panther Lindsay Wall said they played well as a team.

"It was good that we got the whole team in to play, and I felt like that was a good experience for the younger players," she said.

With just two players with previous experience, the Long Creek/Ukiah team is just coming together.

Scoring for the Mountaineer/Cougars came in the third quarter when Bow Ratanakulwattana shot 1-1 at the free-throw line and later scored 2 points. Emalie Gulden also scored 2 points in the quarter.

The team's two experienced players toughed out the night, as Emalie Gulden played through an illness, and Maria



Prairie City Panther Ethan Camarena (11) puts up a shot in Friday's game against Long Creek/Ukiah. In the fray, are Joonas Kortessalmi (12 left), Timo Goebel (44) and Brandon Gillihan (25).



Prairie City's Megan Camarena makes a shot in the game against Long Creek/Ukiah over the reach of Maria Cabral (22) and Bruna Falci (21). Back, Mae Phatthanun (10).

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Cabral was back after a knee injury.
Long Creek/Ukiah co-coaches Daniel

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Dayville/Monument Tiger Hayden Schafer (20) pushes past Harper/Huntington's Steven Rasinski (14) in the Tiger's league opening win in Dayville.

Tigers take on Hornets with 'Barn burner' basketball

By Angel Carpenter
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DAYVILLE – Dayville/Monument Tiger boys stormed their basketball court for a "barn burner" home opener last Friday.

The Tigers took a nail-biter 48-44 win over the Harper/Huntington Hornets.

"The Harper/Huntington boys sure came to play, and made for a great show," said head coach Jeff Schafer. "We are still working on our goals, fouls and watching the turnovers."

He add his team was tired near the end of the game, while the Hornets were able to rotate several players in and out of the game.

"Our team showed great perseverance and personal strength," he said. "It was absolute determination and a team mind set my boys had that won our game, and I am incredibly proud of them."

Tanner Moodenbaugh was the high-point scorer for the Tigers with 16 points, and four steals and four assists. Jordan Bowlus had 12 points, 4 steals and 1 assist. Hayden Schafer, Dakota Emerson and Sage Flower each contributed 7 points. The Tigers' game against Burnt River proved to be another competitive match, Dayville/

Monument winning 54-50.

"Burnt River was a good team," coach Schafer said, adding his team was tired from the previous night's game.

The Tigers were able to pull ahead in the third quarter and hang onto the lead.

Dayville/Monument girls win two

The Tiger girls also enjoyed success at the home opener.

The derailed Harper/Huntington, 44-32, on Friday.

Dayville/Monument was up by just 1 point in the first quarter, 7-6, then started pulling away with the lead.

The Lady Tigers kept the Hornets to just 3 points in the second quarter, the score 22-9 at halftime.

Harper/Huntington's attempt to catch up in the fourth, with 16 points, came a little late and the Tigers claimed the win.

On the road, the Tigers took a 38-20 win over the Burnt River Bulls.

Dayville/Monument faced Long Creek/Ukiah, past press time, on Tuesday and will host Prairie City in Monument beginning with varsity girls at 6 p.m. Friday. The teams are away at Crane on Saturday for a 2 p.m. game.

Check out next week's issue for an update on the Grant County Youth Wrestlers.

2014-15 MOUNTAINEER/COUGARS SENIORS



Mae Phatthanun Lea Petruccello Maria Jose Cabral Sam Studtmann Wyatt Alford Fernando Flores

Building TEAM



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The Long Creek/Ukiah boys basketball team, including Sam Studtmann (10), runs onto the Prairie City court for both teams' first league game of the season.

Coaches say teams are progressing well

By Angel Carpenter
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LONG CREEK – Most every season is a "building year" for the Mountaineer/Cougars boys and girls basketball teams.

Despite the schools' influx of new foreign exchange students each year, the teams are making strides this season.

Out of 19 boys and girls playing this season, only six had played basketball before – two for the girls team, four for the boys.

"We're a little behind," said co-coach Daniel Johnson, adding the teams are working on passing and keeping the tempo of the game up.

"We're teaching them and going over presses – they've grasped more," said co-coach TC Conner.

This year's senior boys are Sam Studtmann, Wyatt Alford and Fernando Flores.



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The Long Creek/Ukiah girls basketball team faces the Prairie City team in their first league game of the season Jan. 9.

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2015 COUNTY SPORTS SCHEDULE

Basketball

Friday, Jan. 16

Grant Union @ Union
Dayville/Monument vs. Prairie City
Long Creek/Ukiah @ Adrian

Union 6 p.m.
Monument 6 p.m.
Adrian 6 p.m. (MT)

Saturday, Jan. 17

Grant Union vs. Enterprise
Prairie City @ Jordan Valley
Dayville/Monument @ Crane
Long Creek/Ukiah @ Burnt River

John Day 4 p.m.
Jordan Valley 2 p.m. (MT)
Crane 2 p.m.
Unity 2 p.m.

Wrestling

Friday, Jan. 16

Grant Union @ Baker Tournament

Baker City TBA

