



# GU boys turn up heat over Burns for 1-point win

## Grant Union girls beat Elgin 57-42 on road

By Angel Carpenter  
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JOHN DAY – There was a tremor, of sorts, at the Grant Union gym last Saturday – produced by the exuberant crowd cheering the Prospector boys on to a 46-45 win over the Burns Hilanders.

The win was a “bounce back” for Grant Union, which lost to Elgin, 58-59, on the road the previous night.

The Prospectors and Hilanders kept the contest close in the first half, with Grant Union on the short side – 10-13 in the first quarter and 16-17 going into halftime.

Trailing 23-29 at the end of the third quarter, Grant Union made adjustments to seize the win.

The Pros battled for rebounds and hit some key shots

to gain the lead in the fourth. Grant Union was down by 6 when Nathan Gehley sank a 2-point shot, Wyatt Weaver a 3-pointer, and Brady Burch a 2-pointer, closing the gap to 1 point.

A Hilander and Moulton each scored three more for their teams, and Grant Union trailed 33-34.

After Burns came up empty at the free-throw line, Moulton sank another 3-pointer and the fans went wild. Grant Union led 36-34.

Wyatt Weaver went in for a steal, converted by Moulton for 2 points which he followed up with another 3 points.

In the final seconds, the Hilanders tried to close the gap.

With Grant Union leading 44-39, Burns missed a point at the free-throw line and then

scored a 3-pointer to get within 2 points of the Prospectors.

Moulton went 2-0 at the free-throw line to give his team a 46-42 lead.

A Burns player scored 3 near the buzzer, but it wasn't enough. The Prospectors claimed the 1-point victory.

“The win against Burns showed our character,” said head coach Steve Speth. “The boys were coming off a heart-breaking loss on Friday night, and found a way to bounce back, follow our game plan and step up big in the fourth quarter to win that game.”

He noted several things that went right.

“Wyatt Weaver brought great energy and defense that we badly needed, Mitch made some key shots, Nathan

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Grant Union Prospector Mitch Moulton flies up to score in the winning game against the Burns Hilanders.



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Grant Union Prospector Mariah Moulton (24) sinks a 3-point shot with ease, her teammate Heather Mosley (33) guarding Burns Hilander Hailey Sanders (2).

# GU WRESTLERS TAKE TO MATS AT HOME TOURNEY

## Grant Union hosts duals on Thursday

By Angel Carpenter  
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JOHN DAY – Grant Union's young wrestlers notched some victories and gained experience, hosting their first home tournament of the year.

The Jan. 23 event drew teams from Imbler, Elgin, Wallowa, Heppner, Baker, Irrigon and Union.

Head coach Andy Lusco said his team is young, with several athletes wrestling for the first time.

Ten of 13 on the roster competed at last week's home tourney.

Lusco said the event is organized by pods of wrestlers, with no team scores kept.

He said Andrew Copenhaver had a great day, going 3-1, and Hadley Boethin finished the day 2-0.

Clay Johnson went 2-2 in competitive matches.

“Clay's pod had five really tough kids from the 126/132 weight class – Hernandez of Elgin and Valentine of Baker being two of them,” Lusco said.

Hunter Martin also wrestled 2-2 and Antonio Dancer went 1-2.

Jay Goldblatt earned his first varsity win and finished 1-3.

“Dillon Maley wrestled against some of the best wrestlers at 195 in the conference and wrestled well,” the coach said, adding that Jesse Paulson is improving in the 106 weight class.

“We are continuing to improve daily across the board,” Lusco said. “This team is exciting as we only lose one senior for next season and have an exciting group of eighth-graders coming up.”

Grant Union's junior high

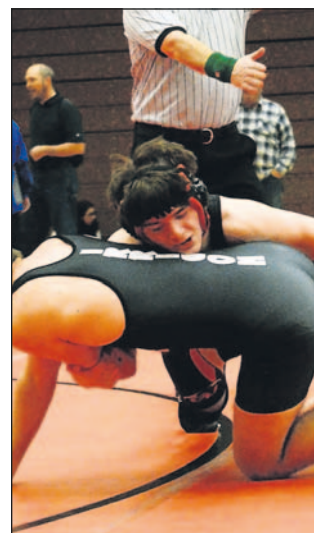


Grant Union Prospector Hunter Martin sweeps in to take down a Baker opponent.

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Grant Union Prospector Antonio Dancer moves in for a successful match against a Baker opponent.



Prospector wrestler Andrew Copenhaver takes charge of his Irrigon opponent at the Grant Union Invitational.

wrestlers matched up with strong wrestlers at a Jan. 20 tournament in Crook County.

It was the first tournament experience for six of the 10 Grant Union wrestlers competing.

“Eight of the 10 won at least one match,” Lusco said.

This included Roen Langum, Drew Lusco, Braden Spencer and Russell Hodge – and first-time wrestlers Nate Moore, Ethan Moore, Damien Young and Antonio Smith.

At Friday's home tournament, 12 of the junior high wrestlers competed with seven of them winning matches.

The team was up against Crane, Burns, Irrigon, Heppner and Imbler for five solid hours of wrestling.

Roan Lanbum went 6-0, Braden Spencer 4-0, Drew Lusco 2-2, Ethan Moore 2-1.

Nate Moore, Damien Young and Russell Hodge also each won one match.



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Prairie City Panther Brianna Zwegardt (20) flies up for a shot over the reach of Dayville/Monument opponents, including Cody Perkins (22), left, Ravyn Walker (21), Hannah Flower (jumping in back) and Emma Hettinga (10).

# Lady Panthers take 1-point win in final seconds over Tigers

## PC boys suffer 17-41 loss to Tigers

By Angel Carpenter  
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PRAIRIE CITY – A win was just within the Dayville/Monument Lady Tigers' grasp, but it slipped away in the final seconds of the game last Friday in Prairie City.

The Prairie City Lady Panthers, playing at their home court, hung on in the final 20 seconds of the game to take the 29-28 victory.

The score was close throughout the game. At halftime the Panthers trailed 14-15.

But in the final minute of the fourth quarter, Dayville/Monument was leading 26-21.

Prairie City's Amy Black missed a 3-point shot, but



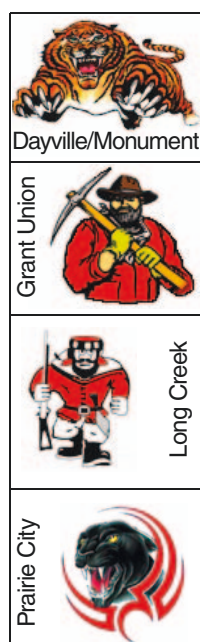
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Dayville/Monument Tiger Hayden Schafer focuses in on the basket as Prairie City Panther Anthony Hall jumps in on defense.

after a timeout, sank a shot to make the score 26-24 – the Tigers still leading.

A Tiger's inbounds pass was intercepted by Prairie City, and Lindsay Wall

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# 2015 COUNTY SPORTS SCHEDULE

## Basketball

Friday, Jan. 30

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

Cove 6 p.m.  
Prairie City 6 p.m.  
Dayville 6 p.m.  
Long Creek 6 p.m.  
John Day 4 p.m.  
Prairie City 2 p.m.  
Monument 2 p.m.  
Long Creek 2 p.m.  
Crane 5 p.m.  
Monument 6 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 31

Prairie City vs. Adrian  
Dayville/Monument vs. Jordan Valley  
Long Creek/Ukiah vs. Harper/Huntington  
Prairie City @ Crane  
Dayville/Monument vs. Long Creek/Ukiah

Tuesday, Feb. 3

## Wrestling

Thursday, Jan. 29

Grant Union hosts Duals with Burns/Crane

John Day 4 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 31

Grant Union @ Irrigon Tournament

Irrigon 11 a.m.

## Dance

Friday-Saturday, Jan. 30-31 Grant Union @ Canby Competition

Canby 9 a.m.

