



Panther teams roar past Bulls

PC focuses on finishing season strong

By Angel Carpenter
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PRAIRIE CITY – Prairie City's basketball teams experienced the thrill of victory at home, and the agony of defeat on the road.

Hosting Burnt River on Saturday, the Lady Panthers powered to a 57-26 win.

Prairie City head coach Penny Black said the game was a confidence-builder for her younger players as the whole team had time on the court.

"I thought we stayed sharp," she said. "Burnt River has some great shooters – their abilities are great."

The Lady Panthers went into half-

time at 27-9 and gained 10 points in the third quarter.

The fourth quarter was stellar for Brianna Zwegardt, who hit bucket after bucket for the Panthers. She scored 18 points in the quarter off several assists from Amy Black. Mariah McClung scored the final shot for Prairie City.

"We wanted everybody to score," coach Black said. "It's really nice to get the JV players in for varsity competition."

She noted that freshman Megan Camarena showed improvement and was helpful in getting rebounds.

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Prairie City Panther Lindsay Wall (12) looks for an opening around Burnt River defenders, her teammate Sierra Dahlen (32) in the action.



Prairie City's Triston Emmel goes up to score in Saturday's game against Burnt River.

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Grant Union Prospector Zack Deiter shoots a successful 3-point shot in Saturday's game against Union. His teammates Wyatt Weaver (foreground) and Wade Reimers in the action.

GU's late rally vs. Union not enough

Prospectors host Imbler Panthers Saturday, 4 p.m.

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JOHN DAY – The Grant Union boys came close to a come-from-behind win Saturday, but close wasn't good enough as they fell to Union, 62-65.

Union, ranked No. 2 in the Wapiti League behind Burns, proved a strong challenger for the Prospectors, fourth in league behind Imbler.

"I was proud of how the team never gave up in the face of adversity," said head coach Steve Speth. "The team almost pulled off a great comeback by playing intense defense and team offense."

Free-throw opportunities gave Union an edge in the game, shooting 18 for 29, while Grant Union didn't attempt a free throw the entire game.

The Prospectors were behind at the close of each quarter, and finished the third quarter trailing 40-53.

Digging their way out of the deficit, Grant Union pushed forward in the fourth to climb within 2 points of the Bobcats near the end.

The effort was highlighted by 8 points in the quarter from freshman Zack Deiter which included two 3-point shots.

Overall, Wyatt Weaver was the high-point scorer for the night with 21 points, including five 3-point shots.

"I was very pleased with our team effort and how a few of our bench players stepped



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter
Grant Union's Cauly Weaver (34, white) takes a shot up as Union's GD Graves (35) tries to tip it away.

up and played a big role in the comeback," Speth said.

Grant Union now prepares for a long road trip to Enterprise Friday starting at 7:30 p.m. with girls' action at 6 p.m.

The team will host the Elgin Huskies at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, the girls' game to start at 4 p.m.

Speth said they're looking forward to this week's contests.

"Our game with Elgin at home will be another tough challenge for us as they played a great game against us last time," he said.

That game, played Jan. 23 in Elgin, ended with the Huskies squeaking out a 59-58 win.

The Prospectors still have a chance at third place in

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Third quarter lifts Lady Pros over Bobcats

No. 3 in league, GU girls finish game strong

By Angel Carpenter
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JOHN DAY – The Grant Union girls fired up in the third quarter against the Union Bobcats to fuel a 46-39 victory.

Grant Union's win avenges a 50-54 loss to No. 2-ranked Bobcats earlier in the season.

"I've been telling them all year we have to get a 'signature win,'" said head coach Mark Mosley. "It was huge, not only for our program, but for our momentum to finish out the rest of the year – it was an exceptional defensive performance tonight."

The Prospectors, third in league, had a slow start to the game. They tied at 7 points in the first quarter and went into halftime trailing, 18-21.

Emily Mosley blazed a trail to the bucket three times to start off the third quarter, with Riley Sharp and McKenzie Wilson working for the rebounds under the Bobcat basket. Heather Mosley, Kori Pentzer and Riley Sharp added to the scoring in the quarter, with Wilson sinking 2 points at the buzzer.

Pentzer and Heather Mosley made perfect shots from the



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter
The Grant Union girls pour on the pressure against the Union Bobcats, including Prospector Riley Sharp (34), Kori Pentzer (23), Heather Mosley (33) and Emily Mosley (20).

free-throw line to finish strong in the final seconds of the game.

Coach Mosley said when a team of the same caliber made a run at them in the past, the girls would have faltered – but not this time.

"I'm extremely proud – we played mentally tough tonight," he said. "Union's been scoring in the 60s, and we held them to 39. It's the best we've played as a team all year, and everybody contributed."

Heather Mosley said she was happy with the team effort.

"It was exciting to win them because they're a good team

and highly ranked," she said. "I'll be excited to win the next game."

The Lady Pros travel to Enterprise for a 6 p.m. game Friday and host Elgin at 4 p.m. Saturday.

The team travels to the District Tournament at Eastern Oregon University Feb. 20-21, the time to be announced.

The stats
GU girls vs. Union

Kori Pentzer: 18 points, 7 rebounds
Emily Mosley: 12 points, 7 rebounds
Heather Mosley: 9 points, 8 rebounds
McKenzie Wilson: 4 points, 6 steals
Samantha Brock: 2 points
Riley Sharp: 1 point



Grant Union's Heather Mosley lays up a shot in the game against Union.

Tigers win on home court

Teams gear up for Burnt River in Dayville

By Angel Carpenter
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MONUMENT – The Dayville/Monument Lady Tigers pulled out a 44-30 win over Long Creek/Ukiah last week.

Tiger head coach Jay Kenyon said their opponents showed improvement since their last game with them on Jan. 13 when the Tigers beat them 42-14.

"I was impressed with how much better the Long Creek/Ukiah girls are getting," Kenyon said.

The Lady Tigers had a slow start in the Feb. 3 game, but with balanced scoring helped the team overcome the Mountaineer/Cougars.

Dayville/Monument went on to lose two road games: 23-47 to Jordan Valley last Friday and 18-32 to Adrian last Saturday.

As the Lady Tigers finish their regular season games this week, Kenyon said they'll concentrate on taking care of the ball, shooting better and playing better defense.

The team is tied for fifth in the league with Harper/Huntington.

Tiger boys win two, lose one

The Dayville/Monument boys team fought through some injuries last week, winning one home game and one on the road.

The Tigers fired up their Monument court to overpower Long Creek/Ukiah, 79-23.

On the road, the Tigers lost 41-54 to Jordan Valley last Friday and then defeated Adrian 51-43 last Saturday.

"The boys did well last week," said head coach Jeff Schafer. "Jordan Valley was a very tough game and a hard one to lose. We played great against Adrian and pulled out a must-win game."

He said the team will prep for what he expects to be challenging games this week, and said he hopes the team will be healed up in time for the 1A High Desert District Tournament, set for Feb. 19-21 at the Grant Union gym in John Day.

Currently, the Tiger boys are tied for second with Crane, and Jordan Valley has the top spot.

Coming up

The Tiger teams are scheduled to play Burnt River in Dayville on Friday, beginning with the girls game at 6 p.m. They will hit the road to face Harper/Huntington at 3 p.m. (MT) Saturday.



Dayville/Monument



Grant Union



Long Creek



Prairie City

2015 COUNTY SPORTS SCHEDULE

Basketball

Friday, Feb. 13

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

Enterprise 6 p.m.
Prairie City 6 p.m.
Dayville 6 p.m.
Jordan Valley 3 p.m.
John Day 4 p.m.
Long Creek 4 p.m.
Huntington 3 p.m. (MT)

Saturday, Feb. 14

Grant Union vs. Elgin
Long Creek/Ukiah vs. Prairie City
Dayville/Monument @ Harper/Huntington

Wrestling

Saturday, Feb. 14

Grant Union @ Pine Eagle Tournament

Halfway 10 a.m.

Dance

Friday-Sat., Feb. 13-14

Grant Union @ South Albany Competition

Albany TBA

