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Dayville/Monument Tiger Dakota Emerson (21) is on his way to scoring in the game against the Crane Mustangs, his teammate Sage Flower (40) in the action.

Pressure-cooker game ousts Tigers

Heartbreaker halts team’s hopes for state

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY – Pressure was intense from the get-go for the Dayville/Monument Tiger boys as they faced Adrian last Saturday in Game 5 of the 1A High Desert District Tournament.

It was a team the Tigers had beaten three times in the regular season, but this time Adrian squeaked by for a 39-34 victory.

The game was critical for the Tigers because a win promised a ticket to the state playoffs, making it an especially tough loss.

The Tigers lost Game 3 to Crane, 46-53, the previous day. Against Adrian, the Tigers led 8-4 early in the first quarter. Jordan Bowlus had a steal and score of 2, Tanner Moodenbaugh had another bucket, and Dakota Emerson scored twice in the quarter.

Hayden Schafer and Sage Flower also contributed with rebounds.

Adrian’s Reagan Shira landed a 3-pointer, but the Antelopes still trailed 7-8 at the end of the first quarter.

Dayville/Monument gained 5 points in the second quarter with a bucket from Flower and a 3-pointer from Tanner Walczyk, but Adrian outshot the Tigers to take the lead, 20-13 at the half.

The Tigers rallied in the third quarter, when Bowlus hit a 3-pointer. Moodenbaugh and Flower also stepped up with rebounds and scoring.

That helped the team close the gap slightly, ending the quarter trailing, 22-27.

Dayville/Monument’s momentum continued in the fourth, but was disrupted briefly when Emerson fell after leaping to grab an Adrian pass.

The score was 26-30, the Tigers trailing.

Adrian gained a point at the free-throw line and a 2-pointer, but Walczyk and Schafer fired back, each landing a 3-pointer, and the score was 35-32 for the Antelopes.

With the seconds ticking



Tiger Jordan Bowlus goes up for a shot in the game against Crane.

down, Flower landed another 2-pointer and the Tigers were close at 34-36. However, Adrian held onto the ball, scored at the free-throw line and another 2 near the buzzer.

Tiger head coach Jeff Schafer had expected tough competition at the tournament, and he praised his team for being unselfish and keeping positive attitudes.

Panthers stung by Hornets in district battle

PC coach says team played with ‘class’

By Angel Carpenter
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JOHN DAY – The Prairie City Panther boys fought hard, but lost an uphill battle, 34-57, to Harper/Huntington last Thursday.

The game was a play-in contest to decide which team would be fifth in the Feb. 20-21 High Desert District Tournament.

“We started fairly evenly matched, but Harper/Huntington had more desire in the second half than we did,” said head coach Mark Woodbury.

Early on, the Panthers took a 1-point lead at 8-7, but they let the lead slip away in the second, and their opponents



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter
Prairie City’s Wyatt Williams eyes the basket as Harper/Huntington player Chad Anderson defends.

ran with it.

The Hornets had a big offensive third quarter, scoring 25 points.

The Panthers fought to catch up, scoring 20 points in the fourth, but Harper/Huntington kept pace with 12 points in the quarter.

Woodbury noted his players “never quit.”

He was pleased with his team’s positive attitudes and behavior on and off the court.

“This has been my favorite group of kids to coach,” Woodbury said. “They’ve been willing and receptive to playing basketball.”

“We played with class and didn’t put the game before grades or school. They were there to play basketball.”

Senior player Triston Emmel said this year’s basketball season was “the greatest” and said he appreciated his teammates stepping up and “changing from a group of young kids to a group of young men.”

He added, “I look forward to coming back to watch these men take it over next year.”

Panther Garrett Hitz was named to the High Desert League All League Second Team.

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