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Babe Nash with four. Pentzer had six steals and Heather Mosley had four.

"We came out with great intensity and determination," said head coach Mark Mosley. "Our pressure defense proved

to be the determining factor. We played well offensively and defensively as a team."

Tough Union game

Grant Union's game against Union, seeded second, was a tougher battle. The two teams had traded wins in the regular season.

Mosley said that although the Pros played well de-

fensively, they had trouble getting into an offensive flow.

They faltered at the free-throw line, shooting just 6 for 18.

"But, our overall effort was great, and even though we did not play a complete game, we still had our chances to win," Mosley added.

Pentzer led the Prospector

scoring with 20, followed by Emily Mosley with 10. Rebounding was led by Samantha Brock, Emily Mosley and Heather Mosley, five each; followed by Riley Sharp with four. Heather Mosley blocked two shots.

The girls are preparing for No. 5-ranked Monroe, which is 23-3 overall and 13-0 in league.

Grant Union is ranked No. 12 at 16-8 overall and 8-4 in league.

"I am extremely proud of the girls and our accomplishments to this point, now our goal is to get to Pendleton and compete with the final eight teams," he said. "This is a great group of girls and it has been a joy to watch them grow as team."

The stats

Grant Union girls vs. Imbler

Kori Pentzer:	17 points, 2 rebounds, 6 steals
Heather Mosley:	8 points, 6 rebounds, 4 steals
Riley Sharp:	4 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal
Emily Mosley:	4 points
Samantha Brock:	4 points, 3 steals
Babe Nash:	4 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal
Mariah Moulton:	3 points, 2 rebounds
McKenzie Wilson:	2 points, 2 steals
Whitney McClellan:	2 points
Jozie Rude:	1 rebound

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"At the end of practice yesterday, they were focused and they understood the plan," she said. She said her players focused on the Tigers scorers to interrupt their offense.

"Lindsay Wall and Sarah Ennis looked constantly to Treiquella Osborne and Cody Perkins to keep pressure on them - they zoned in on it," she said. "Defense is what won the game for us."

Players Amy Black and Amaya Zwegardt directed the bottom of the defense, the coach said, and "the bench came in and added energy."

Between contests at the tournament, Amy said she felt ready for the games, noting they had worked on plays all week.

Player Brianna Zwegardt added, "It's exciting as a freshman - I definitely felt prepared." She noted the extra help the upperclassmen had given.

Continuing in the tourney, the Panthers faced a fast-paced Jordan Valley on Saturday.



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Prairie City Lady Panther Brianna Zwegardt (20) goes up to score beyond the reach of Dayville/Monument Tiger Hannah Flower (25 back).

Prairie City had lost to the Mustangs three times in the regular season, so head coach Penny Black had the girls prepared to stem Jordan Valley's speed on the court.

At the start, Panther Amy Black scored a 3-pointer, but Jordan Valley answered back with 3 and then surged ahead to lead 11-4 in the first quarter.

Things clicked even more



Prairie City Panther Amy Black (23) scores under pressure from Dayville/Monument players Treiquella Osborne (4) and Emma Hettinga (10), her fellow Panther Sarah Ennis (22) in the action.

for the Mustangs in the second quarter, when they outscored the Panthers 23-12. At halftime, the Panthers trailed 26-48.

Prairie City held their opponents to just 4 points in the third quarter, making 10 points of their own, but it

wasn't enough.

The teams had even scoring in the fourth to give the Mustangs the win.

The loss closed the season for the Panthers.

Prairie City endured difficult times mid-season when Lindsey Stewart, a senior and one of their top players, was injured; however, Stewart still had a positive influence on the players from the sidelines.

Two members of the team lauded Stewart.

"Lindsey has been a huge help," said Brianna Zwegardt.

"She's been a mental support to the team, kind of like a team mom," Amy Black said.

Black, a senior, was named to all-league first team for the High Desert League. Honorable mention went to Dayville/Monument senior Treiquella Osborne, Prairie City freshman Brianna Zwegardt, and Prairie City senior Lindsey Stewart.

The Prairie City girls won the tournament Sportsmanship Award.

Amy Black was awarded a \$500 scholarship, among five players from the league.



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Long Creek/Ukiah player Alvaro Lopez (23 red) takes the ball up against Prairie City players Garrett Hitz (20), Wyatt Williams (12) and Danner Davis (5) earlier in the season.

Long Creek/Ukiah teams end season

'They never stopped fighting,' coach says

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

LONG CREEK - While the Long Creek/Ukiah teams didn't move on to post-season play, the boys team did receive the Sportsmanship Award for the High Desert League.

Feb. 13-14 marked the end of the road this season for the Long Creek/Ukiah teams as they faced strong opponents.

The boys team had a 42-72 loss to Jordan Valley on Feb. 13, and finished 36-49 to Prairie City the following day.

On the girls side, Long Creek/Ukiah was 20-69 against Jordan Valley, and 11-41 to Prairie City.

"We had a great weekend of basketball," said co-coach Daniel Johnson who, along with TC Conner, works with both the boys and girls teams.

For the long road trip to Jordan Valley, coach Johnson said, "The girls and boys played really hard - they never stopped fighting - but you could definitely tell we were outmatched."

For the girls, Bruna Falci scored 16 points and dominated rebounds.

Massimo Basconi scored 8 points, for the boys, on their first four possessions, however, the team had trou-

ble keeping pace with the Mustangs.

"Jordan Valley did a good job at pressuring the ball and forcing us to make quick decisions which led to turnovers," Johnson said.

Massimo finished the game with 17 points and Alvaro Lopez and Sam Studtmann added 8 points each.

Fernando Flores scored his first points of the season with a 2-point shot.

The teams played their games with Prairie City knowing they were closing out the season.

"For some of our seniors and foreign exchange students these would be the last games they would ever play in," Johnson said.

The boys had a competitive game, trading leads with the Panthers all the way through the third quarter, he said.

Soon Long Creek/Ukiah was down by 10 points.

"We tried to recover, but we couldn't match the intensity that Prairie City came out with," he said.

Studtmann scored 12 points in the game, followed by Wyatt Alford with 10.

Johnson said the girls played "with everything they had," knowing this was their final game, but had a hard time getting shots to fall.

"We had a lot of excitement from all the girls and fans when Phatthanun (Mae) Kanchai scored for the first time this year," he said. "Her 2-pointer pretty much made the game for us - Maria Cabral also added a free throw for us."

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TRISTON EMMEL
School: Prairie City
Grade: Senior
Parents: Doug and Debbie Emmel
Sport: Basketball

What I like best about my sport: "I had the greatest basketball season of my life. I couldn't ask for a better team. I'm proud of everybody stepping up and changing from a group of young kids to a group of young men."

Coach's Comment: "He brings a lot of senior leadership. He's been injured for so much of his athletic career that he's been aching to play basketball. He settles things down a lot for the team and gives 110 percent."

- Coach Mark Woodbury

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