

# Lady Tigers take on Bulls and Panthers at home court

Dayville/  
Monument splits  
wins with visitors

By Angel Carpenter  
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DAYVILLE – Volleyball action at the Dayville court last Friday was exciting for players and fans alike as the Dayville/Monument Tigers hosted the Burnt River Bulls and Prairie City Panthers.

The Tigers swept the Bulls in their first match of the day, then took a loss to the Panthers.

“The games against Burnt River and Prairie City were tough games for our team,” said Tiger head coach Tiffnie Schmadeka. “We played pretty good against Burnt River and then ran out of fuel during our Prairie City game.”

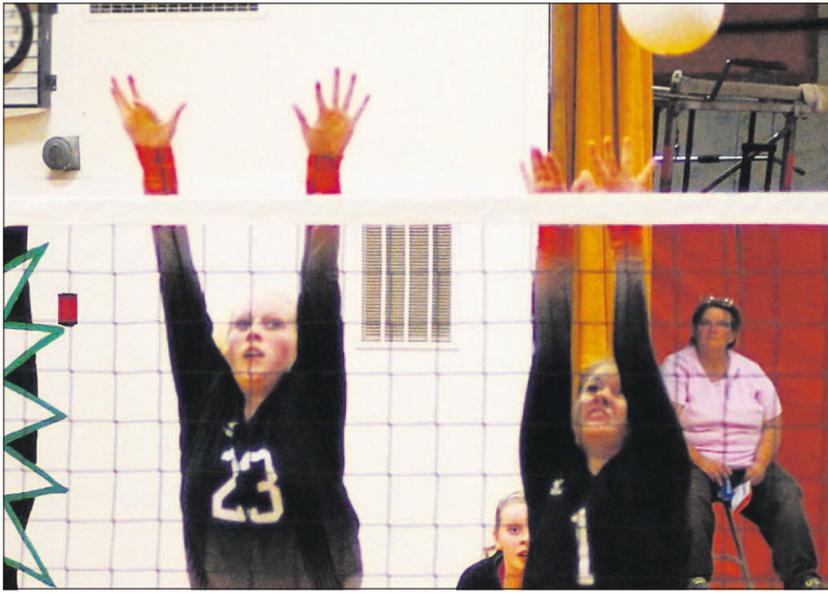
The Tigers opening set against the Bulls was a close one, 25-23, and they followed up scoring wins of 25-14 and 25-22.

Bulls head coach Tonia Humbert said the intensity was high the entire match.

“The team played exceptionally well under the pressure despite coming away with a loss,” she said. “It was great to see how far the Lady Bulls have progressed.”

She said some shifts in momentum, including unforced serving errors cost them the match.

“This is a mental struggle that we have had all season that we must correct if we hope to advance to district tournament play,” she said.



Prairie City's Cassie Hire (23) and Jeannie McCarthy (1) jump to block at the net in Friday's game against Dayville/Monument.

In the second set, the Bulls had six unanswered serves that were hard to overcome, but there were several lead changes in the first two sets.

Humbert highlighted setter Valeria Orsoni, an exchange student from Italy.

She has been “working hard in the weight room to develop the strength needed for an overhand serve, and it finally paid off,” Humbert said. “She served an amazing 100 percent serving average with her newly found floater serve that really challenged Dayville/Monument’s receiving, scoring 11 points for the day. She also excelled on her own serve receive with an 82 percent passing average against

some high velocity balls.”

Lucy Marlow and Shelby Swindlehurst and Selina Leinhard also excelled in their performance on the court, she said.

In the evening match, the Panthers pounced for the win, 25-23, 25-19 and 25-13, over the Tigers.

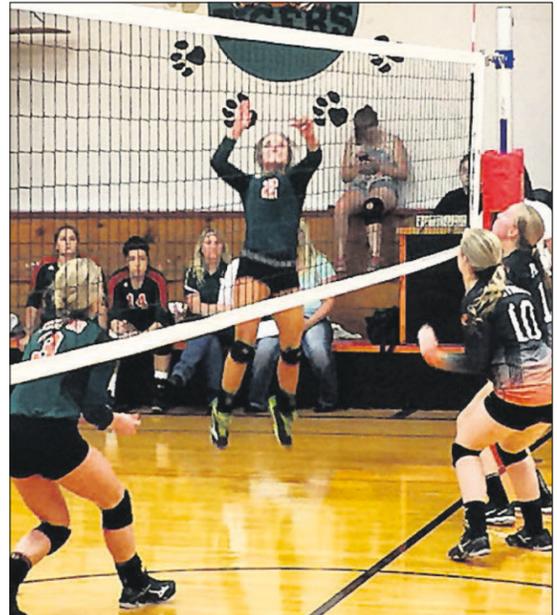
“Dayville/Monument is always a tough rival to face and this year we came out ahead,” said Panther head coach Louanne Zwegardt. “In the first set, Dayville definitely had the momentum to start out and had us by 10 points early on. Our girls maintained composure, chipped away at the lead, and ended up winning the set with

strong serving from Sarah Ennis, Sierra Dahlen and Amaya Zwegardt.”

Prairie City maintained that momentum shift through the following sets, capitalizing on opportunities.

Prairie City’s Sarah Ennis had 4 kills and 2 blocks, Brianna Zwegardt had 5 kills and 3 blocks and Cassie Hire had 3 kills and 2 blocks. Sierra Dahlen served 100 percent for the match, Amaya missed only one serve, and MaKenzie Jones came in off the bench to serve 100 percent.

The Lady Panthers played at the Crane Tournament on Saturday where they lost a 1-2 match to McDermitt (25-13, 22-25 and 4-15).



Dayville/Monument Tiger Kendall Hettinga (3) spikes the ball to Prairie City's court, her teammate Emma Ennis (10) and Brianna Zwegardt (13) prepare to block at the net.

Looking ahead, Zwegardt said her team is looking forward to playing Grant Union and Crane – for a second time this season.

“Our net play is really improving and we have a number of successes under our belts,” she said. “We continue to work on our mental toughness, and coming back from a 10 point deficit to win on Friday will help with that.”

The Panthers host Grant Union junior varsity at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30. They also host Crane Friday with the varsity game starting

around 6 p.m. The Tigers will travel to Jordan Valley Friday for a 1 p.m. (Mountain Time) game against the Mustangs.

Schmadeka said it will be “a tough game for our girls, and we will have to work really hard to get a win. We’re up for the challenge though.”

The Tigers also host Grant Union junior varsity at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7.

Burnt River hosts Crane in Prairie City at 4 p.m. Friday and hosts Harper/Huntington in Unity at 5 p.m. next Tuesday.

# Lady Pros volleyball team takes loss in stride

Team carries on for two sweeps at home

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JOHN DAY – The Grant Union Prospector volleyball team faced their toughest

opponent yet last Thursday, hosting the Burns Hilanders for homecoming.

Burns claimed the 3-1 win with scores of 25-16, 25-21, 22-25 and 25-9.

Both teams are in the middle of a successful season – Grant Union entered the match on a 13-0 win streak and Burns has only lost two games so far.

The neighboring teams have a history of well-attended, competitive games, and, last year, met up at the state championship game where Burns took the title.

Grant Union head coach Shae Speth said the game gave them some lessons.

“We did not play as well as we had hoped for this big match up,” she said. “Burns’ servers gave us tough float serves that we did not pass

as well as we should have – definitely a disappointing loss, but it allows us to see what parts of our game we need to most improve on.”

In the match, Kori Pentzer led with 17 kills and had 11 digs and one block assist.

Chelsie Kodesh had 2 aces and 17 digs and Rheanna Cartner had 4 kills, 14 digs and 2 block assists.

Mariah Moulton had 3 kills, 1 ace and 10 digs, Samantha Brock had 3 kills and 9 digs, and Heather Mosley had 1 kill, 1 ace, 4 digs, 1 solo block and 1 block assist.

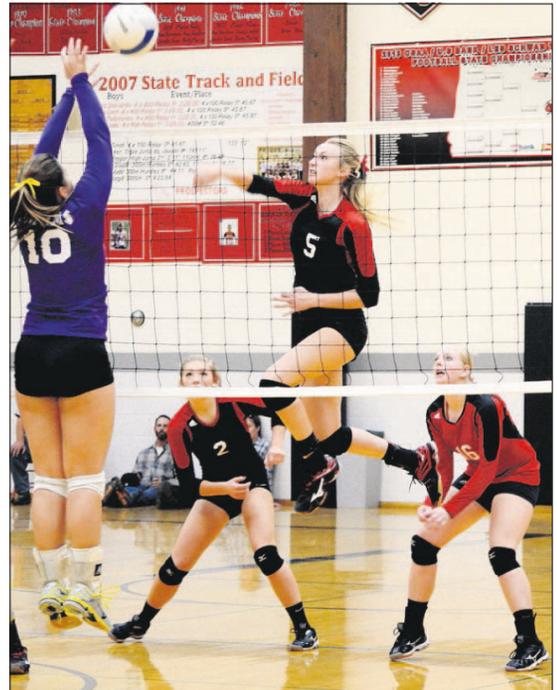
The Prospectors moved past the loss to take two wins Saturday at the Grant Union court, sweeping Union and Enterprise.

Scores against Union were 25-22, 25-10, 25-23.

“Union controls the ball pretty well and is a strong, scrappy team,” Speth said.

After winning the first set, Grant Union started with a 15-0 run behind the serving of Brock.

During the game, Prospector setter Cartner rolled her ankle and was out for rest the day.



Grant Union Prospector Kori Pentzer (5) delivers a spike in the homecoming game against Burns last Thursday, her teammates Mariah Moulton (2) and Chelsie Kodesh (16) ready for the action.

Taylor McCluskey stepped in for the remainder

of the match. “Mosley had another great match, strong at the net, both on offense and defense,” Speth said.

With Cartner out, Moulton, McCluskey and Hailie Wright worked in the setters position in the match against Enterprise.

Scores in the Prospectors’ win over the Outlaws were 25-18, 25-13, 25-13.

“All did well and stepped up in leading the team,” Speth said. “Although we run a system where any athlete can pretty much play any position if needed, I was proud of all the girls for adapting to line up changes throughout the day.”

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OF THE WEEK

**TREJAN SPETH**

**School:** Grant Union  
**Grade:** 11  
**Parents:** Steve and Shae Speth  
**Sport:** Cross Country

*What I like best about my sport:* “I enjoy running through John Day and seeing all the scenery and wildlife.”

*Coach's Comment:* “Trejan is our team captain this year for cross country, and he's done an excellent job of keeping the boys varsity in the team frame of mind. This is our first year with a full boys varsity team, and his example and leadership are greatly appreciated.”

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