



Pros spike way to state playoffs

Grant Union takes second at district tourney

By Angel Carpenter
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LA GRANDE – The Grant Union Prospector volleyball team finished second at last Saturday's Wapiti District Tournament in La Grande, earning a ticket to the state playoffs.

Next up

Grant Union volleyball team heads to round I of state playoffs this Saturday.

Grant Union will host their first round in the playoffs this Saturday and will find out Wednesday, past press time, who they'll compete against and what time.

The Burns Hilanders won the district tournament, and the Imbler Panthers finished third.

The Prospectors toppled Imbler 3-0 in their first match and took a loss to Burns in the district championship game.

Grant Union downed the Panthers with scores of 25-14, 25-17 and 25-22.

Jumping to early leads in each set helped the Prospectors hold on for the three wins.

"Offensively, it was one of our best of the season for our hitters," said head coach Shae Speth.

Topping the Prospectors' performance with kills were Kori Pentzer with 16 and Mariah Moulton with 13, and both were 100 percent on serve-receive.

"Imbler was our focus during the week as we knew we needed to get at least one win at the tournament in order to move on to the state playoffs," Speth said. "We made several adjustments both on offense and defense throughout the week, and they paid off for us."

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The Prospectors celebrate their win over Imbler at the Wapiti District Tournament, including Mariah Moulton (2), left, Rheanna Cartner (6), Chelsie Kodesh (15) and Kori Pentzer (5) with Heather Mosley (8) and Samantha Brock (3) in back.

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Ukiah/Long Creek netters cap season with twin wins

Hard work equals progress for team

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Silva

LONG CREEK – Fourteen girls from Ukiah and Long Creek schools combined for a volleyball team this season, showing strength down the home stretch.

Reagan Enriquez, who has coached volleyball since 2008, said all but four girls are foreign exchange students.

This year's squad competed as a junior varsity team.

The learning curve was

steep as several of the girls had never played sports before.

"We weren't certain how this season would unfold for the Ukiah/Long Creek team," Enriquez said. "Every year we have trials and tribulations, and this year the whole team put in so much effort to practice and support each other."

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Ukiah/Long Creek's Lilly Stemmman (14) is in action at the Oct. 10 homecoming volleyball games along with her teammates Raquel Silva (23) and Andrea Montes (11).

Shootists compete in honor of friends

Skeet, trap fun and games set for Nov. 1

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SENECA – The 9th Annual Seneca Trap Club Past Members Memorial Shoot was held Oct. 11 in honor of the late Blaine Kendall of John Day.

Kendall was an avid trap shooter who died last January.

The event, held at the Seneca Range, is also in memory of all past members.

Winner of the All Events was Larry Whitney of Burns, who also took first place in the 16-year event.

Dwayne Timmons finished second in the All Events and placed first in the Slider event.

Nancy Chase took third in the All Events, and first in the Miss and Out competition.

The fourth All Event winner was Elmer Gill.

Charlie Low won the Doubles event and Carroll Walton won the Continental event.

The Lewis class was won by Dwayne Timmons and Wayne Hoppe.

"A fair amount of shooters participated and came to say hi to Ginger Kendall and show their support and friendship," Chase said who organized this year's event.

Two range events are scheduled for November.

The Skeet & Trap Fun & Games will be held Sunday, Nov. 1, and the Thanksgiving Meat Trap Shoot is Sunday, Nov. 22. Both events begin at 10 a.m.

For more information, call Larry Lent at 541-575-3679.



Grant County Shooting Sports Club president Dwayne Timmons, left, presents the Memorial Shoot trophy to winner Larry Whitney of Burns.

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Panther/Bulls take tough homecoming loss

Hornets swarm to 71-12 win in Prairie City

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PRAIRIE CITY – Prairie City/Burnt River played their final game of the season in front of a supportive homecoming crowd, taking a 71-12 loss to Harper/Huntington.

Although the Panther/Bulls tripped up their visitors on their way to the goal line, the Hornets worked their way up to the first touchdown of the game on their first possession.

Ethan Camarena rushed the ball near the goal line on Panther/Bulls' next possession, but was stopped short of a goal.

Harper/Huntington continued their push in the first quarter, capitalizing on a recovered Panther/Bull fumble and, later, an interception.

At the end of the quarter, the home team recovered a Hornet fumble, but Hornets led 28-0.

The Panther/Bulls gained their first touchdown in the second quarter and the half ended 43-6.

The Hornets racked up 21 more points in the third, and the Panther/Bulls gained one more touchdown before the close of the game.

Prairie City and Burnt River schools were able to maintain a football program by combining forces this year. The team was coached by Darrel McKrola and John Belveal.



Panther/Bulls quarterback Wyatt Williams (12) makes his move as his teammate Lane Williams (88) blocks Harper/Huntington.

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McKrola said his team had some bright moments in the game, but lost some key players in the second half, including Danner Davis, who had a shoulder injury.

"We tried to keep the mood light,

and let some different kids run the ball," McKrola said. "All in all the boys had a lot of fun, and that's what it's all about."

He added, "You don't always have a winning season, but ultimately the boys have grown, and I hope they see that."