

Friday, Jan. 8

Grant Union basketball @ Union in Union, JV games begin at 3 p.m., followed by varsity



Grant Union wrestling @ Riverside Duals in Boardman, starts at 5 p.m.



Prairie City basketball vs. Harper/Huntington in Prairie City, girls 6 p.m./boys 7:30 p.m.



Dayville/Monument basketball vs. Burnt River in Monument, girls 6 p.m./boys 7:30 p.m.



Saturday, Jan. 9

Grant Union basketball vs. Elgin in John Day, JV games begin at 1 p.m. followed by varsity

Grant Union wrestling @ Riverside Duals in Boardman, starts at 10 a.m.

Prairie City basketball @ Long Creek/Ukiah in Long Creek, 2 p.m. girls/3:30 p.m. boys

Dayville/Monument basketball @ Harper/Huntington in Harper, girls 5 p.m. (MT)/6:30 p.m. (MT)

Boy Pros team arrests Outlaws in 77-39 win

Prospectors start 2016 with first league win

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY — The Grant Union Prospector boys took control of their first league game from the start, topping the Enterprise Outlaws 77-39 last Saturday.

While the Prospectors stayed on top, leading 18-5 in the first quarter and 34-18 in the second, they picked up the pace in the final period.

"I saw great improvement in the second half, defensively and offensively," said head coach Steve Speth. "We moved the ball better and finished our shots."

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Grant Union Prospector Zack Deiter lays in a shot under pressure from the Enterprise Outlaws in Saturday's game.



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Defensive pressure from Grant Union players, including Kaylee Wright (15) Kori Pentzer (23), Jozie Rude (20), Whitney McClellan (24) and Samantha Brock (3), left Enterprise player Riley Gray (31) with few options in Saturday's game. The Prospectors won the first league game of the season 61-34.

WIN RINGS IN THE NEW YEAR AT GU

Lady Pros take down Enterprise Outlaws, 61-34

By Angel Carpenter
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JOHN DAY — The Grant Union Lady Prospectors started league play Saturday, Jan. 2, on a positive note — a 61-34 win over the Enterprise Outlaws.

The game, played at Grant Union, had a slow start for the home team as the Lady Outlaws put seven points on the board before the Prospectors fired up.

As soon as Grant Union warmed up, they took the lead and didn't look back.

Kori Pentzer led the team in the first quarter with 13 points, followed by Heather Mosley with 5, Kaylee Wright 3 and Mariah Moulton 2.

The Prospectors led 21-10 in the first and closed out the second, 33-20.

Head coach Mark Mosley gave the Outlaws credit for a competitive game.

"I call them a dangerous team," he said. "They can hang around — they've got size and shoot the ball well."

Grant Union also had their offensive game on, and defense helped win the contest.

"We shot the ball really well tonight," coach Mosley said of his team. "We didn't do a good job on the boards tonight, rebounding — that's some-

thing we've got to improve on."

He added, "We emphasized deflections tonight on defense, and had 16 steals."

Outlaw player Darby Gasset, a 5-foot-5 junior, scored two 3-pointers in the game.

Pentzer and Heather Mosley had one three-point shot each.

Heather said she was happy with the night's outcome.

"I thought we played really good defense and shut them down inside," she said. "It was a good game, and it was fun."

Last week, Dec. 28-30, Grant Union competed at the Central Linn Holiday Tournament in Halsey, taking two wins and a loss for third place.

On day one of the tournament, the Prospectors ran over Toledo, 66-15.

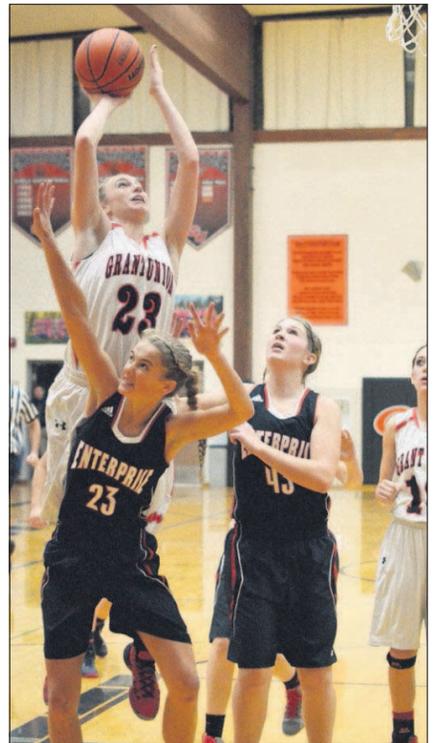
Then came their big test against the Monroe Dragons.

The nail-biter had Grant Union taking a 57-59 loss.

"It was an awesome game to be involved in," coach Mosley said. "It was very intense, right to the wire. As a game it could have gone either way — it went extremely well."

The Prospectors toppled Oakridge 66-30 in their final game.

Grant Union hosted the Burns Hilanders on



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Grant Union Prospector Kori Pentzer (23, white and red) flies up to score over the reach of Enterprise defense, her teammate Kenzie Wilson (12) in the action. Enterprise players are Eliza Irish (23) and Ashley Exon (43).

Tuesday, past press time. On Friday, the Prospectors travel to Union for a 6 p.m. game, and they host Elgin on Saturday at 4 p.m.

The stats
GU girls vs. Enterprise
Kori Pentzer: 20 points, 7 rebounds, 5 steals
Kaylee Wright: 13 points, 5 rebounds, 2 steals
Heather Mosley: 12 points, 7 rebounds, 1 steal
Mariah Moulton: 11 points, 2 rebounds, 4 steals
Kenzie Wilson: 7 points, 2 steals
Jozie Rude: 1 point, 3 rebounds
Samantha Brock: 2 rebounds, 1 steal
Hailey Wright: 1 rebound

Panther teams fall in Badger basketball battle

Prairie City hosts Hornets Friday in league play

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

PRAIRIE CITY — The Prairie City Panther girls and boys teams each took a loss to Powder Valley in hoops action Saturday.

The teams now look forward to their first league games Friday, as they host Harper/Huntington with girls varsity beginning at 6 p.m.

The Prairie City girls lost Saturday 23-44 to a strong Powder Valley push.

Head coach Penny Black said, while the Powder Valley game was tough, her team didn't back down.

"Powder Valley has some really athletic girls, and they had a pretty fierce press," she said. "They knew if they pressured us, they would get a lot of turnovers. We got a lot of good shots in the paint, but they didn't fall."

Black said her team picked up their energy in the fourth.

"The girls didn't give up," she said.

The battle will only help Prairie City as they prepare to host Harper/Huntington in their first league game on Friday.

The Lady Panthers beat Harper/Huntington 35-33 earlier in the season at the Union Christmas Classic.

"In that game we played everyone, and I think we'll play them pretty strong," Black said.

The Prairie City boys were defeated 45-63 last Saturday.

Panther boys head coach Jonathon Gill said his team was hampered by the flu season.

"I want to commend those kids for coming together despite some of the obstacles," he said.

He said the game was back and forth for the most part, but missing 11 of 15 free throws was the deciding factor in the loss.

"We're excited for league play for the rest of the season



Prairie City Panther Brianna Zweygardt (20) moves upward for the tip in Saturday's game against Powder Valley.

— it now goes to another level," he said. "Our goal is to be one of the three teams to represent the High Desert League for the state tournament."

He added, "We have a great opportunity to reach our goal, and it starts Friday night."

The Prairie City teams travel to Long Creek on Saturday to face Long Creek/Ukiah with the girls game beginning at 2 p.m.



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Prairie City Panther Ethan Camarena battles in Saturday's game against Powder Valley.