

Friday, Jan. 22

Grant Union Wrestling Invitational in John Day, 12 p.m. (weigh-in at 11 a.m.)

Dayville/Monument vs. Prairie City in Dayville, 6 p.m.

Long Creek/Ukiah @ Adrian JV in Adrian, 6 p.m. (MT)

Saturday, Jan. 23

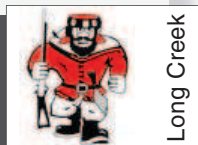
Grant Union basketball @ Enterprise in Enterprise, JV games begin at 1 p.m., followed by varsity



Dayville/Monument vs. Crane in Monument, 2 p.m.



Prairie City @ Jordan Valley in Jordan Valley, JV girls game begins at 1 p.m., followed by varsity



Long Creek/Ukiah @ Burnt River in Burnt River, 7 p.m.

Lady Panthers show no quit against top team

Team hampered by illness plays strong

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

PRAIRIE CITY — The Lady Panthers fought illness last week, but still came up with a 34-20 victory over Burnt River Saturday after a 34-62 loss to Adrian the previous day.

Facing the Adrian Antelopes, Prairie City stayed strong despite missing three players.

"We went to Adrian shorthanded," said head coach Penny Black.

Sarah Ennis took the reins, leading the Panthers into battle.

"Sarah did an outstanding job holding the team together in a hard-fought game against the Lady Lopes, who had 20 seated on their bench," Black said.

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The Eagle/Angel Carpenter
Grant Union wrestlers work out Monday, preparing for their home tournament scheduled for noon Friday.

GU wrestling program gains strength

Team hosts GU Invitational at noon Friday

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY — The Grant Union wrestling team has chalked up solid performances at four competitions this season, and at noon Friday they host their own tournament.

The 16 wrestlers on the team are putting their strength, endurance and form to the test.

They returned from last weekend's Redmond Classic tied for fifth out of 16 of the top dual meet 1A/2A teams in

the state, said head coach Andy Lusco.

Giving exceptional performances were Chance Ballou (285) 5-0, Antonio Dancer (138) 5-0 and Clay Johnson (132) 4-1.

Lusco said he's especially pleased this year's team fills out 13 weight classes.

"That's a huge advantage for a 2A team," he said. "We have the right kids in the right spot."

Last year, Johnson won third at state, and four of his teammates finished third at the district level, including Chance Ballou, Dillon Maley, Andrew Copenhaver and Antonio Dancer. The top two finishers in each class at the district competition continue to state.

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Copenhaver



Dancer



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter
Grant Union Prospectors Jozie Rude scores in Friday's game against Imbler, her teammate Mariah Moulton in the action.



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter
Grant Union Prospectors Ricky Weickum flies up to score in the fourth quarter of the game against Imbler, his teammates Brady Burch and Cauy Weaver (10) in back.

BATTLE-TESTED

Prospectors knock Panthers off their feet

Grant Union boys beat undefeated Imbler team

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY — The Grant Union Prospectors knocked the Imbler Panthers out of the top spot for 2A teams Friday with a 55-53 win.

Grant Union knew Imbler was entering the game 12-0, ranked No. 1 for OSAA and the Oregon Coaches' Poll. Still, Prospectors head coach Steve Speth knew his boys had a fighting chance.

"I feel we were battle tested," he said. "We played a tougher schedule than they did, and we felt that would help us down the stretch."

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GU girls step it up for solid wins

Lady Pros claim home wins over Imbler, Cove

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY — The Grant Union girls basketball team is on a roll with four wins in a row, including a 45-23 victory over the Imbler Panthers last Friday.

Shooting was slow in the beginning for the Lady Prospectors as they ended the first quarter 11-10.

Grant Union picked up the pace in the second, outscoring their opponents 10-6.

Prospectors Kori Pentzer and Heather Mosley contributed points at the free-throw line, each hitting 2-2.

After the halftime break, the Prospectors kicked up their defense, holding Imbler to two points in the period.

Heather Mosley, flying up to score, took a spill and was out with an injury for the remainder of the game.

The Prospectors kept their pace up, and when Imbler stole the ball, Jozie Rude was on top of it, nabbing the rebound. She scored off an assist from Kori Pentzer.

Grant Union was 20 ahead going into the fourth, 38-18, and kept the lead to take the win.

Coach Mosley said the team was missing easy shots in the first half but showed improvement in the second half.

"Defensively, we still did a good job, and anytime we hold a team like that to 23 points is good," Mosley said. "I consider Imbler and Enterprise dangerous teams, so to come out and get the win was very good."

Grant Union went on to beat Cove 52-37 on Saturday.

The Prospectors travel for a 4 p.m. game at Enterprise next Saturday, then prepare to face Burns on the road Jan. 29 and Union at home Jan. 30.

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