

Thursday, Jan. 28

Grant Union wrestling @ Burns Duals (Burns, Crane) in Burns, 5 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 29

Grant Union basketball @ Burns in Burns, JV games begin at 3 p.m.



Long Creek/Ukiah basketball vs. Adrian JV in Long Creek, 5 p.m.



Prairie City basketball vs. Dayville/Monument in Prairie City, varsity games begin at 6 p.m.



Saturday, Jan. 30

Grant Union dance @ Canby Competition in Canby, TBD

Grant Union wrestling @ BEO Invitational in Heppner, 10 a.m.

Dayville/Monument vs. Adrian in Monument, JV girls begin at 12:30 p.m., followed by varsity girls, boys

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

Prairie City basketball vs. Burnt River in Unity, varsity begins at 2 p.m.

Lady Panther defense garners 42-30 win

Lady Tigers ready to refocus for success

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

DAYVILLE — Cross-county teams met up in Dayville Friday for exciting girls basketball competition.

The Prairie City Panthers stuck it out for the 42-30 win over the Dayville/Monument Tigers.

The girls will match up again at 6 p.m. Friday, this time at the Prairie City court.

Regarding last Friday's game, Tiger head coach Taylor Schmadeka said, "Prairie City came out to play — the score was close throughout most of the game, and we were down by two at the half."

The third quarter had the Panthers ahead, 30-24, and Prairie City out-shot the Tigers 12-6 in the fourth for the win.

"All week we were trying to get each of them to define what their game is," said Panther head coach Penny Black. "We broke it down to the simplest basketball we could and kind of just started fresh."

Prairie City's Brianna Zwegardt led the team with 24 points and 17 rebounds.

"We shot a lot, and the focus was on rebounding," Black said. "As a whole, they learned they can play."

She added, "They learned how to win, instead of playing to not lose. It was a great team effort and confidence was raised quite a bit tonight. My girls played hard and steady, giving every ounce of energy they had to defeat the Lady Tigers. All season we expected more. They're starting to believe in themselves."

Panther player Sarah Ennis said practice paid off.

"I think we played well as a team, and our defense broke down and played well," she said. "Since we've

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Grant Union second at home tournament



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter
Grant Union Prospector Jesse Paulson, right, faces a Hermiston opponent at Friday's tournament.

Mat men travel to BEO tourney on Saturday

By Angel Carpenter
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JOHN DAY — The Grant Union Prospector wrestlers finished second at their first home wrestling tournament of the season Friday.

"Overall, we wrestled well," said Grant Union head coach Andy Lusco. "We had over 100 high school and 75 junior high wrestlers from 11 teams at the meet."

The Burns Hilanders were meet champions with 133, followed by Grant Union with 108. Enterprise was third with 101. Crane finished fourth with 99.5, and Irrigon was fifth with 95.

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The Eagle/Angel Carpenter
Grant Union Prospector Hadley Boethin wins by a pin against an Enterprise opponent Friday.

The stats

Grant Union
106 Jesse Paulson 1-3
113 Connor White 1-3
120 Braden Spencer 1-2
126 Jay Goldblatt 2-2
132 Clay Johnson 3-0
138 Antonio Dancer 3-0
152 Cameron Hallgarth 1-3
160 Andrew Copenhaver 2-2
170 Elijah Humbird 3-0
195 Hadley Boethin 1-2
Hvy Dillon Maley 2-2
Grant Union junior high
Russell Hodge 4-0
Drew Lusco 4-0
Ethan Moore 4-0
Grant Union junior high at Culver Jan. 20
Russell Hodge 2-1 took 2nd
Ethan Moore 4-1 took 2nd
Drew Lusco 2-0 took 1st
Damien Young 2-2 took 3rd
Justin Hodge 2-2 took 4th
Eli Sheedy 2-2 took 4th
Bladen Burrill 1-1 took 2nd (only lost to Drew)
Airon Glimpse, Parker Manitsas, Sam McCracken each won a match at their first wrestling meet.



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter
Grant Union Prospector Braden Spencer takes down an Imbler opponent during Friday's tournament in John Day.

Prospector press wins it in Enterprise

GU teams prep for tough matchups

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY — The Grant Union Prospector girls and boys basketball teams shot down the Enterprise Outlaws on the road last Saturday.

The girls came away with a 54-24 victory, the boys, 45-33.

"We played a complete game as a team," said girls head coach Mark

Mosley. "We were able to frustrate them with our defensive pressure from start to finish."

The team had 31 deflections and 12 steals against the Outlaws.

"I was extremely proud of our effort," Mosley said. "Playing on the road is not always easy, but we came ready to play tonight."

Prospector boys head coach Steve Speth said his team is now preparing for the Burns and Union games this weekend.

"We're working to improve in all areas to prepare for those games," he said.

Grant Union travels to Burns Friday for games, beginning with junior varsity teams at 3 p.m.

The Prospectors host Union on Saturday for senior night. It's also their last regular season home game.

The last two weeks of regular season will be on the road. The game against Union begins at 1 p.m. with junior varsity followed by varsity. The JV girls will have a half game.

The stats
GU girls vs. Enterprise
Kori Pentzer: 23 points, 6 rebounds, 5 steals
Heather Mosley: 13 points, 8 rebounds

Mariah Moulton: 5 points, 2 rebounds
Kaylee Wright: 5 points, 2 rebounds
Mariah Wright: 4 points
Samantha Brock: 2 points, 2 rebounds, 4 steals
McKenzie Wilson: 2 points, 2 rebounds
Jozie Rude: 4 rebounds
Whitney McClellan: 2 rebounds

GU boys vs. Enterprise
points/rebounds/assists/steals

Wyatt Weaver: 19/11/2/2
Nathan Gehley: 8/10/1/2
Duane Stokes: 6/3/0/2
Cauy Weaver: 4/1/1/3
Ricky Weickum: 4/5/3/2
Brady Burch: 2/3/1/3
Zack Deiter: 2/1/0/3
Clayton Vaughan: 0/0/0/1

Tiger teamwork defeats Panthers

County teams rematch in PC on Friday

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

DAYVILLE — The Dayville/Monument Tiger boys had heated competition from their Prairie City Panther neighbors but pounded out a 69-51 victory at the Dayville court.

The teams rematch on Friday, this time at Prairie City's court for games starting at 6 p.m. beginning with girls varsity.

Speaking of last Friday's game, Tiger head coach Jeff Schafer said, "Prairie City shot unbelievably well. They brought their A game for sure, but the

(Tiger) boys went to their famous teamwork and defense."

Prairie City head coach Jonathon Gill was pleased with the team's hard work.

"It was a robber game," he said. "That's the No. 1 team — they're one of the best teams in the state."

Prairie City came out with an energetic start, taking a 17-11 lead in the first quarter.

Dayville/Monument's Tanner Dayville was first to score, and the Tigers tied it, 8-8, but Prairie City pulled ahead when Garrett Hitz scored two, and Dorrin Wilson came back for two more off a steal.

Wilson later sank a three-point shot, and Tiger Dakota Wilson scored the final two in the quarter.

The Tigers sprang into action in the second, holding the Panthers to 17 while adding 11 points.

The Panthers gained some footing, but the home team took the 27-25 half-time lead and didn't look back.

Helping seal the deal for the Tigers down the stretch, Tanner Walczyk hit four threes in a row, which included one four-point play.

Walczyk seemed as surprised as everyone else about the 13 points.

"I couldn't miss the three-points," he said. "It was a good team effort. We all rebounded well and crashed."

Prairie City's Levi Burke also hit four threes throughout the game.

"I think we fought hard, and that

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The Eagle/Angel Carpenter
Dayville/Monument Tiger Jordan Bowlus stays low, working his way around Prairie City Panther Wyatt Williams in Friday's game, Tiger Hayden Schafer in back.