

PROWL

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as Jordan Bowlus, Walczyk and Schafer scoring one three each for the Tigers.

Although the Tigers started gaining, the Panthers held their lead throughout the third, ending the quarter 50-45.

The game intensified in the fourth, and Bowlus and Schafer fouled out.

Dayville/Monument's Cody Kluser and GW Clark entered the game, and the Tigers rallied for the win.

Coach Schafer said he was proud of his team, but added they'll have to play better to win the district title.

Tigers player Hayden Schafer said he was happy with the win.

"It proved that no matter what cause, we can fight through," he said. "They had some runs that put them up, but our second team proved that not just five beat them, 10 do."

"It was a heartbreaker loss for the kids — they played so hard," said Panther head coach Jonathon Gill, adding the team plans to "reboot and improve."

He added, a key in the game for his team was 14 missed free throws.

"The championships are not won in December or January, they're won in February," he said. "We have a plan and a process, and we believe in our coaching staff, and we believe in our players. It was a great team effort."

The Panthers came out full force in Unity last Saturday to take a 70-27 win over the Burnt River Bulls.

The Tigers hosted Adrian in Monument for a 57-40 win.

Gill said his team is looking forward to a big week of basketball at the Panther court.

They hosted Crane on Tuesday, past press time, and will host Adrian on Friday with the junior varsity girls playing at 5 p.m. for a half game, followed by varsity games at 6 p.m.

The Panthers also host Jordan Valley Saturday with the junior varsity girls playing a half game starting at 1 p.m., and varsity games at 2 p.m.

"We've lost to those teams, and this will be the measuring stick to show our improvement," Gill said.

The Tigers host Jordan Valley in Dayville with girls junior varsity games beginning at 5 p.m. for a half game, followed by varsity games at 6 p.m. Dayville/Monument travels to Crane Saturday where games begin at 2 p.m.



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter
Prairie City Panther Garrett Hitz goes up to score, surrounded by a strong Dayville/Monument Tiger defense. Others in the action, from left, Dakota Emerson (21), Wyatt Williams (back, 12), Tanner Walczyk (34) and Hayden Schafer (20).

VICTORY

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The teams ended 20-20 at the half.

The Panthers outshot the Tigers, 16-13, in the third.

Dayville/Monument's Ravyn Walker evened the score at the start of the fourth with a three-point shot, followed by Skylar Powell scoring two off an assist from Danielle Rhoda.

As the final minute ticked down, Dayville/Monument's defense and offense picked up.

The Tigers were down 47-49, when Rhoda scored two, then sank two perfect shots at the free-throw line.

With just 17.7 seconds left in the game, Tiger Faythe Schafer was fouled and went 1-2 at the line, and Dayville/Monument grabbed the rebound to end the game.

"We had a couple people step up as leaders on the court and made sure everyone was calm," Schmadeka said. "Skylar Powell stepped up, being aggressive at the basket. They did a great job playing as a team tonight."

Powell said she was proud of her team.

"We've been working hard, and we knew it wouldn't be easy," she said. "When we put our all into it, we know we can do it."

"I think that we've been playing a lot better as a team," said Rhoda. "We've been improving as the season goes on because we're getting to



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter
Dayville/Monument Tiger Kyla Emerson shoots over the reach of Prairie City Panther defender Cassie Hire in last Friday's game at the Prairie City court. At left is Tiger Danielle Rhoda, and right is Amaya Zwegardt.

know each other."

Panther head coach Penny Black said the game showed some areas where the team could improve, including rebounds and ball movement.

She highlighted Amaya Zwegardt.

"She was definitely creating some plays," Black said. "She had a dynamite game. My senior kind of held us up."

Zwegardt led her team with 22 points in the game, including 12-22 at the free-throw line. She also had six rebounds and three steals.

"We fought really hard and thought it was going to go into overtime," Zwegardt said. "We're upset, but not mad at ourselves."

SENIORS

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Grant Union's Nathan Gehley scored with a basket and, later, two at the free-throw line.

Prospector Trace Gill also layed up a shot.

Union's defense stepped things up, and the home team was down 9-12 when, in the final seconds of the quarter, Duane Stokes tightened up the race, scoring off a steal.

The second quarter ended on a high note with Deiter scoring a three-point shot at the buzzer to put the Prospectors ahead 26-20 going into the half.

Grant Union outshot Union 11-7 in the third, and hit 14-17 free-throw shots in the fourth, including Wyatt Weaver who sank five out of six at the line.

"We had very few turnovers and were disciplined on offense and did a good job on initial defense," Speth said. "We made free throws down the stretch and luckily were able to knock some of them down to hold them offensively."

Prospector Clayton Vaughan said the win means a lot.

"It was a huge win for the good of the team," he said. "We're working toward our goal of getting to the state championship. It was really exciting and a lot of fun."

Prospector Nathan Geh-

ley added, "It was exciting to win. It was probably our last home game as seniors. We kept our cool, and the crowd helped us out."

The Grant Union boys suffered a 36-63 loss to Burns last Friday when the Hilanders broke their four-game win streak.

Grant Union girls

The Lady Prospectors made it look easy as they held Union to 34-8 at the half.

Kori Pentzer led the team with 16 points, followed by Samantha Brock with 10.

Rebounding was led by Heather Mosley and Jozie Rude with five each, followed by Brock with three.

Kenzie Wilson had five steals and Hailie Wright nabbed three.

Wilson had two steals in the third quarter, breaking

away to score each time.

"We're starting to play complete games," said head coach Mark Mosley. "It started at Enterprise, and even though we lost last night, we played a complete game. Our defensive intensity is the key to what makes us run."

Samantha Brock was happy with the outcome of Saturday's game.

"We put everything together and actually played loose and confident," she said. "It was a lot of fun, and we played together as a team."

The Lady Pros are currently ranked seventh by OSAA and are second in the Wapiti League, behind Burns.

The Grant Union girls lost a nail-biter to Burns, 47-51.

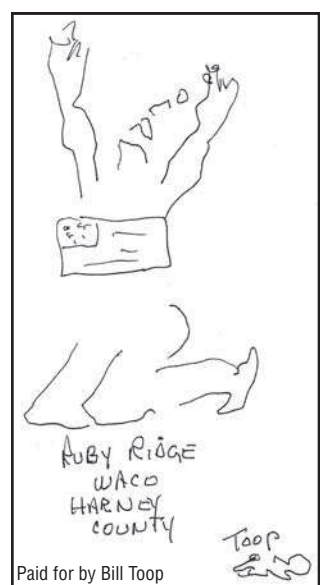
"We were up six with 2:50 left," Mosley said. "We just missed a couple easy shots. We played an amazing game.

The game plan — they ran it to a tee."

Grant Union faces its remaining four opponents on the road.

"We just need to keep up that same defensive intensity on the road," the coach said. "It's always hard to play on the road."

Grant Union teams compete in Imbler on Friday with junior varsity games beginning at 3 p.m.



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Grant County Taxpayers

The second installment of the 2015-2016 property tax is due Tuesday, February 16, 2016 by 5 p.m.

The courthouse will be closed Monday, February 15th, in observance of President's Day. Payments may be made at the tax collector's office at the Grant County Courthouse in Canyon City, or the payment may be mailed and POSTMARKED no later than February 16, 2016. Please remember that delinquent taxes accrue interest at the rate of 16% per year.

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GU

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"It was a tight race," Lusco said.

Clay Johnson won first in the 132 weight class, pinning all three opponents in the first round, and Goldblatt finished second at 126.

"We are looking forward to a strong finish," Lusco said. "Our team is much improved from a year ago, and we hope to place well at districts, which are here at Grant Union, and send several wrestlers on to the state competition."

The Prospectors will wrestle at the Pine Eagle Invitational in Halfway at 11 a.m. Friday and 10 a.m. Saturday.

The stats
GU at BEO Tourney
Braden Spencer (120), 3rd
Jay Goldblatt (126), 2nd
Clay Johnson (132), 1st
Antonio Dancer (138), 4th
Andrew Copenhaver (160), 3rd

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DORRAN WILSON
School: Prairie City
Grade: 10
Parents: Amber Ford and Mike Wilson
Sport: Basketball
What I like best about my sport: "I like the intensity and competitiveness, and at the same time you can still be friends with everybody. I like the teamwork that's involved."

Coach's Comment: "Dorrان exemplifies what it means to be a team player. Even at a young age he shows great poise, especially under pressure. He's a natural leader. As a coach, you want your more talented players to set the example with hard work — his work is second to none. After an injury last season, he worked hard to return to full health which shows a lot about his character and resilience. He's excelling both as a student and as an athlete. He's averaging 18 points on the season, 22 points over last five games."

- Coach Jonathon Gill

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