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Cody Kluser added one point at the free-throw line for the Tigers, and Schafer scored a two-pointer with just 2.6 seconds left in the game.

Head coach Jeff Schafer said the game was "hard-fought," and he was ready to focus with his team on their upcoming road game.

That determination led to a win last Saturday, the Tigers breaking Crane's five-game win streak.

Dayville/Monument girls

The Lady Tigers had been hampered by illness all week before suffering a 32-53 loss to Jordan Valley last Friday.

"We only had two days with

a full team this week," said head coach Taylor Schmadeka.

"Jordan Valley is a good team — they outthusted and outplayed us tonight," he added.

He highlighted freshman Kristina Humphreys.

"She showed a lot of heart, playing start to finish," he said.

He said the team did well on rebounding, but had a hard time with shots falling.

At the half, the Mustangs were up 24-15, and although the Lady Tigers played with intensity in the third quarter, they were outshot 15-10, trailing 25-39.

Tiger Hannah Flower said she'd been among those out with illness, but returned to play in Friday's game.

She said she was proud of

the team, especially the "talented freshmen."

She's hopeful they will surprise teams at the Feb. 18-20 district tournament.

"You can lose in league, but come back at the district tournament, and that's what we hope to do," she said.

The Lady Tigers took a 24-51 loss on the road last Saturday to the Crane Mustangs.

Currently, the Crane girls rank No. 1 in the High Desert League, followed by Adrian and Jordan Valley.

The Tiger teams travel to Unity on Friday for a game with Burnt River with varsity games beginning at 6 p.m., and the Tigers host Harper/Huntington on Saturday in Monument with a junior varsity girls half game at 3 p.m., followed by varsity at 4 p.m.



Dayville/Monument Tiger Faythe Schafer (24) focuses in on defense in Friday's game.

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"It was a tough game, but our kids never give up — they fought to the end," Gill said, adding his team "went right back to the drawing board the next night at practice."

Freshman Panther Levi Burke led the way in Friday's win over Adrian with 23 points.

"I'm really proud of that kid," Gill said. "He's playing well beyond his age at this point."

He said they know Adrian well now, and play at the same level.

Although they lost to Jordan Valley last Saturday, Gill said the team is keeping their spirits up, and the losses are spurring

the coaching staff to work harder at preparing the team for their upcoming games.

Prairie City (4-7, 11-10), Adrian (3-7, 7-13) and Harper/Huntington (3-7, 3-13) are all in the running for fourth seed at the 1A High Desert District Tournament.

"Having fourth seed is important to us, and ending the season on a high note and going into the tournament," he said.

Prairie City girls

The Lady Panthers experienced some tough knocks last week with three losses, 35-62 to Crane, 23-38 to Adrian and 42-51 to Jordan Valley.

Head coach Penny Black said her team relaxed in their game against Crane — which is currently No. 3 in state and No. 1

in league — and, although they were on the losing end, played their best game of the season.

Prairie City had a strong start, facing Adrian, trailing by 9-11 going into the second quarter, but the Antelopes continued to outshoot the Panthers for the win.

At one point in the game with Jordan Valley, Black thought they were headed for the win. The Panthers led 25-19 at the half.

"We just made too many mistakes coming down in the final minutes," she said. "Again, we played very confident, and the next time we face them, the outcome may be very different."

The team effort had Brianna Zwegardt, Cassie Hire and Amaya Zwegardt leading the way with 12 points each for the night, followed by Sarah

Ennis with seven.

"Our scoring potential is increasing just in time for the district playoffs," Black said. "I am excited to see these girls starting to peak just in time for the playoffs. I think we will be one of those teams that everyone will worry about, because we bring a different look every time we play. You just don't know which of the girls will expose their true talents and really shine."

Prairie City currently holds fourth place in league with a 4-7 record, and Dayville/Monument is close behind at 3-7.

The Panther teams travel to Huntington to face Harper/Huntington at 5 p.m. Friday, beginning with a girls junior varsity game.

They host Long Creek/Ukiah for junior varsity games on Saturday at 2 p.m.

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10 a.m. Saturday at Grant Union Junior-Senior High School in John Day.

Teams competing include: Grant Union, Adrian, Crane, Burns, Elgin, Enterprise, Hepper, Irrigon, Imbler, Joseph, Wallowa, Union/Cove and Pine Eagle.

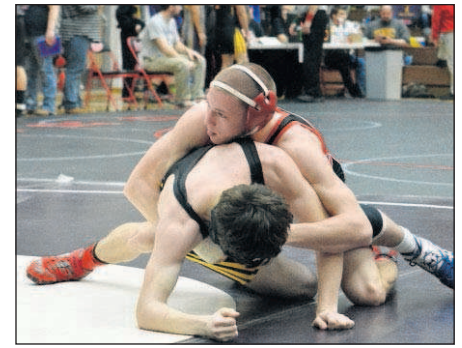
Admission is \$6 a session or \$10 for both sessions — both held on Saturday.

"We have improved tre-

mendously over the past few seasons and have an exciting young group," Lusco said. "We will bring back 14 wrestlers next season off this team. ... We have had a significant number of wrestlers show remarkable improvement from last year to this year."

Season records:

Clay Johnson, 25-4
Antonio Dancer, 25-7
Andrew Copenhaver, 20-14
Chance Ballou, 16-9
Elijah Humbird, 17-9
Jesse Paulson, 13-11
Braden Spencer, 14-13



Grant Union Prospector Clay Johnson muscles through a match at the Jan. 22 Grant Union Invitational.

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Scoring was led by Kori Pentzer with 19, McKenzie Wilson 10, Heather Mosley eight, Samantha Brock six, Kaylee Wright three and Mariah Moulton two. Rebounding was led by Mosley with seven, Pentzer six, Wilson two, Brock two, Moulton two and Kaylee Wright one. Wilson led with six steals, Brock three and Pentzer one. Mosley had three blocked shots.

Grant Union boys

The Prospector boys entered the contest with Imbler, knowing their opponents rarely lose at home, and came away with a 52-28 win.

"We played well in a tough environment," he said. "Our guys did a great job of meeting Imbler's intensity level, and did a great job of playing team

basketball throughout the entire game."

Grant Union slowed down Imbler's best players, while also keeping their support players limited.

Speth highlighted Wyatt Weaver for his defensive and offensive game, and Nathan Gehley for also playing well, along with the rest of the team.

"It was also great to have Wade Reimers back in the lineup," Speth said.

Reimers was injured in a road game earlier in the season.

Speth said the win will help them in the league race.

"This puts us in second place with two games remaining," he said. "We have a tie-breaker over Imbler for second place and lead Union by two games. We just need one win or a loss by either Union or Imbler to clinch a spot in the second- versus third-place game at districts. We are excited to get a great win on the road and are

looking forward to this week's games and the playoffs."

Grant Union faced 1A Crane on the road on Tuesday past press time.

They travel to Elgin on Friday for games beginning at 3 p.m. (junior varsity girls will have a half game), and they'll be in Cove Saturday for games

beginning at 1 p.m. (junior varsity boys will have a half game).

The Wapiti 2A tournament will be held Feb. 19-20 at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande.

The Prospector boys are currently No. 15 in the OSAA rankings.

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