

BOYS OF WINTER



Submitted photo

Members of Grant County Baseball pose with the pitching staff from the College of Southern Idaho at a winter camp in December: front, Andrew Hunt; second row, Warner Robertson, Justin Hodge, Logan McCluskey, Taylor Hunt, Peyton Neault and Russell Hodge. Grant County Baseball is open to children 12 through 14. Winter workouts began Dec. 15 and continue Mondays and Wednesdays at an indoor practice facility. Shaun Robertson is the manager, and Pat McCluskey, Robert Hunt and Lorin Hodge are coaches. For more information, call 541-620-0211 or visit Grant County Baseball on Facebook.

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Jesse Paulson (106), Connor White (113) and Garrett Lenz (145) also battled it out on the mat, falling just short of medaling.

Johnson faced Moroni Jensen of Pine Eagle for his final match, winning by a fall. Dancer also took Jayson Blackburn of Union/Cove by a fall.

Copenhaver took second to Hayden Kuta of Pine Eagle after pinning Riley Bruce of Union/Cove in a hard-fought match in the quarterfinals and pinning Renee Seal of Joseph in the semifinals.

"We did extremely well as a team," Copenhaver said. "It surpassed all of my expectations at the beginning of the year. I'm extremely happy to have this group of guys around me and go on to state."

"I'm really proud of this kid (Andrew)," Boethin said. "He's done a really good job this year."

"We did really great today," Dancer said. "Everyone won one more match than the coach thought we'd win. It will be my first time going to state, and I hope to place."

This will be the first trip to state for seniors Copenhaver and Dancer, and Johnson's third trip to state — last year, he placed third as a



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter

Grant Union Prospector Andrew Copenhaver (152) wrestles Joseph's Raymond Seal in the semifinal round, later pinning his opponent. Copenhaver qualified for state in second place.

sophomore.

"It was awesome," Johnson said of Saturday's success. "I'm more excited about Andrew and Antonio going to state with me."

He said he was happy their young team did so well. It was the first time Grant Union hosted the district tournament since 2006.

"A special thanks to all the coaches and wrestlers for all the support," Johnson said.

Maley expressed his excitement at the team's success this season.

"Everybody improved tremendously," he said. "I'm excited to see what our team

becomes next year, and I'm thankful for the team I have."

The Oregon State Activities Association Wrestling State Championships is Friday, Feb. 26, and Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland.

District Tournament results:

Irrigon, 1st, 171.5
Grant Union, 2nd, 158.5
Burns, 3rd, 133.5
Elgin, 4th, 109
Enterprise, 5th, 104
Union/Cove, 6th, 97
Pine Eagle, 7th, 88.5
Crane, 8th, 87
Heppner, 9th, 76
Joseph, 10th, 71.5
Adrian, 11th, 69
Imbler, 12th, 52
Wallowa, 13th, 26.5

it throughout the game."

He said the team is playing well and are excited for the district tournament.

The Grant Union boys won two games against Imbler earlier in the season, 52-28 on Feb. 2, and 55-53 on Jan. 15.

"We know it will be a tough challenge to try and beat a very good Imbler team for a third straight time," he said. "They have been playing well also, as they just beat Burns Saturday night by 12. If we win the game, we would play Burns for the district title on Saturday evening."

Van Voorhis echoed the sentiment.

"These kids are a credit to their respective schools, their parents and teachers, and to our county," he said. "The future is in good hands."

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Grant Union boys

Prospector boys head coach Steve Speth said they knew Elgin, holding their senior recognition night, would be ready to play.

"They have been playing well at home, challenging the top teams in the league when they play at home, so we prepared and knew we would have to play hard and play well," he said. "We played fairly well, playing excellent defense, allowing us to get the lead and slowly increase

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"That contest may have been the most exciting of the day," said Bob Van Voorhis who is chairman of the John Day Elks Lodge.

Stokes made it a close contest, shooting perfectly in a few of the series.

Talon Van Cleave, a Humboldt student in the boys 10-11 group, tied for fourth.

Two Grant County girls finished third, including Humboldt student Lauren Wenger tying with an opponent before losing by one in the second set for the 10-11 age group. Alexys Hull of Monument School, also involved in a tie breaker, competing in the 8-9 girls group.

Kelly Stokes, Devon's father and Grant School District No. 3 school board member, said the county was well represented at the district event.

"These kids were good," he said. "They competed quite well — just to be there meant they did well."

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If the Panther boys win, they'll face No. 1 Jordan Valley at 8:45 p.m. Friday.

"We're preparing for our Thursday matchup with Dayville/Monument and putting our whole game together so we can play Crane on Friday," said Lady Panther head coach Penny Black.

She said her team played tough against Crane at their last game with them, but added all five of their starters are outstanding.

"We're going to play our best, do our best and see how the outcome is," Black said.

She added her team is excited for the upcoming games.

"They haven't locked in the ranking, but the team was pretty excited to be ranked above (Dayville/Monument)," Black said. "They feel good about their position and pretty positive that we can play the top teams pretty tough."

Cassie Hire had a good offensive showing at last Friday's 47-31 win over Harper/Huntington.

Hire was the high point scorer for the Panthers with 14, including two three-pointers. She also had seven rebounds, three steals and two assists.

Brianna Zwegardt scored 12 with six rebounds, five steals and five assists.

Sarah Ennis scored seven points with three rebounds, three steals and four assists.

Amaya Zwegardt scored four points with eight rebounds, four steals and one assist. Lindsay Wall scored six.

"I was able to play everybody, with more than a couple of minutes," Black said. "Harper/Huntington has improved, and they played us pretty tough. They're not a team to look past at district."

Prairie City boys

Prairie City boys head coach Jonathon Gill said their 48-35 win over Harper/Huntington came at a cost.

Two key players, senior Ethan Camarena and sophomore Dorran Wilson, were injured in the game.

"We're monitoring it day to day, and we have hopes they'll return at some point in the tournament — both have to be cleared by doctor to re-



The Eagle/Cheryl Hoefler

Long Creek/Ukiah's Fernando Rodriguez (20) lays up the ball in last Saturday's game with Prairie City Panther Levi Burke defending, and Long Creek/Ukiah player Adam Rajabeliev (12) in back.

turn to play," Gill said.

He said the game continued with other players stepping up for the win.

Gill said he was proud of how his team played for senior recognition day last Saturday in their 58-41 win over the Long Creek/Ukiah junior varsity team.

Scoring was fairly even among the top scorers with Levi Burke earning 13, Garrett Hitz 12 and Brandon Gillihan 11.

"Brandon has made the biggest improvement by leaps and bounds in his game this season," Gill said.

He added, "Our motto is 'One team, one family, one love, Prairie City' — I couldn't be more proud to be a coach over a group of kids like that."

He said Hitz has been standing out as a leader for the team.

"He rallies the troops and cares more about the brother-

hood and seeing others succeed," Gill said. "He really brought that out this weekend."

Gill expects their first game of this week's tournament, against Adrian, to be a nail-biter.

The teams' last meeting had the Panthers winning 60-51 at home, and, earlier in the season, Prairie City lost 55-57 on the road to the Antelopes.

"It's going to be a tough game," Gill said. "Our goal was to make it to districts and be one of the top three teams to represent the league for the state tournament. We ended the regular season as the fourth team, so we have an uphill battle."

He said he hopes the community will show up to cheer their team on at the tournament.

"All the work that we put in starting back in November leads up to this moment on Thursday night," he said.

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TORIE COALWELL

School: Grant Union
Grade: 9

Parents: Terry and LeAnn Coalwell

Sport: Dance

What I like best about my sport: "Constantly learning how to do new dance moves, and bonding as a team."

Coach's Comment: "Torie has been dancing for many years. She is strong, athletic and committed to the sport. She is incredibly talented and a great role model for other students. She is not afraid to try anything, and we love having her on the team."

- Coach Shannon Adair



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