



FOURTH-PLACE FINISH AT STATE

Prospectors lose, 46-34, to Burns in Thursday's quarterfinal

In fourth meeting, Burns' size proves difference

By Sam Barbee
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The No. 3 Burns Hilanders and the No. 6 Grant Union Prospectors had met three times previous to Thursday's quarterfinals state tournament game, and Burns took all three.

Thursday was no different, with the Hilanders' size causing problems all night en route to a 46-34 result at Warberg Court in Pendleton. Kori Pentzer and Mariah Moulton led GU with nine points each.

"They did some things tonight," GU coach Mark Mosley said. "Their shots fell. And our shooting just wasn't there tonight."

Burns point forward Catherine Clemens gave the Prospectors fits all night. The 6-foot junior scored 19 points and grabbed 15 rebounds, five of which were on the offensive glass. As a team, Burns snatched 18 offensive rebounds to Grant Union's nine. Clemens and Madison Carson grabbed 30 rebounds as a team. Grant Union had 31.

"We talked about that all week. We said, 'We have to box out, and we have to rebound,'" Mosley said. "We jump well. They

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Kori Pentzer (23), of Grant Union, goes up for a shot against Catherine Clemens (10), of Burns, Thursday evening during a state 2A quarterfinal game at Pendleton High School.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Grit earns Grant Union girls fourth at state championship

Grant Union, 41
Imbler, 30

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

PENDLETON — The Grant Union Prospector girls played to their strengths last Saturday, earning a fourth-place trophy with a 41-30 victory over the Imbler Panthers at the OSAA 2A Girls Basketball State Championships.

On their way to fourth place, the Lady Pros lost to Burns 34-46 on March 3, then beat the Lost River Raiders 41-37 on March 4, before following up with their final win.

Grant Union head coach Mark Mosley, who has led the team for three years, said his team

averaged 25-point wins over the season.

But, at the state tournament, "every game you're in is a scrappy battle that goes down to the wire," he said.

Mosley said that would characterize their final two games with Lost River and Imbler.

"It was a good challenge and learning experience for us to be in those close games and win them in the end," he added.

Grant Union beat Imbler twice in the regular season, and again at the Wapiti District Tournament. However, Mosley said the Panthers showed improvement.

"The key for them was our ball pressure — that eventually, through the course of a game, takes a toll," he said. "That added pressure in

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Prospectors put lid on Raiders in final seconds in Friday game

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

PENDLETON — Crunch time brought out the best in Prospector Kori Pentzer offensively as she broke through a 37-37 tie against Lost River, leading Grant Union to a 41-37 win in Friday's consolation round at the OSAA Girls Basketball State Championships.

Pentzer led both teams in scoring, with 25 points in the game, played at the Pendleton Convention Center. Class 2A Grant Union lost a tough 34-46 battle to Burns in the quarterfinals the previous night in which Pentzer was out of the game with an injury early in the fourth quarter.

Lost River's only lead last Friday was when Pirate player Rachel Parks sank a two-point bucket at the start of the game.

Grant Union pushed ahead, 17-8 in the first, helped by Pentzer with nine points, Samantha Brock and Mariah Moulton with one three-pointer each and a two-pointer from Heather Mosley.

The Prospectors outshot the Raiders 12-8 in the second. Then Lost River rallied in the third, trailing Grant Union by just four points.

Grant Union held their slim lead in the fourth until Parks' three-point shot tied the score 37-37 with just 2:18 left in the game.

Pentzer saved the Prospectors from overtime when she hit two from the free-throw line with 30 seconds left.

Down to 4.8 seconds on the clock, Pentzer went two of two at the line again.

The stats

Grant Union vs. Lost River

points/rebounds/steals/assists

Kori Pentzer: 25/6/4/1

Mariah Moulton: 9/5/0/1

Heather Mosley: 4/6/1/0

Samantha Brock: 3/3/0/2

Kenzie Wilson: 0/4/2/3

Kaylee Wright: 0/1/1/0

Grant Union shot 81.3 percent at the free-throw line, with

Pentzer scoring 13 of 15 for the 16 attempts in the game.

The team was 28.6 percent on 2-point field goals and

30.8 percent on 3-pointers.



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Kenzie Wilson (12), of Grant Union, goes up for a shot during Thursday's 2A quarterfinal game against Burns at Pendleton High School.

Grant Union Gold dancers steppin' it up

Dance team spins challenges into strengths

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY — The 2A Grant Union Gold dance team is perfecting its routine for state dance competition, improving precision in each detail.

The team will share its performance, choreographed to "Paper Light Revisited" by Loreen, during the annual Spring Showcase held at 7 p.m. Friday at Grant Union Junior-Senior High School.

Competing in a routine that features hip hop, lyrical and jazz styles throughout the piece, Grant Union will perform at the State Dance Championships with 1A through 4A teams in Portland on March 18-19 at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum.



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The Grant Union Gold dance team works on a routine during their Feb. 10 practice at the Grant Union Junior-Senior High School gym. The team is led by head coach Shannon Adair and assistant coach Jessica Moore.

Grant Union Gold's head coach of 19 years, Shannon Adair, announced she'll retire from leading the team at the close of the season, and this will also be her last year coordinating the showcase.

"I will still be around to assist when needed," she said. "I have several students in the program that I have coached over the years, and I am excited to watch their progress as they come up through the high

school program."

This year's varsity roster includes five freshmen, one sophomore, one junior and three seniors.

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Last year's Level 2 dance team performs at the 2015 Spring Showcase.

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Spring Showcase to feature electrifying talent

Event will be Shannon Adair's final at lead

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY — Prepare to be entertained, the ever-popular Spring Showcase with its variety of

dance performances will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at the Grant Union Junior-Senior High School new gym.

Admission is by donation, with proceeds benefiting the varsity dance team's trip to the March 18-19 OSAA State Dance Championships.

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