



SHUTOUT

Prospectors blank TigerScots, 26-0

GU shows strength in first game of season

By Angel Carpenter
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The Grant Union Prospector football team started their season with a shutout win over the Weston-McEwen TigerScots under the Friday night lights of Three Flags Field.



Grant Union head coach Jason Miller said he was proud of his team as they faced the TigerScots under new coach, Travis Glover. He said they didn't know the TigerScot offense or defense

going into the match.

"It was 'learn on the run,' and the kids responded well," Miller said of his team.

Grant Union quarterback Wade Reimers connected with Duane Stokes for the first points of the game in the first quarter.

Reimers, assisted by Elijah Humbird, also sacked the Weston-McEwen quarterback, Kirk Scott.

The home team led 6-0 at the half.

"We made a few adjustments at the line and opened some running lanes," Miller said. "Defense came up big and caused some turnovers."

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ABOVE: Grant Union head coach Jason Miller led his team to a 26-0 victory over Weston-McEwen in the Prospector's opening game Friday night in John Day. TOP: Grant Union Prospector Duane Stokes (13) and teammates get in on a tackle of Weston-McEwen ball carrier Dylan Cain (22) in Friday's game.

Young Tiger squad excited to pounce on season

Team is building for success

By Angel Carpenter
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Five Tiger freshmen have joined the ranks of Monument/Dayville's volleyball team, and head coach Tiffnie Schmadeka's outlook is positive as the season begins.

"It's a good rebuilding year for us," she said. "We

have a young team, but they're excited, and they're super coachable and ready to learn."

Rounding out the roster are two sophomores, two juniors and three seniors.

The team lost three players to graduation, and gained three more seniors this year, including Kendall Hettinga, who has eight years of volleyball experience; Ravyn

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Prairie City celebrates as they close in on the third-place win over Jordan Valley. From left: Rilee Emmel (3), Sarah Ennis (10), MaKenzie Jones (22, back), Cassie Hire (23), Brianna Zwegardt (13) and Sierra Dahlen (11).

PC jumps to third at home tourney

Next, Panthers face Grant Union JV, Pine Eagle

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The Prairie City Panther volleyball team went on the attack at their invitational tournament Saturday, winning third place over Jordan Valley.

Senior Sarah Ennis said she was excited about their third-place finish.

"I think it's a good thing for our team," she said. "It gave us more confidence in ourselves."

Panther coach Lance Zwegardt was also pleased.

"We let one slip away and missed the championship game, but this is the highest

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Tenacity key for Grant Union's cross country team

Full varsity teams will run this season

By Angel Carpenter
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Grant Union cross country has an uphill climb this season, but at least they have full girls and boys varsity teams to complete the task.

This is the first time since the Prospector pro-

gram fired back up four years ago that they've had full teams.

"It makes it easier to motivate them," said head coach Sonna Smith. "It gives them a different perspective. They're not just running for themselves."

The boys team has six runners, and the girls team has seven.

They'll be up against a pool of 18 teams in the

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Monument/Dayville volleyball

Sept. 13: JV/V @ Grant Union in John Day, 5 p.m. beginning with JV
 Sept. 16: V @ North Powder Tourney in North Powder, TBA
 Sept. 23: JV/V @ Burnt River in TBA, 1 p.m.
 Sept. 24: V @ Crane Tournament in Crane, TBA
 Sept. 30: JV/V @ Adrian in Adrian, 3 p.m. beginning with JV
 Oct. 7: JV/V @ South

Wasco in Maupin, 5 p.m. beginning with JV
 Oct. 8: JV/V vs. Jordan Valley in Dayville, 1 p.m. beginning with JV
 Oct. 11: JV/V vs. Grant Union in Monument, 5 p.m. beginning with JV
 Oct. 14: V @ Harper/Huntington in TBA, TBA
 Oct. 15: JV/V vs. Crane in Monument, TBA
 Oct. 22: District Tournament in John Day, TBA

Grant Union cross country

Sept. 9: 40th Annual Catherine Creek Scamper near Union, TBA
 Sept. 17: Hilton Family Fun Run in John Day, 7:30 a.m.
 Sept. 24: Madras Invite @ Kah-Nee-Ta Resort in Warm Springs, 10:50 a.m. (varsity)
 Sept. 30: Gutbuster @ Milton-Freewater, 12 p.m.
 Oct. 7: Run the River — Grant Union in Mt. Ver-

non, TBA
 Oct. 15: Burns-Idlewild Meet near Burns, 10 a.m.
 Oct. 21: Mikaela Reser Memorial Invitational in Condon, TBA
 Oct. 28: 3A/2A/1A District 5 Championships in Pendleton, TBA
 Nov. 5: OSAA 3A/2A/1A State Championships at Lane Community College in Eugene, TBA