



BLOWOUT

Prairie City/Burnt River gridders earn 56-6 win in Unity

By Angel Carpenter
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The Prairie City/Burnt River Panther/Bulls made a powerful showing in their first league game of the season on Friday, Sept. 23, with a 56-6 win over the Monument/Dayville Tigers at the Burnt River field in Unity.

With just nine players in the eight-man football game, the Tigers faced an uphill battle against the Panther/Bulls' team of 19.

The Panther/Bulls led in the first quarter with a score of 8-6 and pushed forward, 20-6, going into the half.

The home team scored and earned the two-point conversion

at the start of the third, then Tyler Belveal put the ball back into the Panther/Bulls' hands with an interception.

Prairie City/Burnt River made good on the play, scoring a touchdown on fourth down.

The score at the end of the third had the Panther/Bulls ahead 42-6.

Panther/Bulls quarterback

Wyatt Williams scored on an interception early in the fourth.

Tanner Walczyk and Hunter Hopkins were in as quarterback for the Tigers, connecting on several well-executed plays with Gabe Walker.

Walczyk tossed to Walker in the first quarter for a touchdown.

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Prairie City/Burnt River's Matt Siddoway (68) pushes forward as Jess Hoodenpyl (22) and Frank Douglass (1) make the stop in Saturday's league game in Unity.



Confident GU Lady Pros set league nets afire

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The Grant Union Prospectors may "light the nets afire," so to speak, for what could be a barn-burner of a game at the John Day court as they host Imbler at 4 p.m. Thursday.

Games will start with junior varsity I and II, followed by varsity.

Grant Union is 16-3 on the season and ranks third for OSAA 2A teams. Imbler, 19-1, ranks No. 1. Both teams are in the Wapiti League.

Culver, in the Columbia Basin Conference, is ranked No. 2.

Grant Union met up with Imbler early in the season at the Heppner Tournament, with Grant Union taking a 2-1 loss in close sets (25-23, 18-25, 12-15).

Prospector head coach Shae Speth said, while Imbler is strong all around with tough hitters, her team will be competitive.

"We will need to play at a high level to beat them, and I feel strongly they will need to do the same in order to beat us," she said. "We look forward to a great match."

Grant Union will also face Union on the road on Friday at 4 p.m.

League games started up last week for the Prospectors, with Grant Union sweeping Enterprise and Elgin on the road Saturday.

Grant Union beat Enterprise, 3-0, with scores of 25-21, 25-16 and 25-10.

In Elgin, Grant Union claimed a 3-0 victory with scores of 25-10, 25-20 and 25-7.

"Throughout the day, we worked on our defensive positioning and showed a great deal of improvement as the day

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Grant Union falls to Burns in battle

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The Grant Union Prospector football team came out of the gates ready to battle Friday, Sept. 23, but were handed a 38-12 loss by the Burns Hilanders.

On their first possession of the ball, Grant Union shot across the field, gaining momentum with quarterback Wade Reimers connecting with Kellen Shelley three times.

The third pass was a charm — a 25-yard toss gave the Prospectors their first six points of the game.

Burns added points to the board, including a two-

point conversion, and the first ended 6-8, with Grant Union trailing.

The Hilanders added two more touchdowns with two-point conversions in the second and led 24-6 at the half.

Grant Union started to step it up in the third, when Reimers intercepted a Burns pass and a few plays later ran a keeper to score.

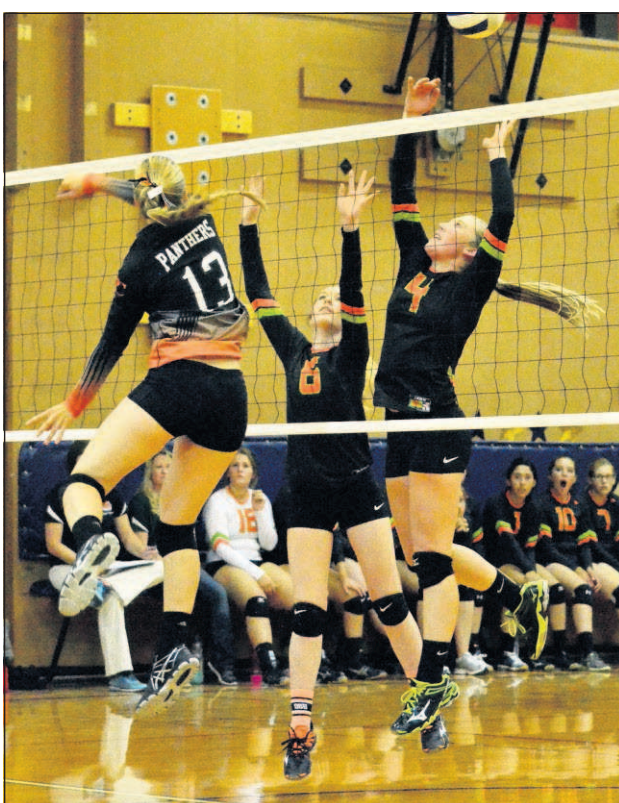
Prospector Duane Stokes' helmet flew off as he was tackled, attempting the run for a two-point conversion. Stokes and Reimers both came out with injuries in the quarter.

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Grant Union Prospector Roen Langum moves past Burns opponents in Friday's game.



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Prairie City Panther Brianna Zwegardt (13) sends the ball over the reach of Monument/Dayville players Brooklyn Near (6) and Kyla Emerson (4) at the Friday, Sept. 23, game in Unity.

Panthers sweep Tigers in first league match

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All systems were a go for the Prairie City Panthers Friday, Sept. 23, as they took a 3-0 win over the Monument/Dayville Tigers at the Burnt River court in Unity.

The Panthers took control of the court with scores of 25-12, 25-18 and 25-13.

The tables turned for the Tigers in their next game against the Burnt River Bulls, when Monument/Dayville

took the sweep. They won with scores of 25-3, 25-8 and 25-22.

Prairie City co-coach Lance Zwegardt, who coaches alongside Louanne Zwegardt, said their team has been working hard in preparation for the game.

"We had a team goal of positive communication and aggressive play to the ball with trust," he said. "It's beginning to pay off."

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Monument/Dayville Tiger Kendall Hettinga (2) and teammates express excitement after a good rally during the game against Prairie City in Burnt River.

GRANT COUNTY SPORTS ROUNDUP

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Lady Tigers turn the tables in Burnt River battle with 3-0 victory

The Monument/Dayville Tigers turned their game around after being handed a 0-3 loss by the Prairie City Panthers on Friday at the Unity volleyball court.

The Tigers claimed a 3-0 victory over Burnt River, 25-3, 25-8 and 25-22.

Schmadeka said they added younger net players to their rotations against Burnt River.

"They gained some good experience and were able to win in three," she said. "Our experienced players did a good job leading the team during this game."

On Saturday, the Tigers were on the road again to the Crane Tournament, where they beat Prairie City in pool play and lost a 2-1 match to Jordan Valley in bracket play.

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