



Stepping up: Grant Union advances in playoffs

Pros play in Heppner Saturday at 1 p.m.

By Angel Carpenter
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The Grant Union Prospector football team had two key players down with injuries in Saturday's first-round state playoff game, but the team overcame the adversity with a 30-12 victory over the Reedsport Braves.

Grant Union will face the Heppner Mustangs in the quarterfinal round at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12,

in Heppner at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

Grant Union head coach Jason Miller said the team worked through the challenges well.

"We had a couple injured players, and the guys had to step up and fill positions they're not used to," he said. "We don't have a lot of subs, and it took awhile to get them in the right spot and do the right thing, but eventually we got them there and they came through."

The Prospectors, hosting the Braves at Three Flags Field, had a commanding 16-0 lead in the first quarter before the injuries.

Prospector quarterback Wade Reimers scored on a 44-yard touchdown run in the first minute and a half of play, and running back Cameron Hallgarth scored the two-point conversion.

The ball back in the Braves' hands, Grant Union's Cauy Weaver sacked the Reedsport quarterback on third down.

On Grant Union's next possession, Hallgarth scored a 30-yard touchdown run with Reimers keeping the ball for the two-point conversion.

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Grant Union Prospector quarterback Zack Deiter finds an opening with blocking help from Russell Hodge (1) and Elijah Humbird (69).



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Grant Union Prospector Mariah Moulton goes up for a kill in Friday's quarterfinal game against St. Paul. More photos available online at BlueMountainEagle.com/sports

Lady Prospectors cap season with third at state tourney

Coach: All eight players executed well

By Angel Carpenter
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The Grant Union Prospectors soared to new heights this season.

On Friday, the No. 2-seed Prospectors brought home a third-place trophy after beating the No. 1-seed Culver Bulldogs at the Nov. 4-5 OSAA/Les Schwab/U.S. Bank 2A Volleyball State Championships at Ridgeview High School in Redmond.

The Weston-McEwen TigerScots won the state title, 3-0, over the Imbler Panthers.

Third place out of 41 teams in the state is an extraordinary feat, and although the Prospectors had their sights set on winning it all, head coach Shae Speth said she deems it a successful season.

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Shae Speth

Prospectors head volleyball coach and Wapiti League's Coach of the Year

"We were league and district champions" and "had the best record in 2A at 28-4," she said, adding the team beat Weston-McEwen earlier in the season.

Speth was named Wapiti League Coach of the Year. She had help from assistant coaches Shanna Northway, Rhonda McCumber and Steve Speth.

In Friday's quarterfinal round, Grant Union defeated the St. Paul Buckaroos with scores of 24-26, 25-17, 25-17 and 25-12.

Speth, describing St. Paul as a tough team, said her athletes played tight at the beginning, and once they loosened up "we started to play our game."

"I'm proud of our team, that we

pulled it out at the end," said Prospector senior Heather Mosley.

Getting to the championship game hinged on defeating a team Grant Union had met up with four times.

The Prospectors had one loss to Imbler early on at a nonleague tournament, then beat them on the road and at home 3-2 both times in league games.

At the Wapiti District Tournament, the Prospectors swept Imbler for the championship title in a hard-fought match.

Saturday evening's semifinal round was the fifth battle between the teams.

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The Grant Union Prospector volleyball team celebrates a successful rally at Friday's state championship semifinals against Imbler in Redmond.

Area high school spikers honored



Mariah Moulton



Heather Mosley



Hailie Wright

Grant Union All-State Tourney players honored

Three Grant Union volleyball players were named to All-State Tournament teams.

Mariah Moulton, junior, outside hitter, first team
Heather Mosley, senior, middle blocker, second team
Hailie Wright, sophomore, setter, second team



Brianna Zweggardt



Cassie Hire



Sarah Ennis

Prairie City All-League volleyball

Three Prairie City volleyball players were named to All-Tournament and All-League teams.

Cassie Hire, junior, middle blocker, second team

All-Tournament

Brianna Zweggardt, junior, setter, first team

All-League

Brianna Zweggardt, first team
Cassie Hire, second team
Sarah Ennis, outside hitter, honorable mention

Monument/Dayville volleyball honors

All-District Tournament and All-League honorees were announced for Monument/Dayville volleyball players.

All-District Tournament

Kendall Hettinga, senior, outside hitter, second team

All-League

Kendall Hettinga, second team
Faythe Schafer, front row hitter, setter, honorable mention



Kendall Hettinga



Faythe Schafer

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Grant County Youth Wrestling club members gather for a photo at Monday's practice this week, some holding medals earned at Saturday's Baker Tournament.

GC youth wrestlers show winning ways

By Angel Carpenter
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Members of the Grant County Youth Wrestling Club are back in the swing of things after starting practice in mid-October.

There were 15 of the grapplers, who range in age from 5 to 12 years

old, competing at the Baker City Tournament, several coming home with medals.

There are 28 youth wrestlers in the local club, which practices at Grant Union Junior-Senior High School.

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