

## Steer wrestler Trevor Knowles finishes 12th in world standings

Blue Mountain Eagle

Mt. Vernon steer wrestler Trevor Knowles was on the world stage at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas Dec. 1-10.

He entered the NFR in 15th place and finished 12th in the world standings.

Out of 10 rounds at the Thomas & Mack Cen-

ter, Knowles placed in the money in the fifth round in fifth place with a time of 4.0, earning \$6,769.23. In the eighth round, he placed fourth with a time of 4.6, earning \$11,000. In Round 10, he tied with four other steer wrestlers with a time of 4.2, earning \$9,413.46.

He earned \$101,336 for the year.

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

**Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 15-17**

Monument/Dayville, Prairie City basketball @ Union Christmas Classic in Union, TBD

**Friday, Dec. 16**

Grant Union basketball vs. Irrigon, girls at 6 p.m., boys at 7:30 p.m.

Grant Union wrestling @ Elgin Tournament, 1 p.m.

**Saturday, Dec. 17**

Grant Union wrestling @ Elgin Tournament, 10 a.m.

Grant Union basketball vs. Heppner, girls at 4 p.m., boys at 5:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Dec. 21**

Prairie City basketball @ Powder Valley in North Powder, girls at 4:30 p.m., boys at 6 p.m.

**Wednesday-Friday, Dec. 21-23**

Grant Union basketball @ Nyssa Tournament, Day 1, girls vs. Ontario at 1 p.m. (MST), boys vs. Baker at 10:15 a.m. (MST)

## GU wrestling schedule

**Dec. 16-17:** @ Elgin Tournament, 1 p.m./10 a.m.

**Jan. 6-7:** @ Riverside Duals/Tournament, TBD

**Jan. 11:** @ Baker Duals, TBD

**Jan. 13-14:** @ Oregon Classic in Redmond, TBD

**Jan. 20:** Grant Union Tournament, 12 p.m.

**Jan. 24:** @ Burns Duals with Crane in Crane, 5 p.m.

**Feb. 4:** @ Bank of Eastern Oregon tourney in Heppner, 10 a.m.

**Feb. 11:** @ Pine Eagle Tournament in Halfway, 10 a.m.

**Feb. 13:** District Wrestling Meet at Grant Union, 8 a.m.

**Feb. 24-25:** @ State Wrestling Meet in Portland, TBA

## WRESTLING

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The team also aims to bring home a district championship win this year after placing second last year.

"I think we can have a number of individual champions there as well," he said. "We'd like to see five to seven guys qualify for state. If we can do those things, we'll see a growth over time."

Other team members Lusco has his eye on are junior Dillon Maley, a two-time qualifier for state.

"He's looking to make a really big improvement there," Lusco said.

Also, juniors Jesse Paulsen, Elijah Humbird, Jay Goldblatt and sophomore Braden Spencer have experience.

"They are in a position where they're bringing back some experience," the coach said.

Heavyweights freshman Drew Lusco and junior Toby Boatwright are also showing promise. Drew Lusco was the heavyweight state champion for middle schoolers last year.

Juniors Eli Carniglia and Hadley Boethin and sophomore Conner White also have potential to win matches, Lusco said, adding, others will fill in the gaps.

A few team members commented on what they're looking forward to

this season.

Johnson said he's encouraged by all the new wrestlers joining the program.

"The way the coaches are running the program is working," he said. "I'm really excited for this year. I'm looking for a state title, and I'm looking for some tough competition this year."

"We have a lot of the weight classes stacked up," Maley said. "Everyone is looking good and working hard."

Humbird said the team will be competitive this season.

"I think we can go to the district meet and win that," he said. "I think we'll take six or seven kids from this team to state."

"I'm looking forward to going to state this year," Spencer said. "The team is looking great, better than last year. We have more people."

Grant Union, a 2A team, will face nine opponents in the 2A/1A Special District 4.

"There are some tough teams there," Lusco said.

He expects 1A Crane and 2A Enterprise to be as tough as ever.

"There is always a team or two that surprise you," he said. "We've got a lot of work to do to get there. We drill hard at a few things, and our goal by districts is to be conditioned and to win with good basic wrestling."

## ROUNDUP

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Prairie City was set to compete in the Condon Christmas Tournament on Friday and Saturday.

They were halfway to Condon when they were told the opposing team, Lone, would not make it due to icy road conditions. There game against Condon/Wheeler at the tournament was also canceled.

Prairie City travels for the Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 15-17, Union Christmas Classic this week.

"It's going to be a highly competitive game," Gill said. "I think we've got a good chance at being very competitive for the tournament."

## Lady Panthers leap to 40-20 win over Grant Union JV

The 1A Prairie City Lady Panthers varsity team had their first win of the season, a 20-point win over the 2A Grant Union junior varsity team.

Prairie City head coach Bo Workman said they earned the 40-20 win, playing a lot calmer.

"We led most the way," he said. "We took care of the ball with a little more confidence, and their shooting percentage was better. We saw some improvements."

Prairie City's games at the Condon Christmas Tournament were canceled.

The Lady Panthers travel for the Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 15-17, Union Christmas Classic this week.

## Monument/Dayville boys lose to Joseph, beat Wallowa

The Tiger boys traveled to the Dec. 9-10 Wallowa Lions Tournament where they had ups and downs.

The lost to Joseph 58-31 and beat Wallowa 42-34.

"They made great improvements," said head coach Jeff Schafer. "We're a young team with only two returning start."

The team travels to the Union Christmas Classic this week, starting against Council, Idaho — a team that finished second in state last season.

"It'll be a challenge," Schafer said. "We'll go out and do our best and just keep growing in the experience and keep learning the teamwork and team atmosphere that is new to some of the kids. I enjoy working with them."

The tiger teams were scheduled to host South Wasco in Monument on Tuesday, past press time.

## Tiger girls pull out win over Wallowa, lose to Joseph

Monument/Dayville Lady Tiger head coach Taylor Schmadeka led his team to a 33-31 victory over Wallowa at the Wallowa Lions Tournament last week. The win was followed by a tough 46-27 loss to Joseph.

The girls were scheduled to host South Wasco on Tuesday, past press time, and will travel to the Union Christmas Classic tournament later this week.

## Grant Union wrestlers compete at Calhoun Classic

Grant Union's wrestling team faced tough competition at the annual Calhoun Classic in Nyssa.

"There were 22 teams at the meet with lots of great wrestling and very tough competition," said Grant Union head coach Andy Lusco.

In varsity competition, Clay Johnson finished 2-2, wrestling at 138 pounds.

On the junior varsity side, freshman Drew Lusco finished in second place at 285. Elijah Humbird finished in second place at 220 and Russel Hodge finished fourth in the 179 weight class.

Eli Sheedy went 2-2 in the 106 bracket.

"Braden Spencer, Jay Goldblatt and Hadley Boethin went 0-2 against super tough competition but showed some toughness and fought hard," Lusco said.

Others wrestling hard were Toby Boatwright, Eli Carniglia, Nate Hodge and Damion Young, Lusco said.

"This is one of the toughest tournaments we go to all year," the coach said. "I was very proud of our efforts on the mat."

The team travels to the Elgin Tournament scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. Saturday.

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**KENDALL HETTINGA**

School: Dayville  
Grade: 12  
Parent: Matt & Sarah Hettinga  
Sport: Basketball  
Position: Guard

What I like best about my sport: "I like the intensity of the game, and the teamwork required."

Coach's Comment: "In practice Kendall always goes 100 percent in any drill that we do, and in the game she goes hard on every possession. She has also emerged as a team leader."  
- Coach Taylor Schmadeka

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## 5K

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Wyllie chose to support the Tree of Joy program with the proceeds from the event. Designed to provide Christmas gifts for Grant County children in need, the program generally focuses on younger children.

Wyllie said the staff at the local OSU Extension Office suggested she could help donate to teens with the proceeds.

"I was able to buy gifts for seven children, including six teenagers and one younger child," Wyllie said. "With extra money, I bought snow boots for 10 other children."

She hopes the race will become an annual event.

Volunteering at the event were her friend Annie Wall, who helped with registration, and her dad, Lindsey Wyllie, who was the announcer.

A John Day ambulance crew was on standby during the 5K.

Businesses and individuals donated prizes, including Under Armour sweatshirts from Ace Hardware, for the top prizes. Other prizes included nice water bottles and gift certificates to The Corner Cup.

"I want to thank everyone who sponsored and helped or participated with my 5K," Wyllie said. "Patty Ross loved the cause, and she donated 20 gift bags for early registration."

The first finisher for the children's division was Grant Hall. Haley Olson was first for women, and Aaron Ross was first for men.

Shanniyah Hall earned the Ugliest Sweater Trophy, along with \$25 in Grant County greenbacks from the Chamber of Commerce, which allow people to buy items from participating businesses in the county.

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