

SPORTS  
SCHEDULEWednesday,  
Jan. 11Grant Union wrestling  
@ Baker Duals, 5:30  
p.m.

Friday, Jan. 13

Grant Union wrestling  
@ Oregon Classic in  
Redmond, 8 a.m.Monument/Dayville  
basketball vs. Harper  
in Dayville, varsity girls  
at 4 p.m., followed by  
boys at 5:30 p.m.Grant Union basketball  
@ Elgin, varsity girls  
at 6 p.m., followed by  
boys at 7:30 p.m. (JV  
games begin at 3 p.m.)Prairie City basketball  
vs. Huntington, varsity  
boys @ 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 14

Grant Union wrestling  
@ Oregon Classic in  
Redmond, TBAGrant Union basketball  
vs. Union, varsity girls  
at 4 p.m., followed by  
boys at 5:30 p.m. (JV  
games begin at 1 p.m.)Monument/Dayville bas-  
ketball @ Huntington,  
varsity boys at 5:30 p.m.Prairie City basketball  
vs. Crane, varsity girls  
at 2 p.m., followed by  
boys at 3:30 p.m. (JV  
half games begin at 12  
p.m.)

Tuesday, Jan. 17

Long Creek/Ukiah JV  
basketball vs. Mon-  
ument/Dayville JV in  
Long Creek, girls at 6  
p.m., boys at 7:30 p.m.

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## Grant County Life

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WEDNESDAY  
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## Knights storm Grant Union court

By Angel Carpenter  
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The Grant Union teams hosted the Irrigon Knights Friday, the Prospector varsity teams taking losses.

The Lady Prospectors, missing a key player to injury, were defeated 49-35, and the Prospector boys fell 57-46 to the Knights.

The nonleague competition was to make up for games missed Dec. 16 when inclement weather prevented the teams from meeting.

Grant Union's games set for Saturday in Lakeview were canceled due to weather and road conditions, and a winter storm forecast.

## Lady Pros fall to Knights after slow start

The Grant Union girls never made up the ground after a slow start in the matchup.

Grant Union starter Heather Mosley was out with an injury she received previous to the game, and it is unclear when she will return.

Coach Mark Mosley said sophomores Trinity Hutchison and Madi McKrola stepped up into big roles.

Hailie Wright and Kaylee Wright were the high-point scorers for the team with 11 points each; Kaylee sank three three-point shots.

Coach Mosley said the team started flat, and while they played better in the second half, the Knights were too much to overcome.

"We were down considerably at halftime," he said.

Irrigon had a 31-13 lead going into the second half.

"We made some adjustments defensively and that helped, but it just wasn't enough," coach Mosley said.

"It was a good learning experience for the younger girls," he added. "We need to learn from it and move on. It's just one game — we'll still strive to reach our goals."

Grant Union's Tuesday games against the Hilanders in Burns were canceled due to the weather.

Weather permitting, Grant Union



Grant Union Prospector Duane Stokes (13) pushes past an Irrigon opponent in Friday's game.

The Eagle/Angel Carpenter  
Grant Union Prospectors Trinity Hutchison and Madi McKrola (12) work to take the ball back in Friday's home game against Irrigon.

will travel to Elgin for a 6 p.m. game on Friday, and host Union at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14.

"Elgin is down in their numbers, but you're playing at their house, so you can't ever let up," said coach Mosley. "Union is kind of a dangerous team. They have some girls who can shoot the ball, but as long as we play our game, I think we'll be all right."

Grant Union girls stats:  
Hailie Wright: 11 points  
Kaylee Wright: 11 points (three 3-pointers)  
Jozie Rude: 7 points  
Mariah Moulton: 4 points (one 3-pointer)

## Pros lose to Knights in fourth-quarter battle

The Grant Union boys came out strong in the first half, and had a 38-34 lead in the third quarter, but Irrigon stepped up their offense and defense in the fourth to overtake the Prospectors.

"We started off great," Wright said. "The boys had a lot of energy, and we had a lot of intensity."

He said the team knew going into the game Irrigon would play aggressively on defense.

"We were ready for that," he said. "We did a great, phenomenal job. We played three and a half great quarters."

Irrigon had an edge with their depth, allowing for subs, which helped the Knights get the win.

Prospector Duane Stokes led in scoring for the team with 14 points, followed by Zack Deiter with nine.

"Everyone on the court who played scored good numbers," Wright said.

Wright said the team used the time that would have been spent traveling to Lakeview to prepare for their upcoming games.

Of the two teams they'll face next weekend, Elgin and Union, Wright said he believes Union will be more competitive.

"We watched them in a tournament earlier this year, and they were very good," he said. "They have four or five kids that can play the game well, so we'll prepare for them."

He noted Elgin and Union are similar teams, but Union has a better offense.

Grant Union will travel to face Elgin at 7:30 p.m. Friday. They'll host Union at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14.

Grant Union boys stats:  
Duane Stokes: 14 points  
Zack Deiter: 9  
Cole Deiter: 7  
Ty McDaniel: 7  
Kellen Shelley: 7  
Cauy Weaver: 2

## GRANT COUNTY SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Angel Carpenter  
Blue Mountain Eagle

## GU wrestlers win third at Jo-Hi Invite

Prospector wrestlers were up to the challenge last weekend as the team took third place out of 17 teams at the Jo-Hi Invitational in Joseph.

"We had an excellent finish as a team at a tough tournament," said head coach Andy Lusco. "Grant Union had individual placers."

Culver won the tournament with a score of 251.5, followed by Clearwater Valley with 147.0.

Grant Union earned a score of 118.0. Crane had 103.0, and Enterprise had 93.0.

Lusco said his athletes performed well against competition they'll face later in the season.

"This tournament had all the teams from the district, and it gives us a look at where we might stack up," he said. "Our team is working hard to win a district championship, and we believe we have an excellent shot at achieving this, if we continue to work hard and improve."

Grant Union's next meet is the Oregon Wrestling Classic in Redmond, a dual meet tournament where they will go up against the top 16 2A teams in the state.

"We are looking forward to the challenge," Lusco said.

Grant Union will host their home invitational at 12 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, in John Day.

Jo-Hi Invitational results for Grant Union:

Eli Sheedy (106), fifth place, scored 7 team points  
Jesse Paulson (113), fourth place, 14  
Connor White (120), went 2-2, 6  
Braden Spencer (126), sixth place, 11  
Clay Johnson (138), second place, 23  
Jay Goldblatt (145), sixth place, 7  
Eli Carniglia (160), 3 team points  
Russell Hodge (170), fifth place, 11  
Dillon Maley (220), fourth, 16  
Elijah Humbird (220), fifth  
Toby Boatwright (285), third  
Drew Lusco (285), second place, 20

"These four (below) wrestled hard but finished outside the placing rounds or were nonscoring wrestlers; there is only one scoring wrestler per weight class," Lusco said.

Nathaniel Hodge (126)  
Hadley Boethin (182)  
Damion Young went 1-2 (126)  
Airron Glimpse (120)

Team scores:  
1. Culver, 251.5  
2. Clearwater Valley, 147  
3. Grant Union, 118  
4. Crane, 103  
5. Enterprise, 93

## Tigers boys hold out for 37-33 win over Crane

The Monument/Dayville boys were on the road last week for their first league games of the season, taking a 63-34 loss to Jordan Valley on Friday and following up with a 37-33 win over Crane.

"Jordan Valley was a really tough team," said Tiger head coach Jeff Schafer. "We didn't necessarily play our best, but some of that is due to them just being a great team."

The Tigers turned the tables the following day, winning in Crane.

"Crane was a much better game for the boys," Schafer said. "Everyone scored, and there was much better teamwork."

Monument/Dayville was up by 12 at halftime. Then the Mustangs started firing back up, but the Tigers held on for the four-point win.

"It was an exciting game — more exciting than it should have been," coach Schafer said. "I was proud of the boys to get their first league win."

In Crane, Hayden Schafer was the high-point scorer with 19, followed by Cauy Pooler with eight points.

The Tigers were scheduled to face Burnt River in Unity on Tuesday, past press time, and they will host Harper in Dayville on Friday at 5:30 p.m., after the girls varsity game at 4 p.m.

The Monument/Dayville boys travel to Huntington on Saturday for a 5:30 p.m. game.

Looking forward to this week's game, coach Schafer said they will

be good team-building opportunities and a chance to see what areas need improvement.

As far as the teams they'll meet up with, he said, "No matter what, in basketball, anyone can have a good day and beat you. You just always have to come prepared."

## Lady Tigers fall to high-ranking teams

The Monument/Dayville Lady Tigers faced challenges last week, falling to Jordan Valley 63-29 and Crane 61-29.

"Both teams were very tough and will be contenders for state play-offs," said Tiger head coach Taylor Schmadeka.

The Lady Tigers (5-6) struggled to overcome a low scoring first half against Jordan Valley (8-1).

"We struggled to run our offense and some shots didn't fall for us when we did," Schmadeka said.

The game against Crane (5-3) was another uphill battle.

"Overall, our defense was pretty good for the two days, but our offense needs to improve, and that is what we are going to be focusing on for this week's games," he said. "On a positive note, the girls played hard the whole time on both games and never gave up, which is a win in itself."

Scoring high points for the team against Jordan Valley was Ravyn Walker with 10 points and Danielle Rhoda with nine. In the game against Crane, Kendall Hettinga was the high-point scorer with 10 points, followed by Kyla Emerson with six.

The Monument/Dayville girls faced Burnt River on the road Tuesday, past press time, and they host Harper in Dayville at 4 p.m. Friday.

## Lady Panthers make strides in losses

The Prairie City Lady Panthers chalked up a couple losses last week, losing a 53-37 battle with Adrian and a 46-32 game to Jordan Valley.

Although they suffered defeat,

these are teams the Panthers have faced in the past, and this time around Prairie City played better offensively and defensively.

In the game with Adrian, the Panthers scored about twice as many points as their last meeting.

"We played good defense on Adrian, playing a lot more aggressive and getting more scoring out of some other girls," said Panther coach Bo Workman. "Everyone is crashing the boards well, and we're getting more rebounds out of more players."

Jordan Valley was another tough team, but the Panthers again showed improvement in their offense, he said.

"I was proud of how they played this weekend," Workman said. "After playing Adrian tough, then staying overnight in the gym, they didn't show any tiredness."

The Panthers' game against Harper was canceled Tuesday, and they host Crane on Saturday at 2 p.m. after the junior varsity half games.

Prairie City stats vs. Adrian:  
Brianna Zweggardt: 21 points, 11 rebounds

Cassie Hire: 12 points  
Sarah Ennis: 2  
Emily Ennis: 2  
Prairie City stats vs. Jordan Valley:  
Brianna Zweggardt, 11  
Lindsey Wall, 7  
Cassie Hire, 7  
Sarah Ennis, 4  
Hailey Wall, 2  
Rylee Emmel, 1

## Panther boys take losses in road battles

The Prairie City Panther boys fell to Adrian 73-53 and Jordan Valley 71-57, on the road for their first league games of the season.

Competition was fierce against Adrian. The highlight for the Panthers was in the third quarter when Prairie City closed the gap 49-43.

"We had our strongest quarter of the year, as we went on a 16-0 run to start the fourth quarter," said head coach Jonathan Gill. "It was really

dynamic to see the team come together and play for each other — that was good."

Panther high-point scorer for the game was Levi Burke with 24, followed by Dorrin Wilson with 22 and Brogan McKrola with 12.

Panther Wyatt Williams had a breakout game against Jordan Valley, scoring 15 with five three-point shots.

Wilson scored the team-high 27 with 25 in the second half.

Gill said he was impressed by the leadership shown by Williams and Wilson.

"We took a loss, but there was a point in the game where we were down 26 points, but they fought their way back and never gave up," Gill said.

The coach said the team is looking forward to playing at home after playing on the road for the last six games.

"To be home will be really nice," he said. "We're hoping to get the fans back out."

The Panther boys host Huntington at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Crane at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, after junior varsity half games and the varsity girls game.

## Youth wrestlers take on state qualifier

Grant County Wrestling Club youth had a strong performance at the Jan. 7 Eastern Oregon Classic Qualifier in La Grande.

At the qualifier, Mason Benge earned first place for his weight class.

Tristan Clarry had a fourth-place finish, and Owen Parsons and Jerett Washell earned fifth in their weight classes.

Taylor Parsons and Zeke Rookstool also competed.

On Dec. 31, the group of post-season wrestlers competed at the Cowboy Challenge in Prineville.

Mason Benge earned first place for his weight class, and Owen Parsons finished second.

Taylor Parsons earned a fifth-place finish.