

Grant Union boys fall to Union at home

Prospectors win 49-32 on the road in Elgin

By Angel Carpenter
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The stakes are high in the Wapiti League, where every win is crucial for the Grant Union Prospector boys as they try to climb higher in the league standings.

Grant Union claimed a 49-32 victory on Friday over Elgin at the Huskies' court, then suffered a painful 40-29 defeat Saturday to the Union Bobcats at the Prospector court.

The Bobcats leaped ahead from the start, and Grant Union's only lead, 6-4 in the first quarter, was fleeting.

At the half, Union led 22-14.

By the fourth quarter, the heated game was in battle mode, as Grant Union worked to whittle away at Union's 12-point lead from the third quarter.

With 1:25 left in the game, and Grant Union down by 36-28, Prospector Zack Deiter went 1-2 at the foul line, bringing Grant Union within six points of their opponents.



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Grant Union Prospector Ty McDaniel (23) moves his way around Union opponents Saturday.

Union went on to hit a two-pointer and two free-throw shots to end the game.

"Tonight's game was a really tough loss," said Grant Union head coach Kelsy Wright Saturday night. "Our boys played absolutely great. We ran offenses great. Our defenses were great. We threw

three or four different defenses. We did a great job with that."

On their win in Elgin, Wright said his team played well after a rough start.

"Having bus legs and sitting in a gym for five hours was kind of tough," he said, "but we did pretty well going into the second quarter. Then we just hit



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Grant Union Prospector Duane Stokes (13) works to get the ball back in the game against Union.

GRANT UNION VS. UNION
Duane Stokes: 15 points (5-6 free-throw)
Zack Deiter: 6
Cauy Weaver: 4
Cole Deiter: 2
Ty McDaniel: 2

GRANT UNION VS. ELGIN
Weaver: 11
McDaniel: 9
Zack Deiter: 8
Cole Deiter: 8
Stokes: 8
Kellen Shelley: 4
Mason Gerry: 1

the gas and went after that."

Grant Union (1-1 league and 5-7 overall) is currently fourth in the league standings, with Elgin in fifth (0-2, 5-6), Union in third (1-1, 8-6), Enterprise in second (1-0, 8-6) and Imbler

holding the top spot (1-0, 10-1).

Grant Union faces Imbler on the road this week at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, and they face Baker on the road on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 6:30 p.m.

GRANT COUNTY SPORTS ROUNDUP

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Lady Tigers net two wins

The Monument/Dayville Lady Tigers blew out opponents twice last week.

They had a 38-9 win over Burnt River in Unity on Tuesday, Jan. 10, then beat the Harper Hornets 54-18 at the Dayville court on Friday.

"On both days, the girls did a great job at being aggressive on offense and not having turnovers this week," said Tiger head coach Taylor Schmadeka. "We hope to carry that over to the games this weekend against Jordan Valley and Adrian, which are both home games, and expect to get two home wins against two very good and high-ranked teams."

The coach said freshmen

Denali Twehues and Aubrey Bowlus played very well.

"They had strong games and have improved and worked hard in practice and will be a big help this weekend," he said.

The Monument/Dayville girls are currently fourth in league.

Big wins push Tiger boys to second in league

The Monument/Dayville Tigers logged three wins last week, and the team is currently holding the No. 2 spot in the High Desert League.

On Tuesday, Jan. 10, the Tigers, led by head coach Jeff Schafer, beat Burnt River in Unity, 79-36.

They followed up with a 52-35 win over Harper on Friday in Dayville.

On Saturday, they traveled

to Huntington, taking a 66-43 win over the Locomotives.

Jordan Valley (5-0 league, 9-2 overall) holds the top spot in league, followed by Monument/Dayville (4-1, 5-9) in second and Prairie City (3-1, 5-5) in third.

Grant Union team wrestles 4-2 at Oregon Classic

Grant Union wrestlers were up against 16 of the top 1A/2A teams along with 80 others teams competing at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds in Redmond.

"We had a great tournament," said Grant Union head coach Andy Lusco. "We had excellent competition in a dual meet bracketed tournament."

Grant Union finished 4-2 in the competition with a loss to 1A Crane and Cul-

ver, the top 2A team in the state.

"We finished fifth place out of the best dual meet teams in the state," Lusco said. "This was an excellent result for our relatively young team. Individually, every wrestler in our varsity lineup won at least one match to contribute varsity points."

To start Day One, Grant Union took a tough loss to Crane, 36-32. Grant Union then beat Monroe 48-30 and Myrtle Point 52-22.

On Day Two, Grant Union lost to Culver 75-6,

then beat Oakridge 45-19 and Neah-Kah-Nie 42-30.

Competing and winning at least one match to contribute varsity points were: Jesse Paulson (113), Braden Spencer (120), Connor White (126), Damion Young (132), Clay Johnson (138), Jay Goldblatt (145), Eli Carniglia (152), Russell Hodge (160), Hadley Boethin (182), Dillon Maley (220) and Drew Lusco (285).

Additionally, Toby Boatwright, Arron Glimpse, Eli Humbird and Nate Hodge were ready to contribute as well, Lusco said.

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