



PANTHERS POUNCE TIGERS

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Prairie City Panther Levi Burke races down the court with teammates Dorran Wilson and Brogan McKrola close by, as well as Monument/Dayville's Hayden Schafer (20).

Prairie City boys take five-point win



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Prairie City Panther Dorran Wilson (3) flies up to score with Monument/Dayville Tiger Cody Kluser (42) on defense.

Close game decided in fourth quarter

By Angel Carpenter
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The Prairie City Panther boys battled to a five-point win over the Monument/Dayville Tigers Friday night in Prairie City.

Monument/Dayville had an energetic start to the game, Tiger Tanner Walczyk shooting two three-pointers in the first quarter. The Tigers had a 14-8 lead going into the second, but the Panthers clawed their way back to tie the score, 24-24.

Prairie City head coach Jonathan Gill said he told his team at the break to "keep the course."

"We believe in the process, the preparation and our peers," he said. "That's one of the things that we pride ourselves on. ... I said, 'Guys, we don't have to do anything different. Just keep doing what you're doing, but just do it a little better and see if we can get

them in the fourth quarter."

That preparation paid off.

Prairie City took a slim 37-35 lead in the third, and outshot the visitors 21-16 in the fourth in the physical second half.

Gill said he's a fan of rivalries, and, when teams travel 48 or more miles to get together, "It's always a fun time."

"I want to commend my assistant coaching staff for getting the kids prepared," he said. "I want to give kudos to Monument/Dayville's coaching staff. I admire how they get their kids to play. It was a hard-fought game both ways."

Prairie City player Dorran Wilson said the team had a good conversation with the coaches at halftime.

"We took control of the game," he said. "They were tough. Monument/Dayville is a well-coached team."

Monument/Dayville head coach Jeff Schafer said he was pleased with the performance of his team.

"I was really proud of the way the boys

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Panther girls win rival battle at home court

Emerson hopes to return for districts

By Angel Carpenter
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The Prairie City Lady Panthers battled through for a 59-46 win Friday over the Monument/Dayville Tigers.

Prairie City hosted their cross-country rivals, fans for both teams filling the bleachers.

The game was close in the first quarter, the Panthers leading 13-12.

Ravyn Walker contributed eight points in the quarter for the Tigers, including two three-point shots.

Panther Brianna Zwegardt also had eight points in the quarter, and her teammate Cassie Hire landed a three-pointer.

As the seconds ticked down in the second quarter, Sarah Ennis landed a three-point shot. Prairie City led 26-21 going into halftime.

Dayville/Monument's Kendall Hettiga had a strong showing in the third, contributing nine of the Tigers' 18 points.

Dayville/Monument led 39-34 going into the fourth, outshooting the Panthers 18-8. Then Prairie City amped up their game in the final quarter.

Prairie City outshot the visitors 25-7 in

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Monument/Dayville Tiger Ravyn Walker jumps to score as Prairie City's Haley Pfefferkorn attempts to disrupt the shot.

Pros blaze nets in home wins

Grant Union hosts league-leading Imbler Feb. 4

By Angel Carpenter
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The Grant Union boys sent the Elgin Huskies into a deep freeze Saturday night, the Prospectors winning 61-35.

The previous night Grant Union claimed a 50-35 victory over Enterprise.

In Saturday's game, the visitors brought energy to the Grant Union court to start. After the teams were tied 4-4 in the first quarter, Prospector Ty McDaniel landed a three-pointer.

Elgin's Caleb Lathrop answered back, scoring three to tie the score again. The Huskies had a fleeting lead when Chance Weaver scored one point at the free-throw line, but that was the closest they would get.

The quarter ended with Grant Union's Zack Deiter hitting 2-2 at the free-throw line and Kellen Shelley adding a three-pointer. The Prospectors led in the first quarter 16-8.

Grant Union held Elgin to just one point in the second, while gaining a 25-point lead at the half. In the quarter, Grant Union's Cauy Weaver hit 3-4 at the free-throw line, and Duane Stokes added seven points, including a three-pointer.

Grant Union again outscored their opponents 15-7 in the third, with Deiter contributing nine points in the quarter.

Younger Prospector players saw action in the fourth, including Jacob Vaughan who landed a three-pointer and Taylor Hunt who scored 2-2 at the free-throw line.

Ten of 12 Prospectors scored, and all were in on the game.

Deiter led in scoring against Elgin with 18, followed by Stokes with 11 and Shelley with 9.

"We had a great week of practice," said Grant Union head coach Kelsy Wright. "We had a great start, a great middle and a great finish."

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Grant Union Prospector Elijah Humbird puts his opponent in a difficult spot at Friday's dual meet in John Day.

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Grant Union wrestlers win at dual meet

The Grant Union wrestling team hosted Enterprise and Union/Cove for a dual meet on Friday in John Day.

As a team, Grant Union beat Enterprise 42-21 and Union/Cove 9-6.

Grant Union head coach Andy Lusco said his team wrestled well, and they are now preparing for the Bank of Eastern Oregon Tournament set for 10 a.m. Saturday in Heppner.

The district meet is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 17, hosted by Heppner at Armand Larive Middle School in Hermiston.

"Districts will be a tough competition," Lusco said. "We have to wrestle our best and make certain all of our wrestlers are healthy, eligible and make their respective weight classes. We hope to challenge for a team championship at districts and take a solid number of wrestlers on to the state competition."

Grant Union wins vs. Enterprise
Airron Glimpse (113) won by forfeit
James Mabe (152) over Jake Coggins (fall)
Eli Carniglia (160) over Adrian Widener (fall)
Russell Hodge (170) over Jacob Falk (fall)
Elijah Humbird (195) over Drew Widener (fall)
Dillon Malsey (220) won by forfeit
Drew Lusco (285) won by forfeit
Team score: 42-21

Grant Union wins vs. Union/Cove
Eli Sheedy (106) over Lincoln Deem (fall)
Clay Johnson (145) over Jayson Blackburn (decision, 7-2)
Team score: 9-6

Tiger boys take down Mustangs in second half

The Monument/Dayville Tigers may have snapped their five-game win streak in Prairie City last Friday, but they were soon back in the business of winning.

The Tigers had a 46-21 win on Saturday over the Crane Mustangs at the Dayville court. Monument/Dayville started off slow, making it a one-point game in the first half.

"Then they kicked in their defense and bothered Crane," said Tiger head coach Jeff Schafer. "They shared the ball well, and everyone scored points. It was a good all-around team effort, and they're starting to gel."

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Lady Pros dominate at home court



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Grant Union Prospector Madi McKrola (12) creates a path for her teammate Hailie Wright (10) in Saturday's game against the Elgin Huskies.

Grant Union girls second in Wapiti League

By Angel Carpenter
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The Grant Union girls are now 4-1 in the Wapiti League after two decisive wins at home last week.

On Friday, the Lady Prospectors claimed a 52-39 win over the Enterprise Outlaws, and Saturday brought a 53-26 win over the Elgin Huskies.

Grant Union (11-4 overall) is second in

league, right behind the Imbler Panthers — a team they'll host Saturday.

Imbler also has an 11-4 overall record, and they are 5-0 in league.

Grant Union lost a two-point game to Imbler Jan. 20 at the Panther court, and Saturday will be a chance to turn that around.

The wins against the Outlaws, third in league, and the Huskies, fifth in league, move Grant Union in the right direction.

"In both games this weekend, we took care of the ball," said Grant Union

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