

**SINGERS GRACE GAME WITH ANTHEM**



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**AJ McKrola, a Prairie City seventh-grader, and his voice teacher, Jamie Cernazanu of John Day, started Friday's Prairie City versus Harper game, singing the national anthem at the Prairie City gym.**

**LADY PROS**

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"Now we know what our competition is like, and we've got to be prepared for Enterprise or Imbler," coach Mosley said. "We'll play the winner of the second- versus third-seed game."

At the start of the season, the Prospectors lost their sole senior player, starter Heather Mosley, to an injury.

Heather has been inspiring the team from the sidelines, but was unable to attend Saturday's game. The team called her from the locker room after the game with the good news.

"They have a great opportunity," Heather said. "Going in with a bye now, they can watch the teams on Friday and play Saturday, and I think they should go far."

Prospectors Jozie Rude and Kaylee Wright commented on Saturday's game.

"We could have played better defense and ran our offense," Rude said.

The win, she said, was "crazy — it was awesome."

"It was a really intense game," Wright said. "Playing either team is going to be difficult, so we just have got to be ready for it."

Kaylee Wright led in scoring for Grant Union with 13 points, followed by Mariah Moulton with nine.

Grant Union would have tied for first in the league if the Imbler Panthers had

won both their Friday and Saturday games, but Imbler lost 38-27 to Enterprise on Friday and followed up with a 57-31 win in Elgin on Saturday.

Behind Grant Union, Imbler is seeded second for the district tournament, with Enterprise third, Union fourth and Elgin fifth.

Grant Union had a win and a loss in close games to Imbler in the regular season, and beat Enterprise twice.

Imbler defeated Enterprise once earlier this season, 44-34.

In a nonleague game Feb. 8, the Grant Union girls lost a 39-37 battle to the Crane Mustangs.

Crane had a fast start and led 17-10 at the half.

Grant Union came out energized in the third with Hailie Wright contributing a two-point shot and going 4-4 at the free-throw line. McKrola, Moulton and Rude scored two each for the Prospectors.

Grant Union outshot Crane by three in the fourth quarter but, down by two in the final minute of play, couldn't overcome the deficit.

**Grant Union vs. Enterprise**  
 Kaylee Wright: 13 points  
 Mariah Moulton: 9  
 Madi McKrola: 5  
 Hailie Wright: 3  
 Trinity Hutchison: 2  
 Whitney McClellan: 1  
 Jozie Rude: 1

**Grant Union vs. Crane**  
 Hailie Wright: 15 points  
 Moulton: 9  
 Kaylee Wright: 5  
 McKrola: 4  
 Hutchison: 2  
 Rude: 2

**PROS**

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"It was a tough loss," said Prospector head coach Kelsy Wright. "It's tough to travel on a bus for four hours and wait another five hours to play."

The Prospectors had a slow first half, trailing by 15 going into the third quarter.

"In the second half, we came out with a little more energy and intensity," Wright said. "The Outlaws' biggest lead was 19, and we cut it down to three."

The Prospectors also found themselves in foul trouble.

"We had to foul to get the ball back — they hit a free throw, and we would make it up," Wright said. Then Enterprise pulled away for the win.



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**Grant Union Prospector Duane Stokes is fouled on his way to score by Crane's David Steeves.**

Wright was optimistic about the game in La Grande.

"As soon as we get there, we're going to play ball," he said, Tuesday afternoon. "We're going to have a great practice tonight. We'll make

**PANTHERS**

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Prairie City's Dorran Wilson stole the ball twice, scoring on fast breaks, adding nine points in the quarter. Levi Burke had 10 points, Wyatt Williams contributed a three-pointer and Brogan McKrola and Devin Packard added two points each.

At the half, Prairie City led by 33, holding Harper to three points in the second.

The third quarter was a similar scenario, and in the fourth, Prairie City's younger players relieved the starters.

Harper outshot Prairie City 8-3 in the final quarter, but the Panthers' foothold on the game was assured.

"I'm proud of the team and happy for the seniors," said Prairie City head coach Jona-

than Gill.

The Panther seniors were pleased with the win.

"I had a lot of fun playing with all the guys tonight, and I'm really looking forward to how we'll play at districts," said Wyatt Williams.

"I'm really proud of the boys," said Devin Packard. "We played hard, and we can go far."

"We came out very excited for this game because it was senior night," said Brogan McKrola. "We're really looking forward to next week. We think we have a good chance to place at districts."

The Panther boys followed up on Saturday with a 69-30 win over the Huntington Locomotives.

Gill said it was important to have competition before entering district play.

"The young kids really

some adjustments to our offense just a little bit and be ready for them tomorrow."

Grant Union beat Enterprise Jan. 27 by a score of 50-35.

Imbler is the first seed and Union the second seed going into Friday's tournament.

Grant Union split a series with the Union Bobcats this season, and had two losses to the Imbler Panthers, falling by two points in their most recent game.

On Feb. 7, Grant Union beat the nonleague Crane Mustangs 38-30 on the Prospectors' senior recognition night.

The teams were tied 12-12 in the first quarter.

Grant Union held Crane to two points in the second, while Duane Stokes and Ty McDaniel each hit threes and

Cole Deiter added a two-point shot to up their game, giving the Prospectors a 22-14 lead at the half.

Ahead by 14 in the third, the bench provided relief, giving the starters some rest to finish out the contest.

Wright said they had a slow start, but then "came together and got composed and started running their offense and making shots."

**Grant Union vs. Enterprise**  
 Duane Stokes: 18 points  
 Cole Deiter: 8  
 Cauty Weaver: 6  
 Kellen Shelley: 5  
 Zack Deiter: 4  
 Ty McDaniel: 2

**Grant Union vs. Crane**  
 Stokes: 18 points  
 Zack Deiter: 7  
 Cole Deiter: 4  
 McDaniel: 3  
 Billy Copenhaver: 2  
 Weaver: 2  
 Tanner Elliott: 2



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**Prairie City Panther Dorran Wilson flies up to score, over the reach of Harper player Will Butler. Panther player Brogan McKrola is in back.**

played well this game," Gill said. "They were the key to victory."

Looking ahead to the district tournament, Gill said they are happy, but not satisfied with their No. 2 position.

"We are still hungry to be first place in districts," he said. "We feel that the regular season prepares you for play-offs, and we look to seize the moment in the district tournament."

**Prairie City vs. Harper**  
 Levi Burke: 22 points  
 Dorran Wilson: 22  
 Wyatt Williams: 9  
 Lucas McKinley: 9  
 Brogan McKrola: 6  
 Devin Packard: 6  
 Danner Davis: 2  
 Syd Holman: 2

**Prairie City vs. Huntington**  
 Levi Burke: 24 points (one three-pointer)  
 Dorran Wilson: 14  
 Wyatt Williams: 9 (one three-pointer)  
 Brogan McKrola: 7 (one three-pointer)  
 Devin Packard: 6  
 Jonathan Lawrence: 3 (three-pointer)  
 Danner Davis: 3  
 Lucas McKinley: 3 (three-pointer)

**ROUNDUP**

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The Tigers, hosting Jordan Valley on Thursday, fell 52-29 in Monument.

"Jordan Valley is just a good team," Schafer said. "They are a well-coached and a disciplined team. It was a good learning process for us."

Monument/Dayville followed up with a 58-14 win over Burnt River in Dayville and a 69-27 win over the Hornets in Harper.

Schafer said the younger players were in on the Burnt River game with the team performing well.

"Hayden Schafer and Tanner Walczyk did well against Harper," coach Schafer added. "They played well, and the team complemented them well — it was a good team effort."

Hayden Schafer led the Tigers with 35 points, followed by Walczyk with 20.

Coach Schafer said the goal with the upcoming tournament is "to keep advancing."

"We're just preparing and taking it one game at a time," he said.

**Monument/Dayville girls beat Burnt River, drop two games**

The Lady Tigers had a busy schedule leading up to the 1A-8 High Desert League Tournament, where they will be fifth seed.

The Tigers lost a 50-26 battle to Jordan Valley on Thursday, beat the Burnt River Bulls 47-20 on Friday and lost a close game to Harper Saturday, 49-47.

"Jordan Valley is always a tough team with good shooters," Schmadeka said. "It was good experience to play them before districts."

The Lady Tigers hosted Burnt River for senior night in Dayville, a game which gave the younger Lady Tigers some playing time.

Harper was a tougher contest, which the Tigers played on the road.

"Harper had seven three-point shots on the night, and we were playing catch up the whole game," Schmadeka said.

"We tied the game with just a few seconds to go, but Harper

made a shot to take the lead. We missed our shot to tie the game back up, and Harper won."

The Monument/Dayville girls will face the Prairie City Panthers in Game One at 1 p.m. Thursday at the 1A-8 High Desert League Tournament.

In the regular season, the Tigers lost two games to the Panthers. The first was a 59-46 loss in Prairie City, followed by a 43-42 loss in Monument.

"We're looking forward to playing Prairie City this Thursday," Schmadeka said, adding the winner will come down to which team makes fewer mistakes. "It should be a very fun game."

**Prairie City girls prepare for tournament**

The Prairie City Lady Panthers enter the Thursday through Saturday 1A-8 High Desert League Tournament at Grant Union Junior-Senior High School as the fourth-seed team.

They'll face the fifth-seed Monument/Dayville Lady Tigers at 1 p.m. Thursday in Game One.

The Lady Panthers missed an opportunity to compete last week as the Harper Hornets forfeited Friday's game.

Panther coach Bo Workman said a few of the Harper players were unable to make it to the game, due to flooding near Juntura.

The Prairie City boys played Huntington on Saturday; however, this year, Huntington doesn't have a girls team.

The winner of Thursday's tournament game will advance to face No. 1 Adrian on Friday at 6 p.m., and the loser will play in the consolation game at 8 a.m. Friday.

**Grant Union wrestlers to compete at district meet Feb. 17-18**

After competing at the Pine Eagle Tournament on Saturday, the Grant Union wrestling team is now preparing to take on the 2A/1A Special District 4 Tournament.

The competition will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at Armand Larive Middle School in Hermiston.

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**HAYDEN SCHAFER**  
**School:** Monument  
**Grade:** 12  
**Parent:** Jeff & Shawnah Schafer  
**Sport:** Basketball  
**Position:** Point Guard  
**What I like best about my sport:** "I like that it's a team sport, and you can't win playing as individuals. I like that our team has really come together and is working well."  
**Coach's Comment:** "He's a great team leader, and he's constantly encouraging his team to get better and work harder."  
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