



Panther boys swat Hornets in blowout

Prairie City boys
are 2nd in High
Desert League

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The Prairie City Panther boys had two solid wins last week, securing the No. 2 spot in the 1A High Desert League.

The Panthers have a bye on Thursday as the High Desert League Tournament gets underway Thursday through Saturday at the Grant Union Junior-Senior High School in John Day.

On Day One, the Monument/Dayville boys will face Harper at 8:45 p.m. Thursday, and Prairie City will compete with the winner of that game at 2:45 p.m. Friday.

The top seed in the league is Jordan Valley, with Prairie City second, Monument/Dayville third, Crane fourth, Adri-

an fifth and Harper sixth.

The Panthers had a 78-24 home victory Friday over the Harper Hornets for Prairie City's senior recognition night.

Instead of a tipoff, Harper was at the free-throw line, as Prairie City received a technical foul for entering the playing area illegally.

Harper missed those shots, but had the inbound throw to start the action.

The Panthers blazed the nets from the start, outshooting the Hornets 28-11 in the first quarter.

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Prospector boys face off with Outlaws in tiebreaker playoff

Wapiti District
Tournament is
on Feb. 17-18

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The Grant Union Prospector boys competed in a tiebreaker playoff against the Enterprise Outlaws Tuesday past press time at La Grande High School.

The teams battled for the third seed in the upcoming 2A Wapiti District Tournament at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande.

Grant Union fell 50-43 to

the Outlaws in Enterprise in their final game of the regular season Saturday. The loss gave both teams a 4-4 league record, setting up Tuesday night's rematch.

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Grant Union Prospector Haillie Wright (10) scores amid pressure from Crane Mustangs Cody Perkins, left, and Claire Hammond (13).

NAIL-BITER

Lady Pros finish regular season No. 1 in Wapiti

Grant Union beats
Enterprise by 1 point

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Grant Union Prospector Madi McKrola moves the ball past Crane.

The Grant Union Lady Prospectors emerged from a Saturday showdown in Enterprise at the top of the 2A Wapiti League.

The Grant Union girls claimed a 34-33 victory over the Outlaws in what was a nail-biter to the very end.

"It was a very intense contest," said Grant Union head coach Mark Mosley.

The teams ran within several points of each other throughout the game, the Lady Pros taking a 15-10 lead at halftime.

The game came down to the fourth quarter.

"We missed several free throws that could have sealed

the game for us, but they found other ways," Mosley said. "(Prospector) Madi McKrola made a key offensive rebound at the end of the game and pulled the ball out."

Grant Union kept possession for the one-point win.

"Offensively, we did not play extremely well, but the girls found a way to grind it out," Mosley said. "I'm extremely proud of them for the way they hung in there. It was a great learning experience."

Grant Union now travels to the Wapiti District Tournament scheduled for Friday and Saturday at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande.

As the No. 1 seed, Grant Union receives a bye on Friday, and plays its first game at 6 p.m. Saturday.

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HOOPSTERS COMPETE AT ELKS HOOP SHOOT



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Nine-year-old Gracie Voigt of Prairie City competed at the Jan. 28 District Elks Hoop Shoot in Prineville. Although she won't advance to state competition, the fourth-grader did well in her first round, scoring 7-10 free-throw shots. She competed at Barnes Butte Elementary School along with four other hoopsters from Grant County, including Savannah Waterson, Ethan Merkord, Riley Robertson and Mark Thomas.

GRANT COUNTY SPORTS ROUNDUP

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Grant Union dancers shine for third-place trophy

The 2A Grant Union Gold dancers, led by coach Kattie Piazza, danced their way to third place at the Friday through Saturday South Albany Competition.

They placed third out of five in their division, with Amity placing first and Santiam placing second.

"The team improved their score from the last competition, and they won the Spirit Award," Piazza said.

She noted the Spirit Award winner is voted on by all the teams in their division, as well as other divisions.

Grant Union's Rheanna Carter placed in the top five in the advanced drill down.

The Grant Union Gold performed their state routine on Wednesday last week during halftime of the Grant Union versus Crane boys basketball game.

Tiger boys claim 2 wins in 3-game series

The Monument/Dayville Tiger boys had a busy schedule last week as they prepare for the Thursday through Saturday 1A-8 High Desert League Tournament.

"It was good for our kids to get as much court time as possible," said Tiger head coach Jeff Schafer. "They did a good job. They worked as a team and set us up well for districts."

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