

**GU GIRLS**

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Hailie Wright led Grant Union with six points, followed by Madi McKrola and Kaylee Wright with five each. Prospectors Jozie Rude and Trinity Hutchison each scored

four, and Mariah Moulton had three.

Grant Union is seeded 11th as they gear up to face Pilot Rock.

The Prospectors defeated the Rockets 37-33 early on in non-league action at the Dec. 9 Columbia River Clash in Umatilla.

Grant Union's season record is 7-2 in league and 14-6 overall.

Pilot Rock is 6-2 in the Old Oregon League, 18-4 overall. They won the Old Oregon District Tournament, beating Weston-McEwen 65-39 Saturday in the championship game.

If Grant Union wins on Saturday, they'll advance to the March 2-4 State Championships at the

Pendleton Convention Center in Pendleton.

**Grant Union All-League selections**

**First Team:** Hailie and Kaylee Wright  
**Second Team:** Mariah Moulton  
**Honorable Mention:** Madi McKrola and Trinity Hutchison  
 Mosley, in his fifth year as head coach of the team, was selected as the Wapiti League Coach of the Year.



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**Grant Union's Clay Johnson (138) wins the championship match over Cache Campbell of Crane in Saturday's finals at the 2A/1A Special District 4 Tournament in Hermiston. notforsale**

**PANTHERS**

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pressure of the moment kind of got to them."

"I told them you can't get this far in the season and lose who you are," he said. "I felt that they've worked so hard together, and so my message to them at the half was, guys, you have to do this together. You won't be able to do it with one player. It's got to be as a team."

With less than two minutes left in the third, the teams were tied 33-33, then Prairie City pulled ahead 39-34, going into the fourth.

A highlight from the final quarter was a Panther versus Tiger three-point scoring frenzy, all within two minute's time.

Prairie City's Levi Burke scored a three-pointer from the corner, and Monument/Dayville's Tanner Walczyk answered back with three for the Tigers. Burke again hit a three and Walczyk followed suit. Burke sank another one beyond the arc, bringing Prairie City to a 51-40 lead. Tiger Hayden Schafer also scored a three-point shot, but the clock ticked down for the Panthers' win.

Panther player Burke said it was a fun game to play with his teammates.

"Being down at the half was kind of scary, but we went in the locker room, cooled each other off, got composed," he said. "We got it all together in there, and we came back in the third and fourth quarter and got some good shots from the whole team. We were crashing the boards. I felt like I needed to pick it up, so I tried and it worked out."

Prairie City had a tougher challenge in store, facing the Jordan Valley Mustangs in Saturday's championship game.

This was the fourth meeting



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**Prairie City Panther Levi Burke tosses the ball up to score, working around Monument/Dayville Tiger Tanner Walczyk in Friday's district tournament.**

for the teams this season, and the Mustangs had an edge, having previously defeated the Panthers three times.

The teams tied the score several times in the first quarter, Jordan Valley pulling ahead with a

17-12 lead.

Jordan Valley led 37-28 at the half, and although the Panthers came within four points of the Mustangs in the third, Jordan Valley kept pushing ahead.

"I want to say congratulations

to the Jordan Valley coach and program," Gill said. "They won, and they won with class."

He added he was proud of his team.

"They did everything I asked them to, and they've improved all year," he said. "They fought to the very end. They fought for four quarters, so nothing to hang their head about."

Panther players Dorran Wilson and Wyatt Williams were recognized as League Scholar Athletes. The award is given to juniors and seniors earning a 3.5 cumulative GPA.

"This year, we had a goal to have no one on the (academic) warning list and no one sitting out a game," Gill said. "All 12 of the boys, they worked together, they studied with each other. Scholastics come before sports, and these guys are true student athletes."

The Prairie City boys team also earned the Sportsmanship Award at the tournament.

Speaking of the championship game and the tough games ahead, Gill said, "At this point in the season, when you get to the championship game, it's not about x's and o's, it's not about the coaches, it's about the boys and their brotherhood and their family that they've built. They can stand on that, and they'll be just fine."

**High Desert League All-Tournament selections**

**First Team:** Dorran Wilson and Levi Burke  
**Second Team:** Brogan McKrola

**Prairie City vs. Monument/Dayville**  
 Levi Burke: 25 points (four three-pointers, 2-2 free throws)  
 Brogan McKrola: 9 (two three-pointers)  
 Lucas McKinley: 6 (two three-pointers)  
 Dorran Wilson: 5 (one three-pointer)  
 Devin Packard: 4  
 Wyatt Williams: 3 (one three-pointer)  
 Syd Holman: 2

**Prairie City vs. Jordan Valley**  
 Dorran Wilson: 29 points (one three-pointer)  
 Levi Burke: 17 (three three-pointers)  
 Wyatt Williams: 5 (one three-pointer)  
 Devin Packard: 4  
 Danner Davis: 2  
 Syd Holman: 2 (2-2 free-throws)

**WRESTLING**

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"I'm proud of him to even show," Lusco said.

Johnson, a fourth-time state qualifier, did what he needed to do, the coach said.

"He pinned in the first-place match of the championship, and pinned in his first match, too," Lusco said. "We anticipated he would perform well, and he delivered."

Drew Lusco, a freshman, pinned in the semifinals and wrestled teammate Maley in the finals.

Coach Lusco said he was pleased with Boatwright's second-place finish.

"He lost in the finals to a high-ranked kid from Crane," Lusco said. "It's his first year wrestling, and he's going to state — that's great."

Looking toward this week's state competition, Lusco said he's hopeful his four wrestlers will do well.

Johnson is seeded second, and Drew Lusco is seeded fourth.

The coach said Johnson will face competitors he's never wrestled.

"At the state championships, you never know what will happen," he said. "We're hopeful that we get in the placing rounds and get those kids in the top four."

**District 4 Championship**

1. Grant Union, 228
2. Crane, 177
3. Enterprise, 117.5
4. Heppner/Ione, 97
5. Union/Cove, 95.5
6. Joseph/Wallowa, 93
7. Adrian, 87
8. Pine Eagle, 84
9. Elgin, 71.5
10. Imbler, 39

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