



## Antelope gridgers leap over Tigers in second half

Tigers face Mustangs in Crane on Friday

By Richard Hanners  
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Monument/Dayville junior Gabe Walker had hot feet in Saturday's game against the Adrian/Jordan Valley Antelopes, scoring on three kickoff returns.

The score was tied 16-16 at halftime, but the Antelopes leapt ahead in the second half, winning 52-32.

The first quarter ended with zeros on the scoreboard, as both junior varsity teams struggled through intermittent rain and wind at the Monument field. The Antelopes were first on the board following an interception halfway through the second quarter.

The Tigers came roaring back with Walker's first kickoff return. Freshman quarterback Mark Thomas ran in the extra point to tie the game. In fast seesaw fashion, the Antelopes ran in a touchdown from midfield on their next possession.

But Walker ran back the next kickoff for a touchdown — breaking tackles as he punched through the Antelope special team defense. Thomas ran in the extra point to tie the game.

The Antelopes scored halfway through the third quarter with a long run from midfield. On their next possession, the Antelopes were driven back, but senior punter Rafael Duali-

bi booted one of several long kicks to force the Antelopes deep in their own territory.

It took only two plays for the Antelopes to score, however. The extra-point try failed, making the score 30-16.

Then, as one spectator noted aloud, the Antelopes failed to learn their lesson and kicked deep to Walker again, who scampered up the middle for his third touchdown. The extra-point try failed, leaving the score 30-22.

The Antelopes took the ball to the one-inch line and scored with a pass midway through the fourth quarter, bringing the score to 44-22. The Tigers stopped the extra-point run. About a minute later, the Antelopes intercepted a Tiger pass and scored several plays later.

A successful extra-point conversion gave the Antelopes a 52-32 win.

Walker, who was crowned Homecoming King at halftime, also had numerous tackles and a sack in the first quarter.

"It was an exciting game," said Tiger head coach Nathaniel Ashley. "Our guys played hard."

He said he was pleased with Walker's kickoff returns.

"Our offense (later) stalled, and we are going to work on that a lot this week, but our defense looked better than weeks prior," Ashley said. "Overall, I was happy with the effort, and we will build off that game for this next game against Crane."

The Tigers are on the road Friday to meet up with the Mustangs at 1 p.m. in Crane.



The Eagle/Richard Hanners  
 Dayville-Monument Tiger senior Rafael Dualibi heads around the corner in Saturday's game against the Adrian-Jordan Valley Antelopes on Oct. 7.



## Panthers drop 3-1 match to Mustangs

By Angel Carpenter  
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The Prairie City Panthers dropped Friday's match to their league foes, the Jordan Valley Mustangs, 25-21, 22-25, 25-16 and 25-18.

Prairie City stayed on top of the scoring early in the first match and after Jordan Valley tied it 15-15 the game was tight the rest of the way.

The Panthers were a few steps ahead through most of the second match, overcoming the Mustangs threat when the score tied 22-22.

Prairie City's Samantha Workman closed out the set with three good serves for the win.

The Panthers started climbing out of a 9-point deficit in the fourth set with Rilee Emmel's five-serve run, but Jordan Valley held onto their lead.

"We had too many unforced errors on offense, and the Jordan Val-

ley team keeps the ball alive with defense, and we weren't able to capitalize on that," said Panther head coach Lance Zweygardt.

On a positive note, the coach said his team's serving has improved.

"We made them take the serve, and we maintained a positive attitude throughout, we just weren't able to bring our energy back," he said.

Honored for senior night were Cassie Hire, Brianna Zweygardt, Sierra Dahlen, Megan Camarena and Mariah McClung.

Prairie City faces Grant Union's junior varsity teams for nonleague play beginning at 5 p.m. Thursday.

On Friday, Prairie City travels to Crane for a league match with junior varsity action starting at 2 p.m., followed by varsity.

Prairie City also faces Adrian on the road Saturday at 4 p.m. (MDT).



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The Prairie City Panthers enjoy the thrill of victory in the second set against Jordan Valley. On the court, from left, are Samantha Workman (9), Mariah McClung (8), Sierra Dahlen (11), and Brianna Zweygardt (13).  
 TOP IMAGE: Prairie City Panther Sierra Dahlen aims the ball over the reach of a Jordan Valley blocker in Friday's game in Prairie City.

### SPORTS SCHEDULE

#### Thursday, Oct. 12

Long Creek/Ukiah volleyball at Harper and Huntington in Huntington at 3 p.m.

Prairie City volleyball vs. Grant Union JV I and II in Prairie City at 5 p.m.

#### Friday, Oct. 13

Monument/Dayville volleyball at Jordan Valley at 1 p.m. (MDT)

Prairie City football at Crane at 1 p.m.

Prairie City volleyball at Crane at 2 p.m.

Grant Union volleyball vs. Imbler in John Day at 4 p.m.

Grant Union football vs. Imbler in John Day at 7 p.m.

#### Saturday, Oct. 14

Grant Union cross country at Burns-Idlewild Meet at Idlewild Campground at 10 a.m.

Monument/Dayville volleyball at South Wasco in Maupin at 11 a.m.

Monument/Dayville volleyball at Trinity Lutheran in Maupin at 1 p.m.

Grant Union volleyball at Union at 1 p.m.

Prairie City volleyball at Adrian at 4 p.m. (MDT)

#### Monday, Oct. 16

Monument/Dayville football at Crane at 4 p.m.

Monument/Dayville volleyball at Crane at 6 p.m.

#### Tuesday, Oct. 17

Grant Union volleyball vs. Burns in John Day (senior night) at 4 p.m.

Long Creek/ Ukiah volleyball at Burnt River in Unity at 4:30 p.m.

## Registration is open for Hilton Half

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The Hilton Superhero Challenge is scheduled for 8 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4.

The race is a family friendly event in Prairie City, featuring views of Strawberry Mountain. The course is designed to accommodate the beginning to advanced runner and everyone in between.

The Hilton Half races began to honor the late TR Hilton, a Blue Mountain Hospital ambulance director who passed away in 2013.

Runners can choose to run a super-sized half (14 miles), 10K, 5K, or participate in "superhero tryouts" for children of all ages. Competitors are invited

to wear a superhero costume. Cost for the race is \$30.

Registration and packet pickup for all events will be held at Depot Park in Prairie City. Packet pickup for the 14-mile run and 10K will begin at 7 a.m. and a bus transporting runners to the 10K starting line will leave promptly at 8 a.m. from Depot Park. The 5K registration and packet-pickup will begin at 7:30 a.m., and superhero tryout registration and packet pickup will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Course information:

- Super-sized half-marathon course: The 14-mile route begins at Depot Park in Prairie City, and follows a mostly flat course in the

foothills of Strawberry Mountain, with some slight rolling hills, looping around and finishing again at Depot Park. There are two bathroom stops along the route and five hydration stations. Portions of the race are on paved and gravel roads. Start time for this race is 8 a.m.

- 10K course: The route begins on a gravel road and will follow the final portion of the half marathon course. A small portion of the route will be on Highway 26, finishing at Depot Park. There will be one hydration station. Start time for this race is 9 a.m.

- 5K course: The course will begin on a paved road in the foothills of Strawber-

ry Mountain and finish at Depot Park. Start time for this race is 9 a.m.

- Superhero tryouts: This event will include obstacle-course-style fun for kids of all ages. Each finisher will receive a prize. Start time for superhero tryouts is 10:30 a.m.

Registration is available online at <https://register.chronotrack.com/tr/30741> or pick up a registration form at Families First at 401 S. Canyon Blvd. in John Day.

A 16 oz. glass with the Hilton Superhero Challenge logo will be given to each participant, as well as other prizes. For more information, call Katrina Randleas at 541-575-1006 or visit [hiltonhalf.blogspot.com](http://hiltonhalf.blogspot.com).



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Kids and adults take a steady pace as they begin the 5K portion of the Hilton Half last year. From left: Shiniyah Hall, Jessica and Ted Hilton (back), Katrine Bogardus, Madelyn Bailey, Heather Bailey pushing Sam Bailey (back), and Logan Randleas.