



Grant Union Prospect Zack Deiter finds an opening.

Prospectors end season at quarterfinals

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The Grant Union Prospect football team lost a heartbreaking 2A state quarterfinals battle to Santiam 50-14.

Grant Union, entering the contest ranked fourth in state (8-1), hosted the Wolverines at Three Flags Field in John Day after winning the first round playoff 52-0 against Central Linn the previous weekend. Santiam was ranked fifth (9-1).

Santiam's rushing attack dominated, with 400 yards over Grant Union's 150.

The Wolverines forced six Prospect turnovers in all with three interceptions and three fumbles.

Santiam put a damper on Grant Union's momentum early when defensive back Jordan Lanham nabbed an interception during the Prospectors' first drive.

Wolverine running back Trevor Tinney followed up, rushing for a touchdown; however, Grant Union's Cauy Weaver made the tackle on the conversion play.

Grant Union quarterback Wade Reimers was injured while running a keeper up the middle and came off the field, unassisted.

On the Prospectors' final drive in the last seconds of the first quarter, Grant Union receiver Zack Deiter caught a 10-yard pass.

Grant Union trailed 6-0 going into the second, but kept marching for the goal.

Prospector running back Cameron Hallgarth and Reimers — back in the game — rushed for first downs, followed by another Hallgarth first down.

Deiter found a 10-yard path up the middle for Grant Union's first touchdown in the game.

Reimers connected with Deiter for the two-point conversion, and the Prospectors gained an 8-6 lead.

Later in the quarter, Reimers came out injured again, and Kellen Shelley stepped in as quarterback.

Santiam scored a touchdown and two-point conversion on their next drive.

Deiter answered back, returning the kickoff for a touchdown to tie it 14-14.

Grant Union had a tough time putting the brakes on Wolverine running back Brody Davidson.

Davidson rushed 65 yards for Santiam's next touchdown with Tinney



Grant Union Prospect Wade Reimers (12) brings down Santiam Wolverine running back Trevor Tinney (16). Other Prospectors in the action are Zack Deiter (3), Garrett Lenz (2) and Hadley Boethin (73), and Santiam's Christian Cade (52) is at the right.



Prospector running back Cameron Hallgarth (28) is on the move with help from Toby Boatwright (70).

adding the conversion points, and Santiam added eight more to the scoreboard to take a 36-14 lead at halftime.

Going into the second half, Prospect Russell Hodge kicked off, then immediately moved in to tackle Santiam's Colton Craigmyle at the 50-yard line.

Prospector linebackers Elijah Humbird and Dillon Maley were in on another tackle, then Hadley



Grant Union receiver Mason Gerry makes the grab on a pass from quarterback Kellen Shelley.

Boethin sacked Santiam's quarterback Colin Thurston.

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Ukiah/Long Creek player Rafael Gumerato (10) moves the ball up field against Four Rivers.

Will to win: Ukiah/Long Creek soccer team wraps up successful season

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The entire Ukiah/Long Creek Mountain Lions soccer team bleached their hair, signifying a successful season.

Each of the 11 players agreed, if they won three matches, they would all dye their hair. They won three and tied two, with no losses.

Led by coach Amos Studtmann, the 1A junior varsity team of 11 was comprised of four local athletes, two freshmen and two sophomores, and seven foreign exchange students, six juniors and one senior.

Most players joined the team having little experience with soccer, including the coach, who said he had help learning more of the sport from the experienced players.

"I did a lot of reading to go along with it," Studtmann said. "This is my first year coaching soccer, and any success the kids had was 'their fault.'"

The Mountain Lions started the season Sept. 13 with a 1-1 tie against Riverside.

Their second match was a 9-2 win over Dayton, Washington.

ULC followed up with a 7-2 win Oct. 14 over Four Rivers Secondary School (Ontario), then a 2-2 tie Oct. 17 against Riverside.

Their final match was a 12-0 victory over Four Rivers Oct. 19 in Long Creek.

ULC player Jaime Ballesteros of Spain, who has played soccer for 12 years, was key in sharing soccer techniques with his teammates.

"In Spain, I played all my life because that is the sport," he said. "Some players couldn't keep the ball, so I taught them how they can keep the ball and move on the field. It was cool to teach them."

He said they started with just five on the team with soccer experience.

"We played hard, and we played against good teams," he said. "With only 11 players, we didn't lose in all the soccer season. Now we are



Ukiah/Long Creek Mountain Lion Josh Konig passes the ball in one of team's soccer matches this season.

good friends."

At the end of the season, Ballesteros was named Most Valuable Player for the Mountain Lions.

Fernando Casillas of Mexico was given the Coach's Award for character and sportsmanship.

"He had just a couple years of experience, but he had the best attitude and was the least selfish player I've ever met," Studtmann said.

Thomas Kremier was named Rookie of the Year.

"He (Thomas) had no experience and still managed to contribute two goals and was moving all over the field with good passing, shooting and defense," the coach said.

The team captain was Rafael Gumerato of Brazil.

Gumerato said he'd played soccer when he was younger, but his main sport is basketball.

"It was good to see the players improve and play with heart," he said.

The coach said the players just met this year, and the key to their success was their positive attitudes and determination.

"The kids worked together unselfishly for offense and gave their everything on defense," he said.

He said they gave their all, both in practice and at the games.

"I would think any team would set a goal to have a winning season. My goal is always for character first and athletic success later — they did that," Studtmann said. "We had a great year, and assuming all goes well, we look forward to a great season next year."

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Kaylee Wright, junior, middle blocker — second team



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Hailie Wright, junior, setter — first team



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Mariah Moulton, senior, outside hitter — first team