



Panther boys pounce on Prospectors for 3-point win

By Angel Carpenter
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The 1A Prairie City Panther boys brought their A game to John Day on Thursday, Dec. 28, beating the 2A Grant Union Prospectors 73-70 in an intense nonleague competition.

After the cross-county teams tied the score a few times early in the first quarter, the Panthers took a 17-14 lead.

Panther Dorran Wilson shot the lights out in the second, scoring 16 of his 28 points in the game.

Although Grant Union players Zack Deiter, Cauy Weaver, Wade Reimers and Duane Stokes each landed a 3-pointer in the quarter, Prairie City ran away with a 43-34 lead to close the first half.

Grant Union got down to business after halftime with Stokes scoring. Deiter grabbed a steal, and Reimers scored. Then Cole Deiter added 2.

Deiter scored twice to



Eagle photos/Angel Carpenter
Prairie City Panther Dorran Wilson races past Grant Union Prospector Duane Stokes in Thursday's game, with Zack Deiter at back left and Lucas McKinley, right.

bring Grant Union within 1 point. Then Kellen Shelley sank a shot for a 46-45 lead.

The teams switched leads four times with Grant Union closing the third ahead 51-50.

Reimers sank a 2-pointer at the beginning of the fourth. Then Prairie City went on a scoring rampage.

Panther Levi Burke, who had scored 2 points in the first

and third quarters, came out in full force. Burke, Wilson and Syd Holman combined for 15 points before Grant Union found the basket again, Prairie City leading 67-55.

The scoring went back and forth. Then Prospector Cole Deiter scored twice, and teammate Kellen Shelley went 2-2 at the free-throw line.

With just 22.8 seconds



Prairie City Panther Syd Holman (23) gets the tip to his teammates over Grant Union Prospector Cole Deiter at the start of Thursday's game.

left in the game, Grant Union worked to close the gap with three 3-point shots.

Stokes shot a 3, and with 11.8 seconds left, Reimers scored.

Wilson was fouled but came up empty at the free-throw line. Then Shelley scored the final 3 in the last three seconds.

Grant Union head coach Kelsy Wright said Prairie City came prepared.

"I'm proud of my boys," he said. "They just couldn't hold on. Prairie City was ready to play, and they pulled out all the stops."

Prairie City head coach Sam Workman said his team played hard and with intensity for the entire game.

"They moved the ball around, and everybody had their chances," he said. "We just came out to play tonight."

Wilson said it was a fun game, and he was glad they had the opportunity to face Grant Union.

"It was a really good team win," he said. "All five starters scored, and we worked together really well and held our composure."

Burke said he'd been looking forward to playing Grant Union for three years.

"It's always fun playing

them," he said. "They're a class act and always have been."

Burke added, "It was a good team win with lots of assists. That's what was really good about it. Everybody stepped up to the plate."

Next up for Grant Union are two road games. The Prospectors face Weston-McEwen at 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, in Athena and Lakeview at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6.

The Panthers will host Monument/Dayville at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, in Prairie City for the Panthers' first league game of the season.

Holman said he hopes his team plays with "more intensity and better defense, going out and going hard."

Prairie City

Dorran Wilson: 28 points
Levi Burke: 15
Syd Holman: 14
Lucas McKinley: 12 (four 3-pointers)
Jojari Field: 4

Grant Union

Wade Reimers: 18
Kellen Shelley: 15
Cole Deiter: 13
Duane Stokes: 10
Cauy Weaver: 9
Zack Deiter: 5



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Grant Union Prospector Mariah Moulton looks to pass under tremendous pressure from Prairie City Panthers Haley Pfefferkorn (14), Brianna Zwegardt (20) and Samantha Workman (12).

Grant Union girls top Prairie City 51-22

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The Grant Union Prospector girls held on to their early lead Thursday, Dec. 28, to defeat the Prairie City Panthers 51-22 in John Day.

"I thought we came out ready to play from the get-go," said Grant Union head coach Casey Hallgarth.

He said his team had been in a shooting slump, and now they're starting to jell.

After some back and forth on the court, Prospector Hailie Wright scored off a steal for the first 2 points of the game.

Prairie City's Brianna Zwegardt answered back, scoring 2 for the Panthers. However, it would be Prairie City's only points for the first quarter, with Grant Union jumping to a 12-point lead.

The Panthers had a stronger second quarter, scoring 8, but the Prospectors finished the first half with a 23-10 lead.

Prospector Kaylee Wright scored twice to start the third quarter.

Panther Cassie Hire drained a 3-pointer and combined with Zwegardt for 8 points in the period.

Grant Union stayed a step ahead, outshooting Prairie City by two for a



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter
Grant Union Prospector Madi McKrola (12) leaps to score under pressure from Prairie City Panther Megan Camarena (25).

33-18 lead going into the fourth.

The Prospectors ended the game with some fire under their feet.

Mariah Moulton and Kaylee Wright each scored a 3-pointer to start the final quarter, followed by another 2 each, including Kaylee Wright scoring off of a steal.

Kaytlyn Wells, Mariah Wright and Whitney McClellan also contributed

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Prairie City Panther Cassie Hire takes off with a defensive rebound in Thursday's game against Grant Union in John Day.



Eagle file photo
Grant Union Prospector Cauy Weaver, center, drives into Santiam ball carrier Trevor Tinney (16) at the Nov. 11 OSAA Football State Championship quarterfinals in John Day.

2017 ALL-STATE 2A FOOTBALL TEAM — GRANT UNION

Blue Mountain Eagle	sive lineman, second
Player, year, position,	Defense
team	Drew Lusco, 10, defensive lineman, first
Offense	Cauy Weaver, 12, line-backer, second
Cameron Hallgarth, 12, running back, third team	Zack Deiter, 12, defensive back, first
Cauy Weaver, 12, wide receiver, second	Duane Stokes, 12, defensive back, second
Zack Deiter, 12, wide receiver, third	Defensive Player of the Year: Cauy Weaver, 12, third team
Dillon Maley, 12, offensive lineman, second	Head coach: Jason Miller
Drew Lusco, 10, offensive	

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, Jan. 4

Grant Union basketball @ Weston-McEwen in Athena, girls at 6 p.m., boys at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 5

Grant Union wrestling @ Jo-Hi Invitational in Joseph at 2 p.m.

Ukiah/Long Creek JV basketball vs. Burnt River in Long Creek, girls at 5 p.m., boys at 6:30 p.m.

Monument/Dayville basketball @ Crane, girls at 6 p.m., boys at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 6

Prairie City vs. Monument/Dayville

in Prairie City, girls at 2 p.m., boys at 3:30 p.m.

Ukiah/Long Creek JV vs. Crane JV in Long Creek, girls at 2, boys at 3:30 p.m.

Grant Union basketball @ Lakeview, girls at 4 p.m., boys at 5:30 p.m.

Grant Union wrestling @ Jo-Hi Invitational in Joseph at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 9

Monument/Dayville varsity @ Grant Union JV in John Day, girls at 5 p.m., boys at 6:30 p.m.

Ukiah/Long Creek JV vs. Mitchell/Spray in Long Creek, girls at 5, boys at 6:30 p.m.