

GIRLS

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he said.

The Lady Prospectors were on the road again Saturday, this time losing 49-52 to the Lakeview Honkers (11-6), currently ranked seventh among 3A schools.

"We started off a little slow and really weren't

ready for their physicality," Hallgarth said.

By the half, Grant Union was down by 16, having shot 0-13 from the 3-point line.

After some second-half adjustments, Grant Union started attacking the rim and took a 1-point lead with about 2 minutes left in the game.

"We had some key turnovers in the last minute of

the game but still managed to have the last shot to tie the game," Hallgarth said. "I loved our fight and not (giving) up being down to a top-10 team in 3A."

Kaylee Wright led Grant Union in scoring with 17, followed by Trinity Hutchison and McKrola with 8 each. Hailie Wright and Moulton each scored 6, Whitney McClellan scored 3

and Kaytlyn Wells scored 1.

The Grant Union girls host the Elgin Huskies (6-7) in the Prospectors' league opener at 6 p.m. Friday in John Day.

On Saturday, they travel to Union to face the Bobcats in league competition set for 4 p.m. Then, Tuesday, Jan. 16, Grant Union plays the 3A Burns Hilanders on the road at 6 p.m.



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Prairie City senior Dorrn Wilson drives for the basket while being chased by Monument-Dayville freshmen Mark Thomas (14) and JT Hand (21) in the Jan. 6 game in Prairie City.

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The team then faces the Union Bobcats on the road 5:30 p.m. Saturday, and on at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, they match up with the 3A Burns Hilanders in Burns.

Wright said they will be preparing for the Huskies this week in practice. Wright is hopeful their first league competitions of the season go well.

"It's always good to go into league with a couple wins off the bat," he said. "We'd like the community support (Friday) and get the gym packed and cheering for our boys and girls going into league."

EO Media Group reporter Eric Singer contributed to this report.

PANTHERS

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and that hurt us."

"They're a tough team," coach Workman said about the Tigers. "They never gave up."

Next up for the Panthers are three league games: the 6-7 Crane Mustangs away at 6 p.m. Friday, the 4-4 Harper Hornets away at 2 p.m. (MT) Saturday and the 0-6 Burnt River Bulls at home at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

For the Tigers, next up are the Grant Union JV in a nonleague away game Tuesday, past press time, and the 0-6 Burnt River Bulls at home in Monument at 6 p.m. Friday.

"Tough losses like this



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Prairie City freshman Samantha Workman drives against Monument-Dayville while Tiger junior Faythe Schafer (24) stays close behind in the Jan. 6 game in Prairie City.

let you know what to work on to get ready for the next game," Schmadeka said. "I'm not sure how we'll do

against Grant Union's JV. It depends on how many swing varsity players will play."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Prospector Drew Lusco wins title at wrestling tournament

Grant Union Prospector wrestlers competed at the Jan. 5-6 Cosgrove-Eschler Wrestling Tournament in Joseph, including sophomore Drew Lusco who took home the championship title in the heavyweight division.

Prospector head coach Andy Lusco said he was pleased with Drew's results.

"He wrestled well and beat a high-quality opponent (Travis Jonsson of Neah-Kah-Nie) twice on the weekend and went 5-0 overall," the coach said.

He said they were a little short-handed at the meet with 14 of his wrestlers competing.

"From this point forward in the season, it is a big and important push to the district meet," he said. "We need to improve our conditioning and execution in order to peak at districts and achieve our goals."

Grant Union will compete Friday and Saturday at the Redmond Classic, which is a dual meet tournament where the Prospectors are seeded fifth for their division.

"We are looking to improve on our finish from last season and would like to finish in the top four," coach Lusco said.

The Prospectors will host the Grant Union Tournament at 12 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, in John Day with 12 teams invited.

Grant Union Day One results
Ethan Moore, 113B (B pool), 11-7, third, 7 team points
Braden Spencer, 132A, 7-9, third, 9 team points
Savannah Wyllie, 132B, 1-9, fourth, 4 team points

Damion Young, 138B, 9-9, third, 9 team points
Nate Moore, 138C, 2-7, third, 9 team points
Logan McCluskey, 145A, 8-11, fourth, 4 team points
Frank Douglass, 145B, 2-0, first, 18 team points
Quinten Hallgarth, 152 (bracket), 6-8, fourth, 12 team points
Cameron Hallgarth, 170B, 7-9, second, 12 team points
Russell Hodge, 182, 8-9, second, 12.50 team points
Tanner Way, 195B, 2-2, third, 9 team points
Hadley Boethin, 195B, 5-6, second, 14 team points
Toby Boatwright, 285, 1-3, fourth, 4 team points
Drew Lusco, 285, 14-3, first, 18 team points

Ukiah/Long Creek teams beat Bulls, fall to Mustangs

The Ukiah/Long Creek Mountain Lion junior varsity boys notched a 77-9 win over Burnt River on Friday and had a 41-40 loss in a high-pressure contest against Crane's junior varsity team on Saturday. Both games were played in Long Creek.

Ukiah/Long Creek coach Amos Studtmann said he expected the win on Friday, after his team beat Burnt River earlier in the season.

Facing Crane, Studtmann said they fell short rebounding to start, which hurt later in the game.

"In the third quarter, Crane pressed and our boys gave up some critical passes and allowed Crane to get a 10-point lead," he said.

The Mountain Lions' focus was sharper in the fourth

quarter, Studtmann said, but it wasn't quite enough to push them over the top.

"Our kids did play a good game, and they showed that when the pressure is on at the end of the game, they have the will to win," he said.

Studtmann said he has a positive outlook on their future games when they go up against opponents they've seen earlier in the season.

"Our kids are really looking forward to a second chance," he said.

The Ukiah/Long Creek Mountain Lion junior varsity girls had a 1-point victory over the Burnt River Bulls on Friday 17-16, then fell 58-9 to the Crane Mustang junior varsity team on Saturday.

Studtmann, who co-coaches the boys and girls teams with TC Conner, said the Bulls almost pulled off the win.

In the final two minutes of the game, the Mountain Li-

ons were up by 4.

After they fouled Burnt River a couple times, Bulls player Shayla Winton went to the free-throw line, shooting 3-4, nearly tying the game.

Ukiah/Long Creek's matchup with Crane was an uphill battle.

Studtmann said their players who are newer to basketball had a tough time handling the man-to-man defense.

"We'll be working on that, so later on we don't crumble under the pressure of the tight man-to-man," he said.

The team hosted Mitchell/Spray on Tuesday in Long Creek past press time.

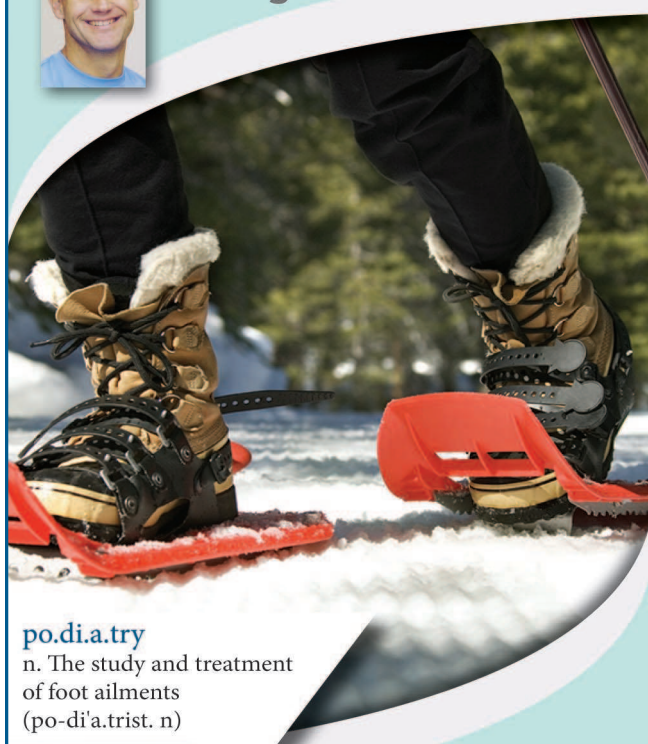
The teams travel to Pilot Rock on Thursday, where they face the Rockets at 4 p.m.

On Saturday, the teams are on the road to Huntington where they'll face the Locomotives at 2 p.m.

On Tuesday, Jan. 16, they will play the Monument/Dayville Tigers in Dayville at 5 p.m.

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CAUY WEAVER
School: Grant Union
Grade: 12
Parents: Clint & Natalie Weaver
Sport: Basketball
Position: Post

What I like best about my sport: "I like spending time with my friends. We've been playing basketball together for a long time — eight years. I really enjoy the sport, the competition and the excitement of close games."

Coach's Comment:

"Cauy is a universal player. He can play almost anywhere and guard anyone. He hardly ever comes off the court. He's a hard worker and a very coachable kid."

- Coach Kelsy Wright

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