



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter
Monument/Dayville Tiger Gabe Walker flies up to score Jan. 9 in John Day under pressure from Grant Union Prospector Jacob Vaughan.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Jan. 19

Grant Union hosts invitational wrestling tournament in John Day, 12 p.m.

Ukiah/Long Creek JV basketball vs. Harper in Long Creek, girls at 3 p.m., boys at 4:30 p.m.

Monument/Dayville basketball vs. Adrian in Monument, girls at 6 p.m., boys at 7:30 p.m.

Grant Union basketball @ Imbler, girls at 6 p.m., boys at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 20

Monument/Dayville basketball @ Jordan Valley, girls at 2 p.m. (MT), boys at 3:30 p.m. (MT)

Ukiah/Long Creek basketball @ Four Rivers JV in Ontario, girls at 2 p.m. (MT), boys at 3:30 p.m. (MT)

Prairie City basketball @ Adrian, girls at 3 p.m. (MT), boys at 4:30 p.m. (MT)

Tuesday, Jan. 23

Ukiah/Long Creek basketball vs. Pilot Rock JV in Ukiah, girls at 4 p.m., boys at 5:30 p.m.

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the Tigers leading. Twehues answered back with a 3-pointer.

With 3:45 left in the game, the scoring went back and forth.

Tiger Danielle Rhoda went 2-2 at the free-throw line for a 36-32 lead in the final minute.

Moore scored twice to tie it 36-36.

With just 10 seconds to go, Twehues and Emerson each sank a free-throw shot to give the Tigers the 2-point victory.

Grant Union junior varsity coach Kristi Moore said her girls played aggressively and never gave up.

"It was a good learning lesson for us to play hard from second one," she said.

Moore said when they regrouped at halftime, she told the girls, "Let's play our game and play aggressively and attack."

"The Monument/Dayville team had great hands and were aggressive to get the ball," she said. "They made us work for it, and we look forward to a rematch."

Tiger head coach Taylor Schmadeka said he was pleased with his team's improvement boxing out their opponents and that the girls didn't hang their heads when they made mistakes.

"They were more aggressive on offense and the defensive side," he said. "At the very end, we found a way to win."

He added, "I was proud of a couple of the girls for making the free throws at the end when they mattered."

Emerson, who led her team in scoring with 13, said that after two league losses their team came together.

Schafer agreed it was their togetherness that pushed them past the tie for the win.

As the Tigers move forward, Schafer said she expects to see "growth of the team and our chemistry, working the ball down low and hopefully faster."

The Tigers hosted Ukiah/Long Creek in Dayville Tuesday, past press time.

The team hosts Adrian at 6 p.m. Friday in Monument.

Monument/Dayville
Kyla Emerson: 13 points
Danielle Rhoda: 9
Aubrey Bowlus: 7
Denali Twehues: 6
Faythe Schafer: 3

Grant Union
Alicie Moore: 13
Makenna Culley: 6
Kaytlyn Wells: 6
Baylee Combs: 5
Marissa Smith: 4
Tyler Blood: 2

Prairie City boys on 6-game win streak

After two road wins last week, the Prairie City Panther boys are on a six-win roll.

The Panthers are 11-3 overall with a 3-0 league record, and they're ranked No. 10 among 1A OSAA teams.

Prairie City had a 73-70 victory over the Crane Mustangs on Friday and beat Harper 80-50 on Saturday.

Panther senior Dorrin Wilson led the way against Crane, scoring 32 points for the Panthers, followed by Levi Burke with 29. Syd Holman and Lucas McKinley each had 5 points and Jojari Field had 2 at the free-throw line.

The Panthers cruised to a 30-point win in Harper, and Workman said he played several of his younger athletes.

Prairie City hosted the Burnt River Bulls on Tuesday past press time. Looking ahead, the coach said Adrian defeated Crane this weekend, so he expects their game with them Saturday to be a tough one. The game starts at 4:30 p.m. (MT) in Adrian.

Lady Panthers split wins on the road

The Prairie City girls found some competition in the Mustangs on the road to Crane where the Lady Panthers, now 7-6 overall and 2-1 in the 1A High Desert League, had a 34-24 loss. They turned it around for a 67-23 win in Harper (5-6, 1-2), facing the Hornets.

The Panthers toppled Harper with a 44-point win

SPORTS ROUNDUP

after leading 38-13 at the half.

Prairie City hosted the Burnt River Bulls on Tuesday past press time. They're on the road to Adrian (6-6, 2-2) on Saturday, facing the Antelopes at 3 p.m. (MT).

Ukiah/Long Creek teams win

The Long Creek/Ukiah Mountain Lion boys junior varsity team turned the tables on Mitchell/Spray, defeating them 69-34 Jan. 9 in Long Creek. Earlier in the season, the Mountain Lions had a close loss to Mitchell/Spray 45-40. The team also beat the Pilot Rock Rockets junior varsity team on the road Thursday 64-20. On Saturday, they fell 46-38 to Huntington.

The girls ended last week's series of basketball games on a high note. After a 28-17 loss to Mitchell/Spray and a close 29-25 loss to Pilot Rock junior varsity, the Lady Mountain Lions beat Huntington 38-25.

The team faced Monument/Dayville junior varsity in Dayville on Tuesday, past press time. On Friday, the Mountain Lions will host Harper at 3 p.m. in Long Creek, and Saturday they travel to Ontario to face Four Rivers junior varsity at 2 p.m. (MT).

Tiger teams topple Bulls in Monument

The Monument/Dayville Tigers outran the Burnt River Bulls on Friday in Monument, with the Tigers boys winning 58-21 and the Tiger girls 45-21.

2017-18 has been a time

of team building for the Tiger boys, and this was their first win of the season.

Assistant coach Josh Williams led the team Friday night, and their league record is now 1-2.

For the Lady Tigers, the win gives them a 1-2 High Desert League record, 7-6 overall.

The Tiger teams will host Adrian starting with the girls at 6 p.m. Friday in Monument, and they'll compete with Jordan Valley on the road at 2 p.m. (MT) on Saturday.

Grant Union grapplers finish 5th at Oregon Classic

The Grant Union wrestling team traveled to Redmond for the Oregon Wrestling Classic, finishing fifth in the 2A/1A division.

"We wrestled very well as a team," said Grant Union head coach Andy Lusco. "I'm very proud of the effort and skill our wrestlers showed. We went 5-1 in the tournament. Our only loss was to the team that finished second."

After winning three rounds in pool play, Grant Union fell to Vernonia in the quarterfinals, then defeated Enterprise in the consolation semifinals and beat Monroe for fifth place.

Grant Union will host a high school and junior high wrestling tournament on Friday at 12 p.m.

Teams invited include: Grant Union, Elgin, Joseph, Crane, Enterprise, Heppner, Imbler, Irrigon, Pine Eagle, Union, Walla Walla, Baker JV and Hermiston Novice.

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those final 4 minutes.

"We lost the last overtime to Lakeview, so I didn't want to lose again," he said.

Grant Union junior varsity coach Brandon Culley credited his team for a game well played, noting they still have "quite a few things to work on."

"The overtime period brought some anxiety, which increased the intensity, which helped us finish it off," he said, adding, "Jordan Hall had a great overtime period and used that excitement to get some steals, which led to some transition baskets."

Coach Josh Williams led the Monument/Dayville team for head coach Jeff Schafer who was ill. He said it was great to face a team with players in the same age range.

"We were able to move the ball around, we kept a good attitude and all the kids had fun," he said.

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The team hosts Adrian at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Monument.

Grant Union
Devon Stokes: 9 (two 3-pointers)
Jacob Vaughan: 8 (two 3-pointers)
Jordan Hall: 8
Mason Gerry: 6
Taylor Hunt: 6 (one 3-pointer)
Warner Robertson: 4
Kaden Madden: 2
CJ Glimpse: 2
Peyton Neault: 1
Jacob Smith: 1

Monument/Dayville
JT Hand: 13 points (one 3-pointer)
Drew Wilburn: 9
Gabe Walker: 6 (one 3-pointer)
Mark Thomas: 6 (two 3-pointers)
Donovan Schafer: 5
Rico Sparka: 2

BOYS

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Six Prospectors outshot their opponents by 12 points in the third, including Stokes who landed a 3-pointer.

Although Elgin outscored Grant Union 9-6, the Prospectors' healthy lead was too much to overcome.

Scoring for Grant Union in the final 8 minutes were Cauy Weaver, Ty McDaniel and Cole Deiter.

Grant Union head coach Kelsy Wright said his team played with "determination and focus."

"We had great practices all week, and every boy was just ready," he said.

He added they knew Elgin had beat some good teams. The Huskies had an 8-6 overall record before the game.

"We knew Elgin had some good kids," he said. "We watched film, and they said, 'We can handle that,' and went after them."

After beating Union on the road, Grant Union has a 9-4 overall record, 2-0 in league, and are ranked No. 5 among

OSAA's 2A teams.

Commenting on the win over Union, Wright said his team was on fire and ready for battle.

"We have always struggled in that gym," he said. "We started out with an 11-0 run. Then they called a time out. All of my boys were ready to go to work. They all played really well with excellent team ball."

Grant Union was on the road to face the Hilanders in Burns at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday past press time. They play the Panthers at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Imbler.

Grant Union vs. Elgin
Zack Deiter: 10 points
Duane Stokes: 10 (one 3-pointer)
Wade Reimers: 10
Cauy Weaver: 8
Kellen Shelley: 5
Jacob Vaughan: 5 (one 3-pointer)
Ty McDaniel: 4



Grant Union Prospector Wade Reimers races past Elgin Husky Ian Smith.

The Eagle
Angel Carpenter

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OF THE WEEK

DAMION YOUNG
School: Grant Union
Grade: 10
Parents: Lacey & Jeremy Wright
Sport: Wrestling

What I like best about my sport: "The coaches like to push you to do great. It's a tough sport, and I like the competition."

Coach's Comment:
"Damion is a hard working young man who has made awesome improvement over the past few years. He is a great example of how hard work and dedication pays off."
- Coach Andy Lusco

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Our January Chamber Board meeting and no-host luncheon will be held Thursday, January 18th. The board will meet at the Chamber office at 10:30 AM, and the luncheon will be held at the Outpost at 12:00 PM. Our guest speaker this month will be Scott Fairley. Scott has just accepted a position with Business Oregon, also known as the Oregon Business Development Department as the Business Development Officer for our area.

Everyone is welcome to attend the luncheon. We welcome new ideas and would like to share what is happening at the Chamber with you!

The Chamber would like to welcome new members Blue Mountain Custom Homes and Development Inc., Blue Mountain Mini Market, Suds Laundry and Pub, Madden Business and Education Center, Madden Brothers Performing Arts Center, and Fields Tree Service, LLC.

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Sincerely,
Bruce Ward, Chamber President

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