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Grant Union girls defend Wapiti League title



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter
Grant Union Prospect Madi McKrola overtakes the ball from a Union player in Friday's game.

Lady Pros will honor seniors at Thursday's game

By Angel Carpenter
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For the second consecutive year, the Grant Union Prospect girls are Wapiti League basketball champions.

Grant Union beat the Union Bobcats on Friday and the Imbler Panthers on Saturday to seal the deal.

With just one more league game left, the Lady Pros are 7-0 and ranked No. 4 in state, followed by 4-2 Enterprise, ranked No. 10. Other teams in the league are Union, 3-4, No. 27; Elgin, 2-4, No. 24; and Imbler, 0-6, No. 34.

Grant Union has one more league game left against Enterprise at 4 p.m. Saturday, which Grant Union head coach Casey Hallgarth expects will be a

competitive game.

"We need to continue to not back down and get after it on defense," he said.

Although he expects Enterprise will be a top contender at the district tournament, Hallgarth said some of the other teams are also playing well.

"Anything can happen," he said.

The Grant Union Prospect girls brought an energetic defense that led to many scoring opportunities in their 59-32 win over the Bobcats Friday night.

"We're not being complacent and not taking anything for granted," Hallgarth said. "They were ready to go off the bat."

Prospector Kaylee Wright wasted no time getting 2 points on the board at the

start. She led the Prospect scoring with 21, followed by Mariah Wright with 13 and Mariah Moulton with 9.

Prospector Whitney McClellan had a steal and scored 2, and Wright intercepted a Union pass and scored another 2.

Grant Union held Union to 2 points in the first quarter and led 34-15 going into halftime.

Union's defense livened up in the third, but Grant Union was still able to power through.

Prospectors Madi McKrola, Kaylee Wright and Mariah Moulton (with a 3-point shot) combined for 9 points before Union found the basket.

Union's Brianna Kohr scored a 3-pointer, followed by another 2 from Moulton and 2 from Prospect Trinity

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Prospector boys clinch first league title in 28 years



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter
Grant Union Prospect Kellen Shelley fights for possession of the ball in Friday's game against Union.

Grant Union wins 2 league games at home

By Angel Carpenter
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The Grant Union Prospect boys have claimed the 2A Wapiti League title, for the first time since 1990, after beating the Union Bobcats on Friday in John Day.

Grant Union head coach Kelsey Wright said they were 5-1 going into last week's league games against Union, and Imbler on Saturday.

"We knew we needed to win both," he said.

The Prospectors came away with victories in both games.

Because Enterprise beat Elgin on Friday, Grant Union actually clinched the league title that night.

Current league standings are Grant Union, 6-1, ranked No. 9; Elgin, 3-3, No. 21; Union, 3-4, No. 30; Enterprise, 2-4, No. 28; and Imbler, 2-4, No. 33.

They have one more league contest in Enterprise at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, but win or lose, Grant Union will remain the Wapiti's top team.

Wright said he spoke with his team last Thursday.



Grant Union's Duane Stokes flies up to score on a fast break in Friday's game, Union Bobcat Jace Phillips (11) reaching forward, and Prospector Wade Reimers in back.

"I told them if we get this win, it's already clinched," he said. "They were stoked about that. The boys were just ready for it. It's been a long time since we've won a league championship."

Wright said the team will work hard to beat Enterprise Saturday to go out with a win and keep their RPI numbers high.

In Friday's game, the Grant Union boys built a strong foundation in the first quarter and continued an upward trend, leading to an 87-49 Wapiti League win on Friday over the Union Bobcats at the Prospect court in John Day.

After some back and forth, Grant Union got to work.

Prospectors Wade Reimers, Ty McDaniel and Cauy Weaver combined for 9 points before Union Bobcat Keegan Glenn scored a 3-pointer.

Moving forward with their offensive attack, Grant Union had 19 more points on the board before Union scored again.

McDaniel and Reimers each scored

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Eagle file photo

Grant Union Prospect Drew Lusco puts Kaleb Kendrick of Irrigon in an arm bar at the Grant Union Wrestling Invitational earlier this season.

Grant Union wrestlers blow away district competition

Six Prospectors advance to state Feb. 15-16

By Angel Carpenter
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Toby Boatwright

Elijah Humbird

Grant Union Prospectors sophomore Drew Lusco (285) and senior Elijah Humbird (220) earned individual championship titles to lead their team in defending their OSAA 2A/1A Special District 4 title at Friday's tournament in Joseph.

The two champions and four second-place wrestlers, freshman Ethan Moore (106), sophomore Eli Sheedy (113), sophomore Russell Hodge (182) and senior Toby Boatwright (285), will advance to the OSAA Wrestling State Championships on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 15-16, at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland.

This is the second consecutive year the Grant Union team has brought home the title, this year earning 214 points ahead of Joseph/Walwola, which had 131.5. Crane followed with 131 for third, Enterprise had 130 for fourth

head coach Andy Lusco.

"We faced some adversity with injury and illness this year, and we were a little concerned," he said. "However, our wrestlers did a fantastic job and placed very well in the tournament individually, which leads to a team victory."

Coach Lusco said he and his assistant coaches have a positive outlook for their wrestlers at state.

"We are very proud of the efforts these wrestlers have put in all season, and it is pretty neat to see it result in

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Contributed photo/Cindy Dougharty-Spencer

The Grant Union wrestlers and assistants pose with their 2A/1A Special District 4 trophy at Friday's tournament in Joseph.

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