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**SPORTS
SCHEDULE**

**Thursday,
Feb. 8**

Grant Union basketball vs. Jordan Valley in John Day, girls at 5:30 p.m., boys at 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 9

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

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

**Saturday,
Feb. 9**

Grant Union Gold dance team @ Tigard Dance Competition at 10 a.m.

Monument/Dayville basketball @ Burnt River, girls at 2 p.m., boys at 3:30 p.m.

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

Prairie City basketball @ Crane, girls at 6 p.m., boys at 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday-Saturday,
Feb. 15-17**

Prairie City and Monument/Dayville @ 1A-8 High Desert District Tournament in John Day, TBD

**Friday-Saturday,
Feb. 16-17**

Grant Union basketball @ 2A Wapiti District Tournament in La Grande, TBD

Grant Union wrestling @ OSAA Wrestling State Championships in Portland, TBD

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Monument/Dayville and Ukiah/Long Creek teams compete

The Monument/Dayville Tiger girls beat the Harper Hornets 32-28 on the road Friday.

Coach Taylor Schmadeka said, with two starters out, the girls stepped up to make key plays when needed. He said the Hornets played well at home, but his team forced 40 turnovers in the win.

On Saturday, they added a 37-28 win over the Ukiah/Long Creek Mountain Lions junior varsity team in Long Creek.

"Saturday was a good game for my less experienced players to get some time on the court, which will help us going into districts when we need them to go into the game," Schmadeka said.

The Tigers and Mountain Lions made it a close game through the half.

The girls were tied in the first quarter, and Ukiah/Long Creek had a 14-13 lead at the half.

Ukiah/Long Creek coach Amos Studtmann said they maintained a lead into the fourth quarter, then got into foul trouble.

"We had yet another game where Gladys and Dortha (Johnson) both fouled out," he said, adding their remaining players couldn't quite hold the line against the more experienced Tigers.

Studtmann said Faith Burnette was their offensive "MVP" for the game.

The Monument/Dayville Tiger boys fell 57-34 to Harper and 56-36 to Ukiah/Long Creek.

Studtmann said the Monument/Dayville boys were intense in Friday's game.

He said he looks forward to facing them again over the next couple of years as the Tigers develop and gain experience.

A big lead in the first quarter was a springboard for Ukiah/Long Creek, which then rotated players through.

Monument/Dayville will host Prairie City on Friday in Dayville with the girls playing at 6 p.m., and the boys at 7:30 p.m.

The Tigers take on Burnt River on Saturday in their final league game of the season with the girls playing at 2 p.m. and the boys at 3:30 p.m.

Ukiah/Long Creek plays its final game against the Crane junior varsity team on the road with the girls playing at 2 p.m. and the boys at 3:30 p.m.

Studtmann said he looked forward to seeing how much the girls have improved since the last time they played Crane. For the boys, he said Ukiah/Long Creek lost by 1 point in their last contest.

"This will give them a chance to redeem themselves and finish strong," he said.



Contributed photo

Seven-year-old Owen Parsons of John Day placed third at the Jan. 27 Oregon Kids State Wrestling Championships in Redmond. The Humbolt Elementary second-grader is a member of the Grant County Wrestling Club, coached by Steve Parsons and assistant coach Tye Parsons.

The Ukiah/Long Creek girls have a 4-13 record and the boys are 12-5.

Grant Union dance team competes at Stayton

The Grant Union Gold dance team attended their first dance competition Saturday in Stayton.

"The girls did well," said Grant Union head coach Katie Piazza. "They are doing well with their expressions and projection, how they present themselves to the judges."

She said their formations were on point and they're "hitting their counts" (keeping the beat).

"It gave us a good starting point, and we know the work that's ahead of us now in a highly competitive division (4A/3A/2A/1A)," she said.

The 4A Valley Catholic team took first and were grand champions, meaning they received the highest score of all teams at the Stayton competition, including 6A teams.

Grant Union Gold's theme this year is "Rise," which is a song Katy Perry composed for the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Grant Union competes at the Tigard Dance Competition at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Youth wrestler Owen Parsons places third at Kids State

Grant County Wrestling Club member Owen Parsons, 7, of John Day wrestled for third place at the Kids State Wrestling Tournament in Redmond.

Parsons' record, for both the ORWAY and postseason USA Wrestling, was 28 wins with 22 wins by pin, and seven losses.

Parsons competed in the Bantam 70 bracket at Kids State, beating Nick Daggett of La Pine in the quarterfinals. Parsons fell to Weston Cooke of Harper in the semifinal round.

Parsons then wrestled two more times, beating both opponents by pin to take third.

Other Grant County wrestlers competing at Kids State were Taylor Parsons, Mason Bengé, Jase Whatley and Jerrett Waddel.

They and other Grant County wrestlers competed in USA Wrestling postseason matches, including Jack Knowles, Tristan Clarry, Charley Knowles and Kale Trembly.

The Grant County club head coach is Steve Parsons with assistant coach Tye Parsons.

Postseason results
Cowboy Challenge, Prineville, Dec. 30
Owen Parsons, second place
Taylor Parsons, fourth
Mason Bengé, third
Classic Qualifier, La Grande, Jan. 6
Jase Whatley, second
Owen Parsons, second
Taylor Parson, fourth
Jerrett Waddel, third
Kale Trembly, third
Mason Bengé, third
Jay Winn Buckle Classic, Burns, Jan. 20
Jack Knowles, second
Owen Parsons, second
Taylor Parsons, third
Mason Bengé, fourth
Kids State, Redmond, Jan. 27
Owen Parsons, third



JAMES KREAMIER

School: Long Creek

Grade: 10

Parents: Angie & James Kreamier

Sport: Basketball **Position:** Shooting Guard

What I like best about my sport: "I like playing with my teammates. We are really close, like a brotherhood."

Coach's Comment:

"James is dedicated to growth and to practice. This year he's picking up the pace on defense, and he's consistently been our high scorer."

- Co-coaches Amos Studtmann & TC Conner



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