

# Panthers outrun Mountain Lions

Prairie City boys clinch league title with two more wins

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The Prairie City Panther boys have a shot at the league title. The Panthers (8-0) are currently second to Jordan Valley (9-1) in the 1A High Desert League basketball standings. However, if the Panthers, ranked No. 10, win their next two games, against Monument/Dayville Friday and Crane on Saturday, they will claim the league title. Jordan Valley, ranked No. 5, has completed all their regular season games. Thursday night's game between the Panthers and the Ukiah/Long Creek Mountain Lion junior varsity was a non-league game played with energy and determination from both sides. With a strong lead from the beginning, Prairie City won big, 107-64.

Ukiah/Long Creek coach Amos Studdmann, who co-coaches with TC Conner, said the previous week that he hoped his team would face the Panthers' lead varsity players in this game, and Prairie City obliged.

Panther Dorran Wilson led scoring for the night with a whopping 37 points, followed by Panther Levi Burke with 30.

For the Mountain Lions, James Kreamier led with 24 points, followed by Luka Pesic with 22.

Wilson was first to score off a steal in the opening minute of the game, and James Kreamier answered back with a 3-pointer — it was his first of four for the night.

Prairie City took it away from there, allowing Ukiah/Long Creek only 6 more points in that first quarter and taking a 24-9 lead.

The Panthers outshot the visitors 29-15 going into the half.

Prairie City amassed 25 points in the third quarter before filling the court with subs.

The Mountain Lions had garnered 13 points and, after a short time with subs, added the starters back.

Ukiah/Long Creek held Prairie City off for the remainder of the quarter. Pesic sank two baskets, and James Kreamier landed a 3-pointer. Pesic added another 2-point shot to end the quarter, trailing 78-46.

Wilson, Burke and Syd Holman combined for 26 points in the final quarter for



Ukiah/Long Creek's Rafael Gumerato, right, faces Prairie City's Dorran Wilson, looking for an opportunity to take the ball.



Jumping up for a rebound are, from left, Panther Syd Holman, Ukiah/Long Creek's James Kreamier, Ukiah/Long Creek's Luka Pesic and Panther Levi Burke.

the Panthers with Brandon Horrell adding 3 beyond the arc in the final minute of the game.

James Kreamier sank the final two shots of the game for Ukiah/Long Creek.

"It was great to see 100 on that scoreboard," Burke said. "It was a good all-around game and fun to get everyone involved."

Eight of the 12 Prairie City Panthers were in on scoring for the night.

"I think they (Ukiah/Long Creek) had just as much fun as we did," said head coach Sam Workman, adding he was glad younger team members had playing time.

"We started off slow, and we weren't

stopping the fast break, but in the second half we did better," said Kreamier.

Ukiah/Long Creek's Aaron Garinger said he felt their confidence level was too high after beating a smaller team recently, but he added the game was fun.

"I like the good sportsmanship shown by Prairie City," he said.

Studdmann said they were grateful Prairie City played their varsity.

"They really beat us with the fast break, and I hope, going back to practice, this loss will help the boys push themselves in conditioning drills," he said.

The Panthers will face the Tigers in Dayville at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Prairie City hosts Crane on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. The 1A-8 High Desert League Tournament is scheduled for Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 15-17, at Grant Union Junior-Senior High School in John Day.

**Prairie City**  
Dorran Wilson: 37 points (three 3-pointers)  
Levi Burke: 30 (one 3-pointer)  
Syd Holman: 17 (3-5 free throws)  
Jayden Winegar: 9 (one 3-pointer)  
Lucas McKinley: 5 (one 3-pointer)  
Jojari Field: 4  
Brandon Horrell: 3 (one 3-pointer)  
Carson McKay: 2

**Ukiah/Long Creek**  
James Kreamier: 24 (four 3-pointers, 2-4 free throws)  
Luka Pesic: 22 (two 3-pointers, 2-2 free throws)  
Rafael Gumerato: 10 (two 3-pointers, 2-2 free throws)  
Thomas Kreamier: 3 (one 3-pointer)  
Mike Donggyu: 2  
Fernando Casillas: 2  
Jaime Ballesteros: 1 (1-2 free throws)

# Prairie City girls overpower Ukiah/Long Creek

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The Prairie City Panther girls' fiery first quarter made for a comfortable lead Thursday to carry them to a 46-18 win over the Ukiah/Long Creek Mountain Lion junior varsity team in Prairie City.

Before Ukiah/Long Creek could score, Panthers Samantha Workman, Hailee Wall, Katie Hire, Emily Ennis and Abbey Pfefferkorn combined for 14 points in the first five minutes of play. Ukiah/Long Creek's Dortha Johnson and Faith Burnette each landed a 3-point shot, and Prairie City led 22-6 going into the second.

Prairie City led 29-9 at the half, and 37-14 in the third.

Ukiah/Long Creek's Johnson scored a 3-pointer to start off the fourth.

In the final 2 minutes of play, Ennis scored off a steal, and after some back and forth and a free-throw point from Burnette, Ennis scored the final 2 points of the game. Workman and Ennis led the Panthers with 8 points each, followed by Hailee Wall with 7.

Johnson led Ukiah/Long Creek with 8, followed by Burnette with 6.

Ukiah/Long Creek coach Amos Studdmann said the girls were low on energy, and one of their two rebounding talents was unable to play that night.

"It was good experience for them to play against a varsity team to see what it was like," said Studdmann, who co-coaches with TC Conner. "It's the best opportunity to grow that we've had all year."

Burnette said she enjoyed playing with her team.

"This is my senior year, so it's fun to get to know my teammates and spend time with them," she said.

Prairie City head coach Bo Workman said he tried to get the entire team time on the court.

"The younger girls played well together and moved the ball around and took shots," he said, adding they had more turnovers than they wanted.



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**Prairie City Panther Haley Pfefferkorn attempts to steal from Ukiah/Long Creek's Lucchese Douglas (51) in Thursday's game.**

Ten of the 11 Prairie City girls scored.

Cassie Hire, one of the Panthers top scoring varsity players, held off from attempts at the basket.

Prairie City beat Burnt River on Saturday 49-11.

Ukiah/Long Creek fell 56-36 to Monument/Dayville on Saturday in Long Creek.

In their final league games, the Panthers travel to Dayville to face Monument/Dayville at 6 p.m. Friday, and they host Crane at 2 p.m. Saturday.

In the High Desert League standings, Jordan Valley is 10-0, ranked No. 17; Crane is 8-1, ranked No. 14; Adrian is 5-3, ranked No. 19; Prairie City is 5-3, ranked No. 21; Monument/Dayville is 3-5, ranked No. 37; Harper is 2-6; Burnt River is 1-7; and Huntington is 0-9.

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**Prairie City**  
Samantha Workman: 8 points  
Emily Ennis: 8  
Hailee Wall: 7  
Rilee Emmel: 6  
Brianna Zweygardt: 4  
Katie Hire: 4  
Haley Pfefferkorn: 3  
Aleah Johns: 2  
Megan Camarena: 2  
Abbey Pfefferkorn: 2

**Ukiah/Long Creek**  
Dortha Johnson: 8 points  
Faith Burnette: 6  
Ximena Millan: 2  
Lucchese Douglas: 2

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