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Hutchison. With just a handful of seconds left, Bobcat Autumn Daggett sank a 2-point shot. Grant Union and Union had even scoring, 12-12, in the final quarter.

“We pressured their guards the whole night,” Hallgarth said. “Our tenacity on defense probably contributed to about 70 percent of our points. We missed a lot of lay-ins, but we also shot a lot.”

He said several girls contributed to the game.

“Our bench is starting to come alive,” he said. “Those girls are starting to match the tenacity and intensity of our starters.”

Moulton said she was excited for another league win.

“We started out the game running the ball and had great defense,” she said. “We prepared for it all week and came out ready.”

Grant Union topped Imbler 67-19 on Saturday, never allowing the Panthers the lead.

“I thought our team performed at a high level even though the score is misleading,” Hallgarth said. “We talk about coming out ready to go — that is the theme this week. Our defense has carried us all year, and we need to hit our stride from here on



Grant Union Prospector Mariah Wright flies up to score over Union's Abriel O'Reilly in Friday's game.

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Grant Union Prospector Mariah Moulton (25) lands her second 3-pointer of the night in Friday's game against the Union Bobcats.

out, which I believe we are.”

Grant Union hosted the 1A Crane Mustangs on Tuesday, past press time. The Prospectors will host the 1A Jordan Valley Mustangs at 5:30 p.m. Thursday for senior night.

Jordan Valley is the High Desert League champion with a 10-0 record, ranked No. 17, followed by Crane, which is 8-1 and ranked No. 13. Hallgarth said these games will help his team be mentally prepared for the

battles ahead.

“We haven't reached our goals, yet,” he said.

The Wapiti District Tournament will be Friday-Saturday, Feb. 16-17, at La Grande High School, the times to be determined.

Grant Union vs. Union
 Kaylee Wright: 21 (one 3-pointer, 2-3 free throws)
 Mariah Wright: 13 (one 3-pointer)
 Mariah Moulton: 9 (two 3-pointers, 1-2 free throws)
 Madi McKrola: 8 (2-5 free throws)
 Hailee Wright: 4 (one 3-pointer, 1-2 free throws)
 Trinity Hutchison: 2

Whitney McClellan: 2
Grant Union vs. Imbler
 Kaylee Wright: 19
 Madi McKrola: 14
 Mariah Wright: 11
 Kori Jo Girvin: 6
 Trinity Hutchison: 6
 Hailee Wright: 6
 Makenna Culley: 3
 Whitney McClellan: 2

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3-pointers in the quarter, and the Prospectors had a 30-10 lead.

Prospector Duane Stokes scored beyond the arc in the opening seconds of the second quarter, followed by Kellen Shelley going 2-2 at the free-throw line. Then Stokes scored off an assist from Reimers.

Grant Union held a 41-24 lead going into the half.

In the third, Bobcat Cole McLean was fouled by McDaniel while shooting a 3-pointer, and drained all three opportunities at the free-throw line, the score 43-29, Union trailing.

Grant Union then took control, jumping ahead by 10 before Union scored again.

The Prospectors had an 18-point lead going into the final 8 minutes.

Grant Union outscored Union 22-14 in the fourth, which included two 3-point shots from Jacob Vaughan.

“We had great practices, and they just couldn't wait to play,” Wright said. “We switched defenses and offenses around, and they caught onto it really well.”

Kellen Shelley said it was a good win.

“It was nice to play together well and get the win at home,” he said. “It feels good to start out strong and finish strong.”



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Grant Union Prospector Jacob Vaughan and Union Bobcat Jace Phillips clash as Vaughan is en route to the basket in Friday's game.

Grant Union beat the Imbler Panthers 56-30 on Saturday, leading from the start.

Reimers led Grant Union, scoring 12 points, followed by McDaniel and Stokes with 9 each.

The Prospectors hosted the 1A Crane Mustangs on Tuesday, past press time.

Grant Union hosts the 1A

Jordan Valley Mustangs at 7 p.m. Thursday for the Prospectors' senior night.

Grant Union vs. Union
 Zack Deiter: 17 (one 3-pointer, 2-2 free throws)
 Wade Reimers: 16 (one 3-pointer, 3-3 free throws)
 Duane Stokes: 15 (one 3-pointer)
 Kellen Shelley: 11 (3-3 free throws)
 Cole Deiter: 8 (4-6 free throws)
 Cauy Weaver: 7 (1-4 free throws)

Jacob Vaughan: 6 (two 3-pointers)
 Taylor Hunt: 4
 Ty McDaniel: 3 (one 3-pointer)
Grant Union vs. Imbler
 Reimers: 12 points
 McDaniel: 9
 Stokes: 9
 Zack Deiter: 6
 Cole Deiter: 6
 Weaver: 6
 Shelley: 4
 Mason Gerry: 2
 Vaughan: 2



Grant Union Prospector Ty McDaniels (23) scores from beyond the arc in Friday's game against Union.



Grant Union Prospector Zack Deiter takes aim in Friday's game against Union. Deiter scored 17 to lead the Prospectors for the evening.

WRESTLING

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a team championship, and six individuals go on to state,” he said. “We think our heavyweights have good chances. For our first-year qualifiers, state is tough. Our goal (for them) is to place in the top four, and I think they have the potential to be placers.”

This is the first time since 2010 that Grant Union has had six wrestlers qualify for state.

Drew Lusco and Toby Boatwright wrestled each other Friday in the final round with Lusco pinning Boatwright in an arm bar for the championship.

Boatwright placed second by rule over Clint Norton of Enterprise, having beat Norton in the semifinals by a 6-1 decision.

“Toby had actually lost a close match against Norton early in the season,” coach Lusco said. “The semifinal match was a convincing win by Toby.”

Both Drew Lusco and Boatwright competed at state last year, Drew Lusco finishing fourth.

“We've both worked hard this year, and that hard work paid off, and we achieved our goals,” Drew Lusco said.

When asked what it was like to wrestle Norton at the district tournament, Boatwright said he was a little nervous at first.



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Grant Union Prospector Toby Boatwright, left, moves into position to take down an Irigon opponent at a match earlier this year.

“I just wrestled and did what I learned in practice,” he added.

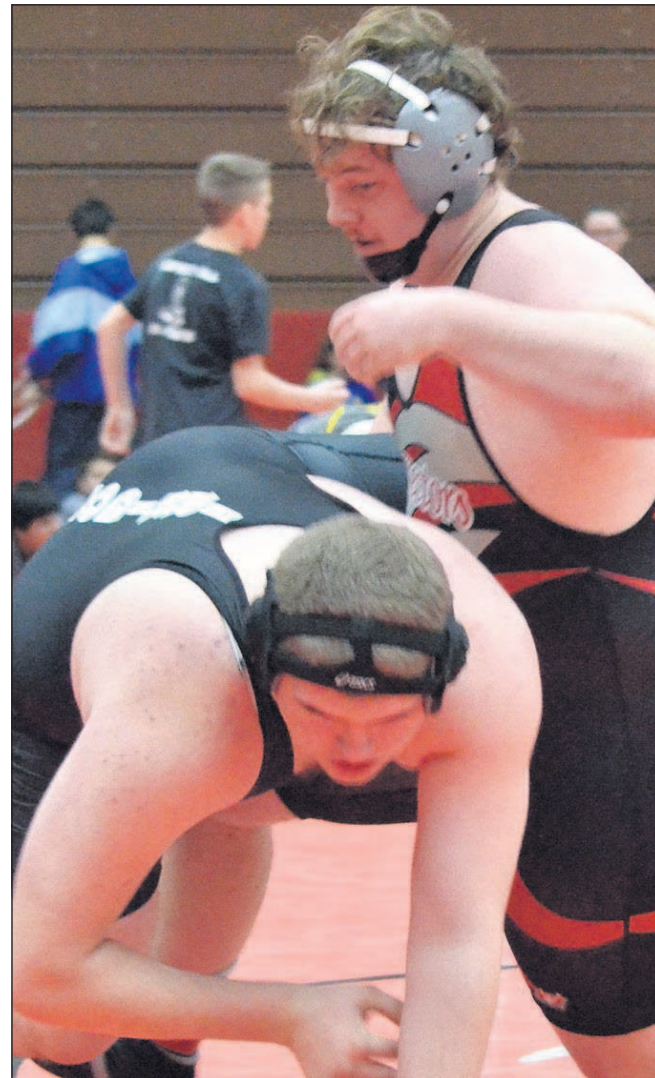
Humbird said he was also nervous at the start, facing Cole Kiesecker (13-13) of Joseph/Wallowa in the final round. Humbird won by an 11-5 decision.

“Two years ago, he beat me at districts,” Humbird said.

Commenting on this year's experience, he said, “It was surreal — it was how you dream it.”

Grant Union results
 Name/season record/place at district
 Drew Lusco, 30-3 record, first place
 Elijah Humbird, 15-7, first

Toby Boatwright, 6-9, second
 Russell Hodge, 18-16, second
 Eli Sheedy, 14-3, second
 Ethan Moore, 22-16, second
 Cameron Hallgarth, 17-20, third
 Tanner Way, 3-6, fourth
 Quinten Hallgarth, 12-21, fourth
 Josh Carpenter, 9-11, fourth
 Logan McCluskey, 16-22, fourth
 Braden Spencer, 22-20, fourth
 Ben Henry, 12-9, fourth
 Damion Young, 17-23, fifth
 Other Grant Union team members this year are:
 Ben Henry, Collin Harvey, Hadley Boethin, Frank Douglass, Dillon Maley, Ely Carniglia, Nate Moore and Savannah Wyllie.



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Grant Union Prospector Elijah Humbird works to flip an opponent for takedown earlier this season at the Grant Union Tournament in John Day.