

**Tigers volleyball team sweeps Huntington 3-0**

The Dayville/Monument Tigers swept the Huntington Locomotives in Dayville with scores of 25-6, 25-6 and 25-10.

"It was a good team-building day for us to see the accomplishments we can acquire when we work together as a team and have confidence and trust in each other," said Tiger head coach Kristi Emerson. "It makes for a good outcome."

She said overall her team had consistent serving.

Faythe Schafer, who was out for a couple weeks with an injury, was back and stepped up as a team leader, Emerson said, adding Schafer has been practicing her jump serves and performed well.

One of the Tiger starters is possibly out for the season with a nonsports-related injury, and Emerson said Sam Adams was one of the younger athletes stepping in to help. The coach said Adams is working hard on passing and had some good serves.

Emerson said the Huntington team is young with some foreign exchange students but "played their hearts out."

The Tigers will face tough competition this weekend

with only six players, traveling to face Harper at 3 p.m. (MT) on Friday and to face Adrian at 11 a.m. (MT) on Saturday.

"We're going to work hard on controlling the ball and good passes so we can set up a play — and keeping positive," Emerson said.

**Grant Union defeats Gold Beach/Pacific 46-8 at Bend football field**

The Grant Union Prospector football team nearly shut out the Gold Beach/Pacific Panthers on Saturday.

The Prospectors won 46-8, the match played at Summit High School in Bend.

"Our offensive line was dominant and allowed all of our backs to reach the second and third levels of the defense repetitively," said Prospector head coach Jason Miller.

He said quarterback Garrett Lenz, a sophomore, was efficient in passing the ball which allowed their offense to have a balanced attack.

"Our defense played tough and created turnovers in critical situations," Miller said. "We recovered two fumbles, and Justin Hodge had an interception."

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Miller added, "Overall we blocked and tackled well — that is the name of the game."

Grant Union will host the Umatilla Vikings at 7 p.m. Friday in John Day at Three Flags Field.

**Grant Union volleyball team finishes 2nd at Baker tourney**

Grant Union head coach Ali Abrego said there were several girls contributing to their successes at Friday's Baker Tournament where the 2A team finished in second place to 4A La Grande.

"Sydney Brockway, Hailie Wright and Trinity Hutchinson were all key contributors to our victories," Abrego said. "Alcie Moore made some smart setting plays to give us a sideout when needed."

The Prospectors finished second in pool play, then beat Weiser in the quarterfinals and Baker in the semifinals.

In the championship match against La Grande, Grant Union fell 15-25 and 14-25.

Grant Union faced Burns on the road Tuesday, past press time.

The Prospectors face Weston-McEwen and Stanfield Saturday in Athena with junior varsity games starting at noon.

**Prairie City volleyball team sweeps Grant Union JV, competes at Badger tourney**

The Prairie City Panther netters defeated the Grant Union junior varsity team 3-0 last Wednesday at the Prairie City court.

"Our win over GUJV was a good test for this team," said Prairie City head coach Jordan Bass. "There is a lot of competitive spirit whenever we play GU."

Bass said, after her junior varsity team played a "solid match," the varsity jumped out to a 25-5 and 25-13 win in the first two sets.

"The girls stayed intense and mindful," she said.

The Panthers were trailing 19-23 in the last set. Then Rilee Emmel gave seven tough serves for the 25-23 win.

"I think that showed a lot of mental toughness from the team. They stayed confident, and Rilee did a great job finishing the match," Bass said.

She said the Powder Valley tournament started out rough.

"The girls turned things around to go on and beat Crane in pool play," she said. "We ended the day on a loss

to Powder Valley, but it was a good battle. I was happy to see the team persevere and compete with a tough team like I know we can."

Prairie City will have a second match with Grant Union junior varsity at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, in John Day.

**Prairie City football travels to face S. Wasco, loses 13-64**

The Prairie City Panther football team had a tough 64-13 loss to South Wasco on Friday in Maupin.

Although it was a loss, Prairie City is the only team to score points on the Red-sides this season.

Panther quarterback Jayden Winegar connected with Declan Zwegardt for Prairie City's first touchdown, and Jake McHatton rushed for the team's second touchdown.

"We tackled better, but their speed hurt us," said Panther head coach Nate Barber. "We have to be more disciplined on our zone defense."

Barber said they've had a couple injured players but hopes to have them back on the field soon.

Prairie City hosts the 3-0 Joseph Eagles at 2 p.m. Friday.

The Dayville/Monument Tiger football team fell 0-84 to the Eagles in Joseph last week. Coach Kyle Hand could not be reached for comment.

Dayville/Monument travels to Harper at 4 p.m. (MT) Friday to face the Hornets.

**Sam McCracken places 2nd at high school rodeo**

Grant Union freshman Sam McCracken placed second in boys cutting with 63 points at the Sept. 14-15 St. Helens High School Rodeo. The cutting event was held in Molalla.

**SPORTS SCHEDULE**

**Thursday, Sept. 20**

Prairie City JV volleyball vs. Long Creek/Ukiah at 5 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 21**

Prairie City football vs. Joseph at 2 p.m.

Dayville/Monument volleyball @ Harper at 3 p.m. (MT)

Dayville/Monument football @ Harper at 4 p.m. (MT)

Grant Union football vs. Umatilla at 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 22**

Dayville/Monument volleyball @ Adrian at 11 a.m. (MT)

Grant Union volleyball @ Weston-McEwen, Stanfield in Athena at noon

**Wednesday, Sept. 26**

Long Creek/Ukiah JV soccer vs. Riverside JV in Long Creek at 3 p.m.

Prairie City volleyball @ Grant Union JV in John Day at 5 p.m.

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