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Prospector Devon Stokes made a big stop later in the quarter, bringing up fourth and 12 for Umatilla. Then Prospector Damion Young, with Peyton Neault assisting, sacked Earl.

Grant Union followed up with Justin Hodge rushing for a touchdown on the Prospectors' next drive, and Lenz scored on a keeper for the conversion points.

The Vikings added 8 more points but could not catch the Prospectors.

Russell Hodge said as the team went into the game

they talked about having their "whole hearts" in the game — "that we'd put 100 percent into it, and not have 80 percent, but 100 percent."

"They were probably more athletic than us, but we're more 'contact' and put our hearts into it," he said.

Miller said, "Garrett came up huge with some big throws to save our bacon and get some first downs and touchdowns. I have to hand it to Umatilla. They were a tough team. They had some great players, but our kids hung in there and believed."

He was pleased with his defense making big plays to stop drives but said the team needs to eliminate mistakes.

"We can't fumble so much, and we've got to maintain our blocks, just simple football stuff that kids will forget to do," Miller said. "We'll keep working on that stuff."

As Grant Union moves forward, Miller said the win over Umatilla is a "big momentum booster for us."

"The kids are starting to believe that what we're doing is going to work," he said. "(We'll) just keep them moving forward with that, and I think we'll be fine."

Grant Union will face the Kennedy Trojans in non-league action at 7 p.m. Friday in Mt. Angel.



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter

The Grant Union Prospectors face off with the Umatilla Vikings Friday night in John Day.

PANTHERS

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Jayden Winegar, Zweygardt, Jake McHatton and Connor Jones moved the ball on Prairie City's next drive, but were not able to capitalize on their gains.

Zweygardt punted to the Eagle's 4-yard line, and Prairie City put the pressure on and forced a safety, scoring 2 points, when Kilgore missed a snap.

Joseph running back Carson Littlepage came out with what looked like a leg injury halfway into the third, and soon after Eagle Trey Wandschneider caught a long touchdown pass.

The Eagles, kicking off, took possession when Joseph's Hayden Hite landed on the ball.

Prairie City's Opie McDaniel made a good tackle on the next drive, bringing up third down, but the Eagles again scored off the arm of Kilgore.

The Panthers held the Eagles to a field goal for 4 points in the final quarter.

With just 7 seconds left, a personal foul was called on Wandschneider.

"The last hit of the game that ejected the player from Joseph really hurt Jayden," Prairie City head coach Nate Barber said. "We are not sure how bad his injury is and will have to wait for an MRI."

Barber said, meanwhile, John Titus will step in as quarterback.

"Jake and Declan always put together good games," Barber said. "We just need the rest of the team to step up and play the way that they are capable of playing."



Eagle photos/Angel Carpenter

Prairie City Panther Bladen Burril, left, attempts to force Joseph's Carson Littlepage to fumble the ball.



Prairie City Panther Declan Zweygardt gains yards before being tackled by Joseph's Juston Rodgers.

Prairie City will host the Echo Cougars (2-1) at 7 p.m. Friday for the Panthers' homecoming game.

Barber said he expects Echo, which was in the state playoffs last year, will be tough.



Prairie City Panther John Titus is tackled by Joseph's Juston Rodgers.





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