

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Tiger hoops teams victorious at home tourney

The Dayville/Monument Tiger girls and boys teams made a strong showing Friday and Saturday at their Tiger Tournament in Dayville.

For the girls, Denali Twehues led her team Friday with 12 points in the 38-21 win over Mitchell/Spray, and Kyla Emerson had 8 points with six steals.

On Saturday, the Tiger girls beat Grant Union junior varsity 38-21, with Twehues leading in scoring with 14 points and Emerson with 11 points and six steals.

The Tigers, scoring right off the tip Friday, led 16-3 in the first quarter and 24-7 at the half.

"I was able to get a lot of playing time for the younger players who all played really well and are starting to settle down more and more with the extra playing time that they get," said Tiger head coach Taylor Schmadeka.

The Tigers again made a quick start in the first quarter on Saturday, gaining a 14-2 lead over Grant Union in the first quarter and 23-7 at the half.

Schmadeka said Grant Union pressured his offense more, which was good experience for his younger players.

"Once again, on both days, we did a great job crashing the boards and getting offensive rebounds for second-chance points," Schmadeka said.

He said the team will have their toughest matchup so far this season against Powder Valley at the Thursday-Sat-

urday, Dec. 20-22, Union Tournament.

He said they look forward to the competition.

The Dayville/Monument Tigers boys also saw success at their home tournament with a 46-40 win over Mitchell/Spray on Friday and a 45-17 win over Grant Union junior varsity on Saturday. Head coach Jeff Schafer was unavailable for comment.

Dayville/Monument girls vs. Mitchell/Spray

Denali Twehues: 12 points
Kyla Emerson: 8 points, 6 steals

Faythe Schafer: 6 points, 4 assists

Aubrianna Osborne: 4 points

Hallie Rhoda: 4 points
Courtney Nichols: 2 points
Katie Barker: 2 points

Dayville/Monument girls vs. Grant Union junior varsity

Twehues: 14 points
Emerson: 11 points, 6 steals

Nichols: 5 points
Schafer: 4 points
Osborne: 2 points
Rhoda: 2 points

Mountain Lion girls win two over Mitchell/Spray

Long Creek/Ukiah girls basketball coach Amos Studtmann said teamwork is making a positive impact.

The 4-0 Mountain Lions came out victorious over Mitchell/Spray in nonleague action twice last week, beating the Eagle/Loggers 29-22 on Dec. 11 in Long Creek and 38-22 on Saturday in Dayville.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, Dec. 20

Dayville/Monument basketball @ Union Tournament, TBD

Friday, Dec. 21

Long Creek/Ukiah basketball @ Helix Tournament, 2 p.m. girls, 3:30 p.m. boys

Grant Union basketball @ Heppner, boys 6 p.m., girls 7:30 p.m.

Dayville/Monument basketball @ Union Tournament, TBD

Saturday, Dec. 22

Grant Union basketball vs. Pilot Rock, boys 4 p.m., girls 5:30 p.m.

Prairie City basketball hosts Alumni Games, girls 5 p.m., boys 6:30 p.m.

Dayville/Monument basketball @ Union Tournament, TBD

Studtmann said the team had good passing and defense, which led to good transition offense.

The girls will compete Friday-Saturday, Dec. 21-22, at the Helix Tournament where they will face a team from Bickleton, Washington.

Studtmann said his team will continue to develop their defense, rebounding, shooting and dribbling.

"We're going to keep doing what we're doing," he said. "These girls just work together, and that makes a difference."

Prairie City girls lose 1, boys win 2 at home

The Prairie City girls took a 30-25 loss to Imbler in a tight game Saturday in Prairie City.

The teams were tied 5-5 after their first quarter of play and Imbler led 17-14 at the

half.

"It was close the whole game," said Prairie City girls head coach Bo Workman. "The girls played hard and never gave up."

The Prairie City girls are down to just six players after losing Haley Pfefferkorn and Katie Hire to injuries. Workman is hopeful they'll be back by mid-January.

Another player was out due to illness. The coach said the situation gave his less experienced players plenty of time on the court.

"We've just gotta keep our heads up, keep fighting and keep it in perspective — keep trying to get better," Workman said.

The Prairie City Panther boys claimed two nonleague wins at their home court.

Prairie City led 21-15 at the half and took a 62-51 win over Horizon Christian/Hood River on Friday. Prairie City beat Imbler 47-37 on Saturday.

The Prairie City boys team

placed second in state last year. They are 6-0 on the season and currently ranked No. 2 among OSAA 1A teams.

The Panther boys and girls will compete in the Alumni Games, organized by senior Levi Burke, on Saturday with the girls playing at 5 p.m. and boys at 6:30 p.m.

Prairie City girls vs. Imbler

Rilee Emmel: 11 points
Samantha Workman: 8 points

Emily Ennis: 4 points
Hailee Wall: 2 points

Long Creek/Ukiah boys fall to Mitchell/Spray in two

Missing a key player, the Long Creek/Ukiah boys team fell to nonleague opponent Mitchell/Spray twice last week, 71-60 on Dec. 11 in Long Creek and 76-51 on Saturday.

On Dec. 11, both teams put up over 20 points in the third quarter, and that's when Long Creek/Ukiah lost sophomore starter Thomas Kreamier to an injury.

"From that point on out, it was fast break after fast break (for Mitchell/Spray)," Studtmann said. "We just couldn't close the gap."

On Saturday, Long Creek/Ukiah was missing Kreamier and three other players.

Studtmann said their opponents shot the ball well.

"They have some players with an explosive drive," he said. "It was a good chance for Henry Grannis, Jesus Olmos and Marcel Kozhogulov to get out there and get some game experience."

Long Creek/Ukiah will next compete at the Dec. 21-22 Helix Tournament.

Grant Union wrestler Drew Lusco wins title at Rysdam Tournament

Grant Union Prospector Drew Lusco placed first in the 285-pound bracket at the Friday-Saturday John Rysdam Memorial Tournament in Elgin, beating Michael Diggins of Joseph/Wallowa by a pin in 18 seconds in the championship round.

Lusco won a belt buckle for Outstanding Wrestler.

Junior Russell Hodge earned second place in the 182 bracket.

Several Grant Union underclassmen also took the podium, including sophomore Sophie Brockway (145-girls) with first place, freshman Casey Vaughan (132) with second, sophomore Ben Henry (126) with second and sophomore Ethan Moore (106) third.

Placing fourth were freshman Arionna Young (120-girls), freshman Justin Hodge (152) and Quinten Hallgarth (170).

"All of our wrestlers are improving," said Grant Union head coach Andy Lusco. "Our young wrestlers are making great strides in conditioning and becoming tougher to turn and pin on the mat. It is exciting to watch them grow."

"Ethan Moore, Ben Henry, Justin Hodge, Russell Hodge, Quinten Hallgarth and Drew Lusco all placed and did a fantastic job in their brackets," Lusco said.

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