



# Grant Union girls defeat Stanfield 53-47

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The Grant Union Prospector girls basketball team, No. 4 in the OSAA standings for 2A teams, is on an eight-game winning streak after beating the Stanfield Tigers 53-47 in John Day Friday and the Union Bobcats 55-41 on the road Saturday.

On Friday, Prospector Hailie Wright led her team with 18 points followed by Madi McKrola with 17.

Prospector Kaylee Wright, a starter, was out for the game with an ankle injury.

Hailie hit a 3-point shot to start. Then Stanfield moved ahead early in the first quarter.

Grant Union caught up and held a slim lead, 12-11, going into the second and stayed ahead.

Wright rebounded and put up a shot at the halftime buzzer.

The Prospectors outscored the Tigers 15-8 in the second for the 27-19 lead.

McKrola scored 9 points in the third quarter, including 1-1 at the free-throw line. Wright hit her second 3-pointer for the night along with a 2-point shot, and Baylee Combs and Alcie Moore each added 2.

"We focused on our defensive game allowing us to shut down the primary scorers for both teams," said Grant Union head coach Kristi Moore, adding that rebounding was key in both games.

"On Saturday, we were



Grant Union senior Madi McKrola drives against Stanfield on Jan. 18.

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able to work into the posts allowing our post players to take advantage of the one-on-one game," she said. "The team set a goal to win our league, and they are working every day to accomplish the goal."

Grant Union is leading

in the Blue Mountain Conference with a 7-0 record, followed by the Enterprise Outlaws (5-2) in second and the Heppner Mustangs (5-2) in third.

In conference action, the Prospectors face the Pilot Rock Rockets (1-6)

on the road Friday at 6 p.m., and Grant Union hosts Heppner at 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

Grant Union meets up with Stanfield again at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Tigers' basketball court.

#### GRANT UNION VS. STANFIELD

Hailie Wright: 18 points (two 3-pointers, 2-3 free throws)  
 Madi McKrola: 17 (3-5 free throws)  
 Marissa Smith: 6  
 Alcie Moore: 4 (2-3 free throws)  
 Baylee Combs: 4 (2-2 free throws)  
 Abby Lusco: 2 (2-2 free throws)  
 Kaytlyn Wells: 2  
 Team free throws: 11-15



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The Grant County CrossFit team, the PVC Prodigies, won their division at the Granite Games Jan. 12 in Nampa, Idaho. At the top of the podium are, from left, Haley Olson, Megan Sherman and Rebekah Rand.

## CrossFit team wins in Nampa, Idaho

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Three Grant County women joined forces to win first place in their division at the Jan. 12 Granite Games CrossFit competition in Nampa, Idaho.

As the team "PVC Prodigies," Rebekah Rand of Canyon City and Megan Sherman and Haley Olson, both of John Day, took the top spot on the podium at the Snake River CrossFit gym in the women's scaled division, beating 18 other teams.

"It felt amazing to win, and teaming up with those two, we had really good teamwork," Rand said. "Our strengths and weaknesses complement each other."

Sherman, who owns the Canyon Creek Cross Training gym in John Day, which is not affiliated with CrossFit, said they discovered it was also a global event, and they placed 38th out of 527 teams.

The competition workouts included ring rows, jump rope, burpees and partner deadlift.

Sherman said the partner deadlift was the most challenging for their team due to their height differences. One partner takes one side of the bar, and the other is on the opposite side, dead lifting 205 pounds.

"I'm 5-foot-2, and Haley is 5-foot-10," Sherman said.



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Megan Sherman lifts in the Jan. 12 Granite Games in Nampa, Idaho, in a global competition.

"We have to lock out at the same time. We had to be in sync."

Olson said their team trained hard for the event for three months together.

"It was awesome being on a team with those guys," she said.

Rand said it was a fun experience.

"We didn't go expecting to win, but it was good to see where we stacked up against the other teams," she said. "It felt good to come out on top."

The three continue to train for future events.

Sherman is working toward having her gym USA Weightlifting certified, so athletes can train in her gym for those events and the gym can be entered into high-level powerlifting competitions.

She said 40-50 members train at her gym, and many like to compete or watch competitions.

## Grant Union boys lose to Stanfield

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The Grant Union Prospector boys and Stanfield Tigers kept the score close in the first half of Friday's conference contest in John Day before Stanfield pulled ahead for a 68-52 win.

Prospector head coach Kelsy Wright said, although they took the loss, it was still a good game.

"They made some adjustments and pulled ahead," he said of the Tigers, noting that one of their players, who hadn't been shooting as well in past games, started hitting the basket.

Prospector Jacob Vaughan had a game-high 16 points, and Mason Gerry had 13.

For Stanfield, Elias Esquivel had a team high of 15.

Prospector Devon Stokes landed a 3-point shot halfway through the first quarter, and two minutes later sank another 3-pointer.

Stanfield led 14-13 going into the second.

In the first minute, Vaughan landed a 3-pointer and, less than two minutes, later added another with Warner Robertson also hitting for 3 in the final minute.

Prospector Tanner Elliott was strong on rebounding for the night.

He grabbed the ball 8-10 feet out for a put-back at the halftime buzzer for 2 points, moving Grant Union to within 1 point of Stanfield, the Tigers with



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Grant Union junior Mason Gerry shoots over Stanfield defenders with senior Tanner Elliott ready to rebound on Jan. 18.

the 29-28 lead.

The Tigers outscored the Prospectors 19-12 in the third and 20-12 in the fourth with many of Stanfield's points earned at the free-throw line.

Stanfield shot 19-27 from the free-throw line,

including 14-20 in the second half. Grant Union was 11-19 in the game.

Grant Union took another conference loss on the road, 58-45, to the Union Bobcats on Saturday.

"It was a close game all the way until the end,"

#### GRANT UNION STATS

Jacob Vaughan: 16 points (two 3-pointers, 4-8 free throws)  
 Mason Gerry: 13 (5-7 free throws)  
 Jordan Hall: 8 (2-2 free throws)  
 Tanner Elliott: 6  
 Devon Stokes: 6  
 Warner Robertson: 3 (one 3-pointer)  
 Team free throws 11-19

Wright said.

He said they had to start fouling in the fourth.

"They were making free throws, and we weren't capitalizing on our offense — nothing was falling for us," he said.

Wright said the team has been adapting to having starter Tristan Morris out with an ankle injury, but added they hope to have Morris back after this week.

"We're just trying to come together," Wright said. "We're doing everything right. I'm proud of how hard they want to work for me."

The coach said they're focused on preparing for Heppner this week, and they are also getting ready for Pilot Rock.

Grant Union will face the Pilot Rock Rockets at 7:30 p.m. Friday on the road, and they host the Heppner Mustangs at 4 p.m. Saturday.

Heppner is currently leading the conference with a 7-0 record (13-6 overall), followed by Union at 5-2 (12-5) and Grant Union 4-3 (6-10). Pilot Rock is 1-6 (2-15).

"It should be another pretty intense game," Wright said of the upcoming home game.

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

### Friday, Jan. 25

Grant Union wrestling hosts Grant Union Invitational at 12 p.m. in John Day

Dayville/Monument basketball @ Adrian, 5 p.m. girls, 6:30 p.m. boys (MT)

Long Creek/Ukiah basketball @ Harper, 6 p.m. girls, 7:30 p.m. boys (MT)

Grant Union basketball @ Pilot

Rock, 6 p.m. girls, 7:30 p.m. boys  
 Prairie City basketball @ Four Rivers in Ontario, 6 p.m. girls, 7:30 p.m. boys (MT)

### Saturday, Jan. 26

Prairie City basketball vs. Adrian, 2 p.m. girls, 3:30 p.m. boys

Long Creek/Ukiah basketball vs. Four Rivers in Ukiah, 2 p.m. girls, 3:30 p.m. boys

Dayville/Monument basketball vs. Jordan Valley in Dayville, 3 p.m. girls, 4:30 p.m. boys

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

### Tuesday, Jan. 29

Long Creek/Ukiah basketball vs. Pilot Rock JV in Ukiah, 4:30 p.m. girls, 6 p.m. boys

Prairie City basketball @ Crane, 5 p.m. girls, 6:30 p.m. boys