



# Two girls wrestlers advance to first state tournament

## Hutchison wins district qualifier, Young places second

By Angel Carpenter  
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Grant Union wrestler Trinity Hutchison, a senior, made historic strides for her school by winning the champion title Saturday at the Girls Southern District State Qualifier in Thurston.

Hutchison pinned three opponents in the 155-pound class to win the title.

Teammate Arionna Young, a freshman, finished second at 115 with a 4-1

record. Both girls advance to the Friday and Saturday, Feb. 22-23, OSAA State Wrestling Championships in Portland.

The Feb. 1-2 event was a day for the record books for all five members of the 2A Grant Union girls wrestling team, which placed fourth out of 53 teams. The top two in each weight class will now compete in Oregon's first girls wrestling state championships.

"This is the first year of a true state tournament for girls — it has been exhibition in the past," said Grant Union head coach Andy Lusco. "The girls at the qualifier and state compete without divisions



**Grant Union Prospector Trinity Hutchison, a senior, wins a match at the Feb. 1-2 state qualifier in Thurston. Hutchison earned the championship title in the 155-pound weight class to advance to the state championships.**

(all schools 1A-6A compete together). It is a tough bracket."



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**Grant Union wrestler Arionna Young, a freshman, wins a match at the state qualifier in Thurston. Young placed second at 115 pounds at the Feb. 1-2 event and advances to the state championships.**

Prospector Sydney Brockway placed fourth in the 130-pound class (4-2),

Ashley Henry was fifth at 115 (5-2) and Sophie Brockway sixth at 140 (2-3).

Hutchison saw two of her three opponents at the Jan. 25 Hood River girls tournament, including her competition in the semifinal and championship rounds.

She first pinned a girl from McKay High School, a 6A school in Salem. Then in the semifinals she pinned an opponent from 4A Sweet Home. In the championship round, she faced a 6A opponent from Bend.

Although she knew what to expect from two of the wrestlers, "there was more at stake this weekend, and they wrestled me harder," she said. "I worked a lot

this last week at practice on slowing down and remembering fundamentals, and I tried hard to put that into my wrestling matches."

Lusco said he was pleased with the effort from each of the girls.

"Arionna had to defend her spot at second in a wrestle-back match against the third-place finisher to keep her place at state," he said. "She pinned a wrestler from Sweet Home to keep her spot."

"This was a fantastic result for these girls," he added. "They have worked very hard to achieve and build a girls wrestling program here at Grant Union."

# Prairie City boys defeat Huntington by 50

## Winegar, Burke and Deiter score 15 each

By Angel Carpenter  
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The Prairie City Panther boys defeated the Huntington Locomotives soundly in Prairie City on Saturday after two tough road losses.

The Crane Mustangs broke the Panthers' undefeated 17-0 season record Jan. 29 with a 65-55 win, and the Panthers also took a loss to the Jordan Valley Mustangs in a 53-51 battle after their 3.5 hour journey on the bus.

Prairie City took nothing for granted Saturday. After tying the score 10-10 in the first quarter, the Panthers moved ahead and did not relinquish their lead.

Panther Lucas McKinley landed two 3-point shots in the first two minutes of play, scoring 9 of his 13 points in the first quarter.

Prairie City's Jayden Winegar added 5, including a 3-pointer, in the first.

Cole Deiter scored off a steal and added 2 points in the last minute of the quarter off an assist from McKinley, who also had a steal.

Prairie City was ahead 18-10 going into the second and had a commanding 47-15 lead at the half, Panther Levi Burke scoring 10 points in the second.

Deiter scored 9 of his 15 points in the third, and Carson McKay and McKinley each made a 3-point shot.

Declan Zweygardt scored 4, including 2 points off Jojari Field's steal. Field and Winegar also added 2 points in the quarter.

For Huntington, Charlee Ray



**Prairie City Panther Declan Zweygardt aims for the basket with Huntington Locomotive Derrick Rothenberger on defense.**

sank a 3-pointer in the third, and his teammate Derrick Rothenberger dunked the ball. Dakota Seimy and Christian Mathews added 2 each in the quarter.

Prairie City held Huntington to 6 points in the final eight minutes. Winegar, Burke and Deiter led

the Panthers with 15 points each in the game.

Huntington's Rothenberger, Ray and Mathews led their team with 8 points each.

Prairie City head coach Sam Workman said, in their losses to Crane and Jordan Valley, his team



**Prairie City Panther Cole Deiter scores over high-jumping Huntington Locomotive Derrick Rothenberger.**

"showed up not ready to play" while their opponents were.

"Hopefully, we get back on track," he said.

Field said it was nice to be back playing in front of the home crowd.

"They are a big part of how we

## PRAIRIE CITY VS. HUNTINGTON

Jayden Winegar: 15 points (three 3-pointers)

Levi Burke: 15 (one 3-pointer, 2-2 free throws)

Cole Deiter: 15 (1-3 free throws)

Lucas McKinley: 13 (three 3-pointers, 2-4 free throws)

Jonathan Lawrence: 6

Jojari Field: 4

Brett Copenhaver: 4 (2-4 free throws)

Carson McKay: 3 (one 3-pointer)

Brandon Horrell: 2

Marcus Judd: 2

Declan Zweygardt: 2

## 1A HIGH DESERT LEAGUE BOYS STANDINGS

Crane, 10-1, 15-7 overall, No. 18 in state

Jordan Valley, 9-1, 13-6, No. 28

Prairie City, 8-2, 18-2, No. 8

Long Creek/Ukiah, 6-5, 8-11, No. 55

Dayville/Monument, 5-5, 10-11, No. 43

Adrian, 5-5, 6-13, No. 53

Huntington, 4-7, 6-11, No. 63

Harper Charter, 3-7, 7-9, No. 61

Four Rivers, 1-9, 2-12, No. 72

Burnt River, 1-10, 1-15, No. 73

play," he said. "After this tough week, it was nice to come back and play as one — make smart plays and get the win."

Prairie City was scheduled to host the Dayville/Monument Tigers Tuesday, past press time.

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, FEB. 8

Long Creek/Ukiah basketball vs. Prairie City in Long Creek, girls at 6 p.m., boys at 7:30 p.m.

Dayville/Monument basketball vs. Harper in Monument, girls at 5 p.m., boys at 6:30 p.m.

Grant Union basketball vs. Enterprise, boys at 6 p.m., girls at 7:30 p.m.

Grant Union dance @ Tigard competition, TBD

### SATURDAY, FEB. 9

Grant Union wrestling @ Echo Tournament (boys and girls), 10 a.m.

Prairie City basketball vs. Burnt River, girls at 2 p.m., boys at 3:30 p.m.

Grant Union basketball @ Stanfield, boys at 4 p.m., girls at 5:30 p.m.

Dayville/Monument basketball vs. Long Creek/Ukiah in Monument, girls at 2 p.m., boys at 3:30 p.m.

Grant Union dance @ Tigard competition, TBD

### TUESDAY, FEB. 12

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

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# Panther girls cruise to 33-point win over Locos

## Workman scores 18 in league rout

By Angel Carpenter  
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The Prairie City Panther girls, led by head coach Bo Workman, had a fiery start to their 56-23 win Saturday over the Huntington Locomotives.

Panther Samantha Workman led with a game-high 18 points, followed by Rilee Emmel who scored 12 points, including 8 in the first quarter.

Seven Panthers combined in the first 8 minutes for a 23-2 lead over the visiting Locomotives. Along with Emmel's 8 points, Aleah Johns sank a 3-pointer, Emily Ennis hit two 2-point shots and Workman and Hailee Wall contributed 2 each.

Huntington, led by head coach Tricia McLean, came alive in the second quarter, the Locomotives scoring 12 to the Panthers' 8.

McKenzie Noble landed two 3-point shots in the quarter for the Locomotives while Judy Wang and Luiza Janini each added 2 points, plus a free-throw.

Prairie City led 31-14 going into halftime.

Panther Camry Milesi started off the scoring in the



**Prairie City Panther sophomore Camry Milesi looks to pass a rebound in the game against the Huntington Locomotives.**

third with a 2-point shot, and Workman scored off a steal.

Prairie City went on a 13-point run before Huntington found the basket, Ennis landing a 3-pointer, and the Panthers led 46-18 going into the final quarter, cruising to the 33-point win.

"They kept their intensity up, and they shot better," said coach Workman.

The win was a turnaround

for the Panthers after road losses to the Crane Mustangs, 57-22, Jan. 29, and to the Jordan Valley Mustangs, 77-30, Friday.

"We can play great defense every single night," Workman said, adding that in their road games the team played hard to the end.

Emmel and Wall were pleased with Saturday's win. "I think today we were

more relaxed than previous games," Emmel said. "When that happens, we make more of our shots."

Prairie City was scheduled to host the Dayville/Monument Tigers Tuesday, past press time, and coach Workman said that will be their test. The Tigers were 7-3 in the 1A High Desert League, and the Panthers were 5-5 before the game.

## PRAIRIE CITY VS. HUNTINGTON

Samantha Workman: 18 points

Rilee Emmel: 12

Emily Ennis: 9 (one 3-pointer)

Aleah Johns: 5 (one 3-pointer)

Abbey Pfefferkorn: 4

Hailee Wall: 4

Katie Hire: 2

Camry Milesi: 2

## 1A HIGH DESERT LEAGUE GIRLS STANDINGS

Jordan Valley, 10-0, 17-2 overall, No. 5 in state

Crane, 10-1, 19-3, No. 3

Dayville/Monument, 7-3, 16-5, No. 20

Harper Charter, 6-4, 9-10, No. 47

Adrian, 6-4, 8-12, No. 36

Prairie City, 5-5, 5-13, No. 39

Long Creek/Ukiah, 4-7, 8-11, No. 38

Four Rivers, 3-7, 5-9, No. 61

Burnt River, 1-10, 2-14, No. 67

Huntington, 0-11, 0-17, No. 69