

Prairie City girls fall to Adrian in district battle

Team finishes season with consolation win

By Angel Carpenter
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Prairie City basketball fans were on the edge of their seats as the Panther girls started closing the gap on the Adrian Antelopes in the second half of Thursday night's district tournament game, but Adrian held on for the 38-34 win.

The Panthers were down 17-10 in the first and 25-18 going into halftime.

The 7-point deficit didn't drag Prairie City down. In the third, the Panthers put their foot on the gas.

After Adrian's Sadie Speelmon landed a 3-pointer, Prairie City's Rilee Emmel, Hailie Wall and Samantha Workman combined for 10 points to tie the score 28-28 with Emmel sinking two 3-point shots.

Adrian scored 6 points for a 34-28 lead going into the fourth.

The battle got heated in the final eight minutes with Panther Abbey Pfefferkorn scoring outside the arc. Emmel scored a 2-pointer and Wall added 1-2 at the free-throw line to get within 2 points of Adrian.

Prairie City had a couple steals but couldn't find the basket, while Adrian scored 2 more points for the win.

The Panthers entered the contest seeded No. 3 on the west side, while Adrian was seeded No. 2 for the east.

"They played tough," Prairie City head coach Bo Workman said of his team. "Abbey (Pfefferkorn) stepped up big. They all played hard and didn't give up."

Adrian had 12 players, compared to Prairie City's eight, and Workman described their players as "long and tall."

"I think we'll get 'em next time," he said.

Adrian was led by head



Prairie City Panther Abbey Pfefferkorn grabs an offensive rebound with Adrian's Roby Young also going after the ball.

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PRAIRIE CITY STATS

Rilee Emmel: 13 points (three 3-pointers)

Katie Hire: 8 (two 3-pointers)

Samantha Workman: 5 (1-2 free throws)

Hailee Wall: 5 (1-2 free throws)

Abbey Pfefferkorn: 3 (one 3-pointer)



Prairie City Panther Rilee Emmel (11) is tough on defense in the game against Adrian.



Prairie City Panther Samantha Workman goes up to score over the reach of Adrian's Stella Nichols in Thursday's game at the District 8 1A tournament in John Day.

Grant Union boys end season placing third at district tourney

Morris leads Prospectors with 22 points

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The Grant Union Prospectors ended their season in third place at the Friday-Saturday Blue Mountain Conference District Tournament held at the Pendleton Convention Center.

Grant Union entered the contest seeded No. 2 and fell 58-49 on Friday to the No. 3-seeded Union Bobcats.

It was the third time the Prospectors had faced the Bobcats. Grant Union defeated Union 59-47 on Jan. 5 in John Day. Then the Prospectors fell 58-45 on Jan. 18 in Union.

Grant Union was down 21-17 in the first quarter of Friday's game. Then the Bobcats scored 16 in the second while holding the Prospectors to 4 points.

"We started chipping away at their lead in the second half, but they were making 23- to 24-foot shots," said Grant Union head coach Kelsy Wright. "Union hit 12 out of 25 three-point attempts (overall)."

He said his team was rattled when Union went on their offensive attack, and although they outscored Union 12-8 in the third and 16-13 in the fourth, they were unable to close the gap.

Tristan Morris, a junior, led the Prospectors with 22 points, followed by seniors Tanner Elliott with 10 and Jacob Vaughan with 8.

Grant Union had hoped to improve on their sixth-place finish at state last year, and Wright said the loss to Union was a



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Grant Union Prospector Tristan Morris, a junior, was named to the All-League first team in the Blue Mountain Conference.

disappointment.

The Prospectors followed up with a 55-37 win over Stanfield. Grant Union freshman Mason Morris was named player of the game.

Tristan Morris was named to the BMC All-League first team and

Vaughan and Elliott were each named to the second team.

Wright said his team started off the season slow with some key losses, but

GRANT UNION STATS VS. UNION

Jacob Vaughan: 8 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 4 steals

Tanner Elliott: 10 points (2-4 free throws), 4 rebounds

Devon Stokes: 4 points, 1 rebound, 2 assists, 1 block, 1 steal

Mason Gerry: 3 points (1-2 free throws), 8 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal

Tristan Morris: 22 points (two 3-pointers, 2-4 free throws), 11 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal

Warner Robertson: 2 points, 1 rebound

he was pleased with how they developed over the season.

"I believe these boys progressed extremely well," he said. "Overall, I'm proud of all the boys."

He added his athletes were coachable, and he was happy with their work ethic.

Wright said Elliott showed extraordinary growth this season.

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