



Prairie City volleyball sweeps three teams



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Prairie City Panther Shaine Madden, libero, dives for the ball in Friday's game against Sherman.



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Prairie City Panther Emily Ennis serves in Friday's match against the Sherman Huskies.

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Prairie City Panther senior Rilee Emmel's great serving in the third set helped her team jump from a 7-6 to a 14-7 lead, and Laken McKay helped seal it with five good serves to close the set 25-12 in Friday's sweep of the Sherman Huskies in Prairie City.

The Panthers won the first two sets 25-21 and 25-20.

Prairie City also swept two teams at home Saturday in nonleague games, beating the Pine Eagle Spartans with scores of 25-17, 25-21 and 25-11 and the Trinity Lutheran Saints 25-21, 25-12 and 25-17.

On Friday, Prairie City senior Emily Ennis said they didn't play to the best of their ability, but she was glad to see they improved.

Panther head coach Jordan Bass said Sherman is a team that will "give everything back to us."

She said her team was able to eliminate their errors.

"I ask the girls to have a lot of purpose," Bass said. "We worked on control of the ball and controlling the speed of the game."

She said they also fought to avoid letting their opponents run the score up on them.

"Attitude and energy" are two points they're focusing on, she said.

"I let the starters work some things out," she added. "They have to battle through ups and downs. They have to figure out how to change that momentum when the game isn't going our way."

Prairie City hosted the Grant Union Prospector junior varsity team on Tuesday, past press time. The Panthers face the Harper Hornets at noon (MT) Friday on the road in league play. On Saturday, Prairie City travels to Trinity Lutheran in Portland, where they'll play Sherman at 1:30 p.m. and Trinity Lutheran at 3 p.m. in nonleague games.



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Prairie City Panther Samantha Workman (12) is ready for the ball to reach her if Sherman Husky Mercedes Cardona (2) blocks. In back, is Panther Rilee Emmel (3).



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Sherman/Condon Husky ball carrier Ajani Diaz (20, white uniform) is stopped in his tracks by Prairie City Panthers Doyal Lawrence (46, left) and Declan Zweggardt (20).

Panther football team ramps up late in loss to Huskies

PRAIRIE CITY FACES HARPER/HUNTINGTON FRIDAY IN LEAGUE ACTION

By Angel Carpenter
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The Prairie City/Burnt River Panthers and Sherman/Condon Huskies both had season opening wins under their belts upon facing each other Friday night in Prairie City, but the Huskies ran up the score early for a 47-16 win.

Panther Jayden Winegar intercepted Husky Cort Colby's pass intended for Wade Fields on Sherman/Condon's first possession.

Fields was one for Prairie City/Burnt River to stop as he seemed to easily find openings, including an opportunity for a 54-yard touchdown in the second quarter.

Sherman/Condon led 28-0 at the half.

The Huskies scored twice more. Then Panther Declan Zweggardt came unleashed, rushing 15 yards.

Prairie City/Burnt River was penalized with less than 2:30 left in the third, and moments later, Prairie City/Burnt River head coach Scott Dean was ejected from the game after talking back to a referee.



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Prairie City/Burnt River Panther Opie McDaniel (52) rushes from midfield to score a touchdown during the fourth quarter at Friday night's game against the Sherman/Condon Huskies. Running up to block are Marcus Judd (67) and Declan Zweggardt (20). Zweggardt also scored a touchdown for Prairie City in the fourth.

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