



Prairie City netters rout Dayville/Monument 3-0

Teams face off again at district tournament at 9 a.m. Saturday in John Day

By Angel Carpenter
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Energized by their homecoming and senior recognition celebrations, the Prairie City Panther volleyball team made a statement on their court, sweeping the cross-county Dayville/Monument Tigers.

It was also the Panthers' Dig Pink Rally, and they won with scores of 25-16, 25-20 and 25-11.

The Panthers and Tigers will face each other again in Game One at the 1A High Desert District Tournament at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, at Grant Union Junior-Senior High School in John Day.

Although the Tigers had younger players step up to the plate and battle, they were missing their powerhouse senior Aubrey Bowlus.

Prairie City senior Hailee Wall had 100% serving for the night with 10 aces for the Panthers.

Panther Katie Hire had six aces and five kills for Prairie City, and Rilee Emmel and Emily Ennis had six kills each.

Prairie City pulled away with an early lead in the first set and were ahead 12-7 when Dayville/Monument started narrowing the lead.

The Tigers trailed 15-12 when Wall spiked the ball and a Tiger block attempt went out.

Hire scored on two aces to extend Prairie City's lead, Ennis added a couple big swings for kills and Wall finished the match with a couple strong serves.



Prairie City Panther Samantha Workman (12) and Dayville/Monument Tiger Miranda Cook battle at the net in Friday's homecoming/Dig Pink Rally in Prairie City.

Set two saw a lot of back and forth between the teams. This time Dayville/Monument had an 8-2 lead. Then Wall had a serving run with a couple aces, and the Panthers tied it 8-8.

The teams knotted up the score four more times before Prairie City began moving ahead, from 17-17 to 23-17 as Hire served and added two aces.

Prairie City finished strong with a 14-point win in the third set.

After Friday's game, Dayville/Monument head coach Treila Osborne said they were heartbroken, but added her team blocked exceptionally well.

She said Prairie City was "on," and it was the little things that cost them points.

"We started hitting the net, and we missed a crucial serve," Osborne said.

She said Hannah Hand and Haylee Collins did a great job stepping up with Bowlus missing.

The coach added that their big middles, Aubrianna Osborne and Miranda Cook blocked well. Each had four kills and two solo blocks.

Denali Twehues had four aces, and Brooklyn Near had two aces. Hannah Hand had one kill.

"I was really proud of them," coach Osborne said. "We're grateful that we got to celebrate their Dig Pink night and their homecoming, so we're thankful that they had us for that."

Prairie City head coach Jordan Bass said she saw

some exciting things from her team.

"Hailee Wall's been working really hard to be more aggressive in the middle, and it's showing," Bass said. "Same thing with Emily Ennis — she's really trying to control that power and put it to good use."

She said Aleah Johns also performed well.

"She went in there and acted like she's been in there all season," Bass said. "That was great to see, from all of our seniors."

Between the first and second sets, Panther senior Shaine Madden held a "Miracle Minute" in which cheerleaders and volleyball players gathered money from the crowd in 60 seconds to raise money for those fighting

breast cancer.

Over \$465 was raised in that time.

Half of the money will help local patients at Blue Mountain Hospital, and the other half will be donated to the Side Out Foundation, Madden said.

She said she's seen several family members and friends of her family battle breast cancer.

"I thought this would be a good way to support them, and raise money for those who are fighting," Madden said.

She expressed gratitude for HECS stealthscreen garments, which donated their pink uniforms, and Sharrie Slinkard for donating a gift basket for a drawing.

Bass said, "It was fun to



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter Shaine Madden, a Prairie City senior on the volleyball team, held a Miracle Minute fundraiser and organized the Panthers' Dig Pink Rally, which was held Friday, Oct. 18, in Prairie City.

1A HIGH DESERT LEAGUE VOLLEYBALL

Crane, 7-0 league, 13-9 overall, ranked No. 12
Adrian, 6-1, 9-17, No. 31
Jordan Valley, 5-2, 11-13, No. 29
Prairie City, 4-3, 11-7, No. 33
Dayville/Monument, 3-4, 9-10, No. 46
Huntington, 2-5, 4-5, No. 55

see everybody come together for such a good cause."

Now they're preparing for Saturday's district tournament.

"We implemented some new things this week," Bass said. "We're still learning and trying to work out some bugs, but tonight was a good test for that, and I thought it looked really good."

"We're just going to keep plugging away, the way that we normally do, trying to get better throughout the week and hopefully come out 100% on Saturday."

Panther football advances to playoffs with win over Tigers

Dayville/Monument to compete at six-man classic Friday, Prairie City at Saturday's semifinals

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The Prairie City/Burnt River Panthers claimed a 39-28 victory Friday over the Dayville/Monument Tigers in a battle for a spot at the state playoffs for 1A six-man football.

Prairie City/Burnt River, as league champions of the south region in Special District 5, will compete in the semifinals, facing the Joseph Eagles at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, at Sherman High School in Moro.

Win or lose, the Panthers will face Triangle Lake or South Wasco on Saturday, Nov. 2, at Madras High School, the time to be determined.

Dayville/Monument will compete in the six-man classic, battling the Echo Cougars at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, at Sherman.

To start off Prairie City/Burnt River's Oct. 18 homecoming game, several Prairie City American Legion Post 106 members stood on the field with flags flying for the national anthem.

Dayville/Monument scored on the first drive of the game with Tiger quarterback Donovan Schafer connecting with JT Hand for a touchdown.



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter Dayville/Monument Tiger JT Hand (3) blazes a path in Friday night's game against the Prairie City Panthers, his teammate Mark Thomas (22) moving in to block.

rie City's Declan Zwegardt rushed from the 7-yard line to score a touchdown, and Opie McDaniel added 2 points on the conversion kick.

Later in the first, Panther Marcus Judd made some gains rushing, then scored on an 18-yard touchdown pass.

The Panthers led 27-22 at the half, and each team scored a touchdown in the third, Prairie City leading 33-28.

Tiger running back JT Hand was sidelined with an injury in the third, and the Tigers were held scoreless in the fourth.

The Panthers had 303 yards rushing and 103 passing.

Prairie City/Burnt River head coach Scott Dean said they had concerns over Dayville/Monument's successful deep passing.

"We maintained ball control, finally, in the second half with our running game," Dean said.

Dayville/Monument head coach Kyle Hand said his team played hard, with Schafer throwing well.



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter Prairie City Panther quarterback Jayden Winegar (5) is pursued by Dayville/Monument Tiger DJ Howell (55).

"Prairie City stopped our running game, and all we could do is pass," coach Hand said.

"Wesley Adams played a heck of a game and blocked well and on defense got a lot of good stops," he said. "Tell Cox played with a lot of heart."

Hand said, when JT Hand went down with an injury,

1A Special District 5, six-man football

Joseph, 5-0 district, 5-0 overall
Prairie City/Burnt River, 3-0, 4-2
South Wasco County, 3-2, 4-2
Sherman/Condon, 2-2, 5-2
Echo, 2-2, 3-2
Huntington/Harper Charter, 1-2, 1-3
Dayville/Monument, 1-3, 2-3
Mitchell/Spray/Wheeler, 0-6, 0-7

Zach Ferguson "came up big" and helped the team.

"Mark Thomas played well defensively and made great catches," coach Hand said.

Dean said it was a "great lesson to learn, to grow and know they can compete with anyone they want," he said.

He said his guys played physical.

"We ran the ball really well, and we overran them," he said. "Got a couple guys nicked up. We don't mind running over the top of people — that's our M.O."

Dean said Winegar, Zwegardt, McDaniel, Austin Catron and Jake McHatton led in the team effort, adding he couldn't ask for more from his young men than they got out of them that night.

"I'm thrilled for our kids. I really think they're the ones that have taken it," Dean said. "The world's ours right now, and our kids are starting to believe."



EO Media Group/Kathy Aney Former Long Creek resident Richard Boyer, now of Pendleton, does burpees as part of his Spartan Race workout.

Inside each of us is a Spartan

Former Long Creek residents face obstacles in extreme races

By Annie Fowler
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neighbors must think I'm nuts."

Richard Boyer has always been competitive. He competed in football, basketball and track at Long Creek High School, and was selected to play in the 1982 East-West Shrine Game.

Then life happens — work and family — and the next thing you know, you are in your mid-50s.

The 55-year-old Pendleton man rediscovered his competitive nature three years ago, when his high school buddy, Doug Girdner of La Grande, encouraged him to train for a Spartan race.

"I love it," Boyer said. "When I started out, I hadn't done monkey bars for 30 years, or climbed a rope. We made a training deal in the shop. I carry a 5-gallon pail of rocks up and down the road. The

Boyer's hard work has paid off. He recently placed seventh in the 55-59 age group at the Spartan World Championship in North Lake Tahoe. He finished the 13.8-mile, 37-obstacle course in 4 hours, 24 minutes and 56 seconds.

"Seventh in the world — I'm happy with that," Boyer said. "In the 55-59 age group, there were guys who beat me who were 54 (entry is based on birthday). I ran with some real youngsters out there."

Not for the weak

Spartan races combine running (Boyer prefers the term power hike) and a number of obstacles that a competitor must accomplish. If you cannot complete an obstacle, you are taxed with burpees.

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