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LUSCO SIGNS LETTER OF INTENT FOR EASTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY



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Grant Union 2A lineman of the year Drew Lusco signs a letter of intent to play football for Eastern Oregon University.

ROBERTSON SIGNS LETTER OF INTENT WITH TREASURE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



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Grant Union's Warner Robertson signs a letter of intent to play baseball with Treasure Valley Community College.

A deer hunting dream come true

By Steven Mitchell Blue Mountain Eagle

Jolynn Radinovich had a dream the night before she bagged her mule deer this hunting season.

"I dreamed a small deer would pass by before I shot my buck," Radinovich said.

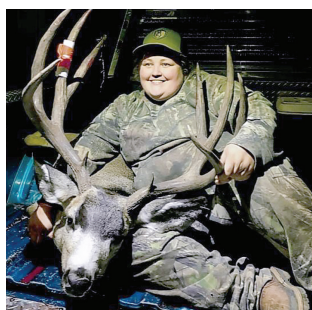
And, she said, that is precisely how it went down.

In October, with about an hour of daylight left, Radinovich, through a pair of broken binoculars, looked out over the landscape, and sure enough, a small deer scurried by.

Seconds later, about 250 yards out, a large buck trotted up, and with one shot, Radinovich downed the four-point buck.

"I didn't realize how big he was at the time," she said. "My friend asked me if I was shooting at sticks because he was so far away."

According to Boone and Crockett's guidelines, the rack, after drying for 60 days, measured 196 3/8 inches.



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Jolynn Radinovich shows the mule deer she brought home Oct. 4.

"I guess dreams do come true," said Radinovich.

Radinovich was especially proud to have shot the buck with the gun her grandfather gave her.

"He loves to hear the stories about the animals I have shot with the gun that he got for me," said Radinovich. "He calls me his sharpshooter."

Hunting has always been a family affair. Radinovich's dad was the first person she called when she bagged the buck. Then her mom helped her harvest the deer for meat.



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Jack Strong pins Heppner/Ione's Edward Ellsworth in a come-from-behind win in the first round of Friday's Grant Union Tournament. Strong went undefeated and placed first in his 145 weight bracket.

Prospectors place second at home tournament

Lusco wins heavyweight title

By Steven Mitchell
Blue Mountain Eagle

In a packed gym Friday, several Grant Union wrestlers earned titles in the team's second-place finish at their home tournament.

The Prospectors hosted nine teams at their annual tournament. Baker/Powder Valley edged the Prospectors by 33 points to take the top spot, 264.5-231.5, while Burns took third with 187.5 points.

Union/Cove took fourth with 83 points, while Heppner/Ione took fifth, Enterprise sixth, Irrigon seventh, Pine Eagle eighth, Crane ninth and Echo/Stanfield 10th.

Drew Lusco took the top spot in the heavyweight division, beating out Jaden Martin of Baker/Powder Valley. Drew Widener of Enterprise and Tim Standley of Irrigon took third and fourth, respectively.

Michael Day of Union/Cove took first in the 220 division. Trey Cooley of Burns and Eric Newman of Baker/Powder Valley took second and third.

In the 182 division, Trace Prosser of Burns took first, Grant Union's Russell Hodge second, Tanner Davis of Crane third and Roberto Ayala of Irrigon fourth.

For 170, Gauge Bloomer of Baker/Powder Valley placed first, Harlen Gunderson of Burns second, Quinten Hallgarth of Grant Union third and

Charlie Evans of Enterprise fourth.

In the 160 to 170, Adrian Allen of Baker/Powder Valley placed first, Noah Blood of Grant Union second, Tucker Carpenter of Grant Union third and Cyrus Piel of Irrigon fourth.

In the 160 division, Wyatt Epling of Burns placed first, followed by David Creech of Union/Cove and Alan Murguia of Irrigon.

Prospector Justin Hodge took first in the 152 weight bracket, as did teammates Jack Strong and Ben Henry their respective 145 and 126 weight divisions.

In the girls 145-155 weight bracket, Dakota Ballou of Baker/Powder Valley took the top spot, followed by Grant Union's Sophie Brockway and Sierra Tipton.

Prospector Mercedes Locke took second in the girls 125-140 weight division as did her teammate Amelia Hall in the 100-105 division.

Grant Union wrestling coach Andy Lusco said the team wrestled hard, but overall they were tired.

"They've have had a grueling schedule with back-to-back meets, and tomorrow we have another one," Lusco said after the meet Friday.

Hood River Valley Invitational

Grant Union wrestlers placed sixth out of fourteen teams at the



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Drew Lusco's hand is raised in victory after defeating Jaden Martin of Baker/Powder Valley in the third round to place first in his weight bracket. Lusco scored 18 team points.

Hood River Invitational on Saturday. For the 152 weight division, Justin Hodge and Damion Young placed first and second, respectively.

In the 285 weight class, Drew Lusco placed second. Russell Hodge finished fourth for the 182 division, and Quinten Hallgarth placed sixth in the 170 weight bracket.

"We wrestled extremely well on Saturday. I was very pleased with our boys, we finished with six out of seven varsity guys placing," Lusco said. "Our girls met some very stiff competition. Ashley Henry finished very well in her bracket as did Kristen Cantrell."



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Justin Hodge grapples with Burns' Dawson Williams in the third round Friday at the Grant Unions Tournament. Hodge won the match by decision and went undefeated with 17.5 points.



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Ashley Henry battles it out with Baker/Powder Valley's McKay Anderson Friday at Grant Union's home tournament. Anderson placed third in her bracket and scored 9 team points.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JAN. 31

Ukiah/Long Creek basketball vs. Four Rivers in Ukiah, 5 p.m.

Dayville/Monument basketball vs. Crane in Monument, 5 p.m.

Prairie City basketball @ Huntington, 6 p.m.

Grant Union basketball vs. Union, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 1

Grant Union wrestling @ Heppner Tournament, 10 a.m.

Prairie City basketball vs. Four Rivers, 2 p.m.

Grant Union basketball vs. Heppner, 4 p.m.

Ukiah/Long Creek basketball vs. Harper Charter in Ukiah, 4:30 p.m. (MT)

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Prairie City boys basketball team wins 13th straight

The Prairie City boys basketball team picked up two more wins over the weekend, handily defeating Burnt River 62-25 and Jordan Valley 51-40, extending their winning streak to 13 games.

The boys team is now 13-1 overall and 3-0 in league play.

Head coach Bo Workman could not be reached

for comment.

The Panthers go on the road Friday to face Huntington (8-3, 0-3). Tipoff is at 7:30 p.m.

Grant Union boys defeat Enterprise

The Grant Union's boys basketball team turned up the heat in the second half Friday against Enterprise to win their sixth league game, 62-47.

The Prospectors were trailing by a point at half-

time, starting the game a little rough, but prevailed in the end, said head coach RC Huerta.

"We didn't panic," he said. "We just kept playing our game."

Huerta said junior Devon Stokes drained five 3-point shots in a row. Senior Tristan Morris and sophomore Mason Morris both came in with slam dunks to put a lid on the victory.

The Prospectors are now 11-5 overall and 6-1 in

league play.

Next up, the Prospectors host Union (17-3, 7-0) Friday. The game starts at 7:30 p.m.

Grant Union girls play hard but fall to Enterprise

After coming off a big win over Weston-McEwen last weekend, the Lady Prospectors lost a tough one to Enterprise 38-32 Friday.

"They [Prospectors] played hard and they

never gave up," said head coach Kristi Moore. "They made adjustments and they worked hard, but we just could not pull it out in the end."

Moore said the team still made an improvement, having lost this game to Enterprise by 6 and the one on Jan. 4 by almost 20 points.

The girls basketball team is now 11-5 overall and 4-3 in league play.

Friday the girls team will host Union (17-3, 7-0).

Tipoff is at 6 p.m.

Prairie City girls lose two in a row

After a disappointing 1-point loss to Baker on Jan. 22, the Lady Panthers fell to Jordan Valley 61-42 in their second straight loss.

The girls team is now 9-5 overall and 1-1 in league play.

The Panthers go on the road Friday to face Huntington (0-6, 0-3). Tipoff is at 6 p.m.