

WEDNESDAY
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SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, FEB. 20

Dayville/Monument girls basketball vs. Adrian at the 1A High Desert League Tournament in John Day, 1 p.m.

Ukiah/Long Creek boys basketball vs. Adrian at the 1A High Desert League Tournament in John Day, 2:45 p.m.

Prairie City girls basketball vs. Four Rivers at the 1A High Desert League Tournament in John Day, 7 p.m.

Dayville/Monument boys basketball vs. Jordan Valley at the 1A High Desert League Tournament in John Day, 8:45 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 21

(Winner of Prairie City vs. Four Rivers girls basketball) vs. Jordan Valley at the High Desert League Tournament in John Day, 1 p.m.

(Winner of Dayville/Monument vs. Jordan Valley boys basketball) vs. Crane at the High Desert League Tournament in John Day, 2:45 p.m.

Grant Union girls basketball vs. Heppner at the 2A Blue Mountain Conference Tournament in Pendleton, 6 p.m.

(Winner of Dayville/Monument vs. Adrian girls basketball) vs. Crane at the High Desert League Tournament in John Day, 6 p.m.

(Winner of Adrian vs. Ukiah/Long Creek boys basketball) vs. Prairie City at the High Desert League Tournament in John Day, 7:45 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 22

Girls basketball 2A Blue Mountain Conference Tournament in Pendleton, game for third place at 1 p.m., championship game at 6 p.m.

Girls basketball 1A High Desert League Tournament in John Day, game for third place at 11 a.m., championship game at 4 p.m.

Boys basketball 1A High Desert League Tournament in John Day, game for third place at 12:45 p.m., championship game at 5:45 p.m.

Grant Union boys basketball at the 2A Blue Mountain Conference championship game in Pendleton, 7:45 p.m.

Prairie City boys win out to finish regular season

At 20-1, the Panthers are ranked seventh in the state heading into this week's district tournament

By Steven Mitchell
Blue Mountain Eagle

After beating Adrian 87-55 Friday, the Prairie City boys basketball team rolled past Crane 69-56 Saturday on senior night, winning their league and 20th straight game to wrap up the regular season.

Crane, not one to go down without a fight, scored early and played hard. Midway through the first period, the Mustangs had a 5-point lead.

Cole Deiter, outstanding in his final home game, knocked down five field goals and six out of seven freethrows for a team-high 16 points. The senior notched a staggering 12 rebounds and got 10 of them on the defensive end of the court with two steals and two blocks.

Joari Field, another one of the Panther's offensive threats this season, put up 15 points, nailed four field goals and a jumper from the 3-point line while going four of six at the free throw line.

Senior Lucas McKinley piled on 13 points in the contest and nailed three jumpers from the 3-point line, a field goal and hit two out of four free throws while picking up 4 assists.

Sophomore Marcus Judd drained six out of seven field goals for 12 points and grabbed five rebounds on defense and one on offense along with a block and an assist.

Jayden Winegar put up 6 points on three field goals and had two assists.

Head coach Bo Workman said his team started the game slow but made the right adjustments to pull out the win.

The Panthers finished the season 20-1 overall and 9-0 in the High Desert League.

Field said the team knows they still have that target on their back, and that is why they are not taking their success for granted.

"We've been here before, and we have a target on our back," he said. "We're the team everyone wants to beat."

The boys have a bye in the first round of the High Desert League Tournament and



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Prairie City's Lucas McKinley, right, and Crane's Peyton Krueger chase down a loose ball Saturday. Crane fell to Prairie City's boys basketball team, 69-56, in the final home game of the season.

1A-8 HIGH DESERT LEAGUE BOYS STANDINGS

Prairie City, 9-0 league, 20-1 overall
Crane, 7-2, 14-9
Jordan Valley, 7-2, 16-7
Ukiah/Long Creek, 6-3, 13-7
Adrian, 5-4, 11-11
Dayville/Monument, 5-4, 7-15
Four Rivers, 3-6, 8-15
Harper Charter, 2-7, 5-11
Huntington, 1-8, 4-13
Burnt River, 0-9, 0-16

will play the winner of Thursday's contest between Adrian (11-11 overall, 5-4 league) and Ukiah/Long Creek (13-7, 6-3) at 7:45 p.m. Friday at Grant Union High School.

The loser of that game Friday will play at 12:45 p.m. Saturday, with the winner advancing to the state tournament.

The winner of Friday's game will play in the championship game at 5:45 p.m. Saturday, with both teams advancing to state.



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Prairie City senior Cole Deiter zips by a Crane defender Saturday in the Panthers' final home game of the season. Deiter put up a team-high 16 points in the win over Crane.



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Grant Union's Justin Hodge took the top spot at the 2A/1A Special District 4 Tournament over the weekend. The sophomore will go on to the state wrestling tourney Feb. 28-29.



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Grant Union's Damian Young placed third at 160 at the Oregon School Activities Association's 2A/1A Special District 4 Tournament over the weekend. Young will move on to the state tourney at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum Feb. 28-29.

Lusco, Hodge earn titles in Grant Union wrestlers' third-place finish at districts

Five grapplers headed to state tournament Feb. 28-29

By Steven Mitchell
Blue Mountain Eagle

Battling through illness and a grueling schedule, the Grant Union Prospectors wrestling team persevered and took the third spot at the Oregon School Activities Association's 2A/1A Special District 4 Tournament and will send

five wrestlers to the state tournament.

"Our boys worked through significant illness and still managed to place in the top three," head coach Andy Lusco said.

In the 285 weight division, Drew Lusco placed first and will go to state, along with Rylan Cox who placed third.

Justin Hodge placed first in the 152 weight class.

Also earning a trip to state were Russell Hodge, who took the second at 182, and Damian Young, who placed third at 160.

Russell Hodge, a senior, said his matches were tough, especially the one that earned him second place.

"I almost got pinned and

bridged out," he said. "It was the hardest that I've ever bridged, and (I) ended up pinning him."

Twelve out of 18 wrestlers placed in the district tournament, and coach Lusco said he is proud of their performance.

"I'm very pleased in their toughness and effort," he said. "This is a tough district, lots of quality out of our district."

Ezra Beam placed fourth at 106, while Ethan Moore took fifth at 113.

Dylan Clark took sixth at 120, and Ben Henry took the fifth spot at 126. Riddick Hutchison placed eighth at 132. Tanler Fuller placed sixth at 138.

At 170, Quinten Hallgarth finished fifth.

Senior Drew Lusco said going to state is a little bittersweet.

"It is a bit sad, but we still have one more meet," he said.

Russell Hodge said it gives them more of a reason to give it their all.

"This being our last meet makes me realize that I don't want to have any regrets," he said.

The state tournament is scheduled for Feb. 28-29 at Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland.