

Panthers

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game-high 25 points on 10 field goals and hit two out of six free-throws.

With four minutes left to play in the first quarter, Crane was up 7-3.

Junior Jayden Winegar, who put up an all-around solid game, nailed two of his five field goals, while Field drained a 3-pointer to even up the score at 7.

By the end of the first period, the teams were tied 10-10.

In the second half, the Panthers' shots started to land. In the third quarter, Prairie City outscored Crane 14-8.

By the end of the third period of play, the Panthers led the Mustangs 34-26.

With Winegar, sophomore Marcus Judd and senior Cole Deiter all scoring in double figures and combining for 39 points, the Panthers never looked back and outscored Crane 20-13 in the fourth quarter.

"They're really playing good together as a team," head coach Bo Workman said.

Judd, who scored 13 points and was one of three at the free-throw line, was named player of the game.



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Prairie City fans packed the Grant Union High School gym Saturday for the Panthers' district championship game versus Crane. The Panthers defeated the Mustangs 56-41.

"I am proud of our team and all that we have accomplished this season," Field said.

Field said all of the teams in the tournament played hard and that should not go unnoticed.



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Senior Cole Deiter shoots a fade-away jumper Saturday over a Crane defender. Crane fell to the Panthers 56-41 in the district championship game as Prairie City clinched a first-round bye at the state tournament.

"I think they all deserve to be recognized," he said. With the win, the Pan-

thers clinched a first-round bye in the state tournament. The second round

kicks off Feb. 29 with the game times and teams to be announced.

Ukiah/Long Creek boys lose to Adrian at districts

By Steven Mitchell
Blue Mountain Eagle

The Ukiah/Long Creek boys basketball team faced Adrian to kick off the High Desert League Tournament Thursday but lost, 65-44.

With a chance to end their season on a winning note in the consolation game the next day, the Mountain Lions lost to Dayville/Monument 48-39.

Ukiah/Long Creek got off to a rough start and could not make up ground the rest of the game against Adrian.

Ukiah/Long Creek's Ben Combs, a senior, said the team had a chance going into the game, and had beat Adrian 67-50 back on Jan. 25.

Senior James Kreamier knocked

down seven field goals and drained three out of six free throws for 17 points to lead the team.

Freshman Michael Martin, who nailed a 3-point jumper and went one for two at the free throw line, ended up with 7 points.

Combs, the Mountain Lions' offensive threat this season, contributed 5 points. Combs, playing with an injured right hand, insisted on playing, head coach TC Connor said.

"He's an offensive spark for the team, and he has a lot of heart," Connor said. "That is why I let him play."

Connor said the team came a long way this season from where they were a year ago.

The boys entered the contest with a winning record, an overall record of 13-8 and a league record of 6-3.



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Ukiah/Long Creek senior Ben Combs grabs a rebound Thursday in the first period of Long Creek/Ukiah's game against Adrian.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, FEB. 28

Grant Union boys wrestling team @ 2A state championships at Portland Veterans Memorial Coliseum, 8:30 a.m.

Girls basketball 1A state playoff round two, teams and times TBD

SATURDAY, FEB. 29

Grant Union dance team @ Pendleton competition, 8 a.m.

Grant Union boys wrestling team @ 2A state championships at Portland Veterans Memorial Coliseum, 9 a.m.

Grant Union boys basketball at round one 2A state playoff @ Coquille, 5 p.m.

Prairie City boys basketball hosts round two 1A state playoff, opponent and time TBD



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