

Prairie boys fall to Adrian

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PRAIRIE CITY — After a 58-54 loss to Jordan Valley Saturday, Jan. 8, the Prairie City boys basketball team fell to Adrian 52-45 Thursday, Jan. 13.

Bo Workman, Prairie City's head basketball coach, said like the girls team, the boys played hard but are just having a hard time getting over the hump at the end in close games.

Indeed, like the girls team, the Prairie City boys came out strong and, at one point in the early going, led by as many as seven points. But deep in the second half, Adrian chipped away at the Panthers' lead and ended up with the win.

Workman said the competition is tough in the High Desert League.

"There are just a lot of big, athletic, strong kids that we are going against," the coach said.

For his part, Prairie City's Marcus Judd said the Panthers need to turn over the ball less and work on being more physical.



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Prairie City's Wes Voigt, a sophomore, goes up for a shot Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022, against Adrian.

Eli Wright, a junior, said the team did not hustle enough in the end, adding that he missed too many short and midrange shots in the game.

In practice this week, Wright said he thought the

team would be focusing on defense and working on its short- and midrange shooting.

Wes Voigt scored 12 points on six field goals, while Wright scored 11 on five field goals and one-of-four shooting at the free-throw line.

Cole Teel, a junior, scored six points on two three-pointers, while John Titus, a senior, scored four points on two field goals. Doyal Lawrence had three points on one field goal, while Judd scored three points, all at the line.

Lady Panthers lose a close one

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PRAIRIE CITY — After a narrow 46-44 loss to Jordan Valley Jan. 8, the Prairie City girls basketball team dropped their second close game in a row on Thursday, Jan. 13, falling to Adrian 40-35 at home.

Panthers head coach Bo Workman said the team is playing great games, but lately it has had a tough time winning close games at home.

Indeed, the team came out of the gate full force on Thursday. Taking a decisive lead in the early going, the Lady Panthers were up by seven points at the start of the fourth quarter.

However, it was the fourth quarter that made the difference. While Adrian put up 17 points in the final period, the Lady Panthers managed just five.

Workman noted that the squad missed many easy shots, but he added that it is hard to be a good shooting

team every night. On the other hand, he said, Adrian hit some excellent shots, which made the difference in the end.

Lady Panthers team captain Betty Ann Wilson, a junior, concurred.

"A lot of our shots weren't falling that should have been," she said. "We had a lot of missed layups."

However, while Thursday's game was a bit of a setback, she added that overall the Lady Panthers played well against arguably one of the best teams in the High Desert League.

Brooke Teel led the team with 11 points on four two-point field goals and three-for-10 shooting from the free-throw line. Reece Jacobs scored nine points on four field goals and one of six from the free-throw line.

Kaitlyne Ashley scored six points on three field goals. Wilson scored four points on one field goal and two of three at the free-throw line.



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Prairie City's Brooke Teel (23), a sophomore, drives past a defender Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022, during the Lady Panthers' game against Adrian. Prairie City fell to Adrian 40-35 in a hard-fought contest.

SHOOTING THE BREEZE



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Keith Adams with his 2021 mule deer, taken with a .270 Weatherby Magnum.

Weatherby name lives on among big game hunters

Roy Edward Weatherby was born to Kansas farmers in 1910 and grew up living hand to mouth, like so many farmers do.

The economic crash and the dust bowl had been the ruin of many farmers, and California was the West Coast torch of opportunity. So in the early 1940s, he and his wife, Camilla, moved to Hunting-

ton Park, California, where he took a job selling insurance. When a Utah mule deer hunt resulted in a lost animal, Roy's wheels began to turn. With the hope of prosperity in his mind and a

farm boy's work ethic in his heart, he bought a lathe and a drill press and started designing cartridges and making rifles in his basement.

His cartridges were all based upon modified or whittled-down and modified versions of the old .300 H&H Magnum case. These featured the Magnum belt and trademark double-radius shoulder. The .257 and .270 as well as the .300 Weatherby Magnums were his first efforts.

Word got around, and eventually Roy opened up a gun shop in South Gate sometime in 1945.

One day, Gary Cooper walked in. Roy sold him a rifle and, quickly enough, Gary's friends wanted a "Weatherby rifle," too.

Other Weatherby fans of note included John Wayne and Roy Rogers, as well as world-renowned hunters Elgin Gates and Herb Klein.

At first Roy cobbled rifles together out of surplus military actions as well as the occasional Winchester Model 70. While these were completely satisfactory for such chamberings, Roy knew that he would eventually have to design his own action to be competitive in the gun market.

Together with Fred Jennie, an engineer, Roy designed the Mark V, which in 1958

came to be the centerpiece of Weatherby's rifle production.

As business grew, he added more cartridges to his lineup. Not only were they making the rifles, they had to load the ammunition for them. Due to the high velocity of his cartridges, regular cup and core bullets seldom had the integrity to hold up.

So Roy began offering the then-relatively new Nosler Partition bullets to big game hunters desiring a projectile designed to hold up to the biggest game on earth.

Additional cartridges and rifle designs have continued to flourish and today, although Roy passed on, his dream lives on.

Ed Weatherby picked up the torch of the family business after his father's death in April of 1988. Today, Weatherby's rifles are proudly made in Sheridan, Wyoming.

While my own experience with Weatherby is limited, I love the original cartridge designs and styling of their rifles. Not just a status symbol, these rifles really are on the level. My personal favorite Weatherby calibers are the .257, .270, .300 and .340 Magnums.

The .338-378 Weatherby and relatively newly released 6.5-300 Weatherby Magnums and their ponderous cases are the epitome of power and speed in their calibers. These, among others, are some of the finest, highest-velocity hunting cartridges available.

Regardless of whether you're a fan of Weatherby's products, you've got to respect all the hard work and persistence which turned Roy Weatherby into a household name.

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

- THURSDAY, JAN. 20**
Dayville/Monument Basketball vs. Crane, girls 6, boys 7:30 p.m.
- FRIDAY, JAN. 21**
Grant Union Wrestling, Grant Union Invitational, Grant Union High School, noon
Prairie City Basketball @ Jordan Valley, girls 4, boys 5:30 p.m. (MST)
Long Creek Basketball vs. Harper Charter, boys 3:30 p.m.
- SATURDAY, JAN. 22**
Dayville/Monument Basketball vs. Four Rivers, girls 2, boys 3:30 p.m.
Grant Union Basketball @ Pilot Rock, girls 4, boys 5:30 p.m.
- MONDAY, JAN. 24**
Prairie City Basketball @ Crane, girls 6, boys 7:30 p.m.
Dayville/Monument vs. Long Creek, boys 5 p.m.

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Dayville/Monument girls get first win

MONUMENT — The Dayville/Monument girls basketball team won their first game on Friday, Jan. 14, beating Harper Charter 37-17.

Dayville/Monument boys fall to Harper

MONUMENT — The Dayville/Monument boys basketball team dropped their Friday, Jan. 14, game to Harper Charter 41-39.

Grant Union girls take one out of two

STANFIELD — Grant Union's girls basketball team

SPORTS ROUNDUP

won one out of two games over the weekend, both on the road against Blue Mountain Conference rivals. On Friday, Jan. 14, the Lady Pros lost to Stanfield 38-25. On Saturday, Jan. 15, the squad beat Weston-McEwen 35-28 to improve their overall record to 6-8 and go up to 3-2 in league play.

Grant Union boys lose two in a row

STANFIELD — Grant Union's boys basketball team lost two road games over the weekend to Blue Mountain Conference foes. On Friday, Jan. 14, the Pros fell 59-44 to Stanfield, and on Saturday, Jan. 15, the team lost to Weston-McEwen 70-55. The Prospectors are 3-11 overall

and 2-3 in league play.

Grant Union wrestling team takes 2nd

REDMOND — Grant Union's wrestling team took second place in their division at the Oregon Wrestling Classic, held over the weekend at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds in Redmond.

Rylan Cox went 3-0 in his 285 weight division, as did Alex Finley in his 170 and 182 weight classes. In addition, Justin Hodge went 3-0 in his 160 weight division, and Jack Strong went 3-0 in his 145 and 152 weight classes. Tanler Fuller went 1-2 in his 138 and 145 weight divisions. At the same time, Cashton Wheeler went 1-2 in his 126 weight division.

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