



Wallowa boys win one of three at LG tourney

Tallest player out with an injury

WALLOWA – In spite of subpar shooting that, in the end, narrowly missed a second win, the Wallowa Cougar boys' basketball team won one of three contests Dec. 29-31 at the La Grande Optimist Basketball Tournament held

at Eastern Oregon University. Wallowa, now 1-1 in league and 5-6 overall, missed 19 lay-ins during a one-point 49-48 loss to Powder Valley (5-6) on Monday, Dec. 29, said WHS Coach Greg Oveson. The Cougars redeemed themselves somewhat the following day by nudging 2A Cove (4-7) by a 49-46 score, then fell 49-33 on

Wednesday, New Year's Eve day to a talented team from Monument/Dayville (7-4).

Senior Gareth Murray led Wallowa scorers with 13 points against Powder Valley. The team's other senior, Karl Wellens, tallied 15 points to lead the scoring parade the following evening in the win against Cove, while no Cougar players were in double fig-

ures in the loss against Monument/Dayville.

WHS played all three games without the services of its tallest player, 6'3" freshman Caevan Murray, who was sidelined with a sore back.

Oveson said his team executed the offense well during the tournament, yet repeatedly failed to capitalize on scoring opportunities.



Enterprise sophomore Wade Isley shoots over an Imbler defender Saturday evening at Quinn Court. The Outlaws stayed with the Panthers for most of the game but let it slip away in the fourth.

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WRESTLE DOWN, GAIN A CROWN



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Wrestling before a sizable crowd, Joseph grappler Jared Wilcox (top) bested Cody Fletcher of Orofino Saturday afternoon in an earlier round of the 160-pound weight class at the Jo-Hi Invitational. Wilcox eventually took second place in that classification.

Senior grappler drops a weight class to take title at invite

By Rocky Wilson
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JOSEPH – Wallowa senior wrestler Micah Fuller, after wrestling at 220 pounds all season and regularly struggling to stand atop the championship podium at meet's end, achieved that goal last weekend at the JoHi Cosgrove/Eschler Invitational when he competed one weight class lower at 195 pounds and won the individual title at a

wrestling tournament that attracted 22 teams.

But it wasn't easy. Fuller, who often has gone fewer than the full six minutes this season while posting a 12-3 overall record, had to expend all his energy to narrowly decision Grangeville, Idaho, wrestler Shaydn Wassmuth 9-8 in the 195-pound championship finale.

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TEAM SCORES:

Culver 218.5; Weiser, Idaho 135.5; Baker/Powder Valley 115; Santiam Christian 96; Elgin 78; Clearwater, Idaho 67.5; McLoughlin/Weston-McEwen 64; Joseph 58; Crane 57; Ontario 49.5; Grangeville, Idaho 48; Imbler 48; Orofino, Idaho 46; Pine Eagle 45; Heppner/One 43; Pomeroy, Wash. 41; Union/Cove 34; Enterprise 28.5; Wallowa 26; Irrigon 22; Waitsburg/Prescott, Wash. 20; Echo/Stamfield 9.

Outlaws drop 2 over weekend; record now 6-5

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After bursting through the gate with a fast 6-1 start, the Enterprise boys' basketball team has lost four consecutive games and now stands 6-5 on the young season, 0-2 in league play.

EHS launched its league campaign last Friday and Saturday nights, falling 61-51 to Elgin in Elgin Friday night and 43-30 at home against Imbler

Saturday.

In the game against the Elgin Huskies (1-1 and 5-9), Enterprise senior Kaden Lathrop and Husky senior Jake Burgess put on shooting exhibitions those in attendance might long remember. Lathrop, all 6'6" of him, scored no less than eight points in any one quarter and amassed a total of 35 points in a losing effort.

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EHS girls beat Elgin, Imbler

By Rich Rautenstrauch
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The Lady Outlaws opened up league play last Friday, Jan. 2, winning both of their weekend games. First the girls traveled to Elgin for a thriller and beat the Huskies 29-26. On Saturday the Imbler Panthers came to town and the Outlaw girls took it to them 53-42. EHS seniors Carsen Sajonia and Emma Hall came up big and provided the inspiration for the weekend sweep.

Against the Huskies, Enterprise played from behind in the first quarter with the Huskies going on an 8-1 run, but by the end of the frame the score was 8-6. EHS went on their own 12-2 run in the second, going into the locker room up 18-12.

Enterprise coach Mike Crawford said in the third period things really slowed and it seemed like the score stayed the same forever, but Elgin brought the game closer, scoring seven to Enterprise's three.

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Enterprise senior Carsen Sajonia scores two while playing against the Imbler Panthers Saturday evening at Quinn Court. The Outlaws opened league play last weekend and went 2-0.

Harshfield breathes life into WHS girls

WALLOWA – Following a blowout loss to Powder Valley on the first day of the three-day La Grande Optimists Basketball Tournament held at Eastern Oregon University, WHS senior Taylor Harshfield put together back-to-

back 15-point games to earn respectability for her team during a Dec. 30 loss to 2A Cove, and then propelled her squad to a win over Monument/Dayville on New Year's Eve day.

Against Powder Valley

(2-0 league and 6-5 overall), the black and orange were tied with the Badgers after the first quarter, fell behind 19-12 at the half, and then saw the wheels fall off thereafter. Wallowa, 0-2 in league and 4-7 overall, lost its identity in

a second half that concluded with a 41-19 Powder Valley victory. Wallowa's top scorer on the game was Macey Frei who netted six points. Harshfield was held to three points.

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Wallowa County sunrise and sunset January 8 - January 14 (from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

Thursday, Jan. 8	Friday, Jan. 9	Saturday, Jan. 10	Sunday, Jan. 11	Monday, Jan. 12	Tuesday, Jan. 13	Wednesday, Jan. 14
Rise 7:28 Set 4:24	Rise 7:28 Set 4:25	Rise 7:27 Set 4:26	Rise 7:27 Set 4:27	Rise 7:27 Set 4:28	Rise 7:26 Set 4:30	Rise 7:26 Set 4:31

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