

HOOPS

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Stephens each scored six points.

Saturday, Powder Valley used relentless defensive pressure in the third quarter to break open a close game for a blowout win.

The Badgers led just 20-19 at the break but blitzed McKenzie in the third, 28-6, to take a 48-25 lead and seize command.

Bingham again led the Badgers with 16 points. Dominick Grende had 12, and Nesser scored 11.

Powder Valley (1-1 overall) hosts Dufur Saturday.

EAGLES SPLIT TWO AT HOME

The Joseph Eagles split their season-opening contests at home over the weekend, dropping a close contest to last year's state runner-up, Prairie City, 55-52, Friday before beating up on Crane Saturday, 54-32.

In Friday's game against Prairie City, Joseph used a big third quarter to break a halftime tie and go into the fourth ahead 45-38. But the Panthers had the final say, and Levi Burke earned 10 of his 32 points in the fourth as Prairie City rallied for the win.

Joseph was led by Mason Ferre, who scored 20 points. Both Chase Murray and Tyler Homan added nine points.

Saturday, the Eagles built an 18-point lead by halftime as they cruised to their first win of the season.

Homan and Ferre led a balanced scoring attack with 12 and 11 points, respectively. Hadley Miller added eight points in the win for the Eagles.

Joseph (1-1 overall) faces Umatilla at the Columbia River Clash Thursday in Umatilla.

BOBCATS EDGE PANTHERS

The Union Bobcats held off a fourth-quarter rally by the Imbler Panthers to open the regular season with a 39-37 victory Friday in Imbler.

Keegan Glenn had 13 points, eight

rebounds and six steals to lead Union. Tate Lantis added eight points and 12 boards, and Gannon Carreiro had six points, six rebounds and six steals.

Union held a 34-24 lead through three quarters. Imbler cut into the margin but saw its comeback fall just short.

Grant Slater, Will Coston and Wade McDonald each scored seven points to lead the Panthers. Jayce Burnette added six points.

Union (1-0 overall) faces the La Grande JV at the Union Lions Tournament Friday, while Imbler (0-1) travels to Heppner Saturday.

LEOPARDS THUMP ADRIAN

The Cove Leopards opened the 2018 season with a dominant win over Adrian Friday, rolling to a 68-28 victory.

All 10 players who dressed down for the Leopards scored in the contest. Dawson Gaertner led the way for Cove with 18 points. Blake Witten added 13 points, and Chase Tennis scored nine.

Cove outscored Adrian in each quarter, building a 37-13 lead by halftime and a 53-21 advantage by the end of three quarters.

Cove (1-0 overall) hosts Ione Tuesday.

OUTLAWS MOVETO 2-1

The Enterprise Outlaws split a pair of home contests over the weekend, dropping Crane Friday, 56-51, but falling to Prairie City Saturday, 64-57.

Dylan Marr led three Outlaws in double figures in Friday's win, scoring 14 points. Devin Greer added 13 points, and Riley Masters scored 12. Enterprise led by just one point at halftime, 30-29, but built their margin to 42-35 after three quarters before holding on for the win.

Saturday the Outlaws tried to bounce back from a 10-point halftime deficit against Prairie City but saw their rally fall short.

Greer scored 14 points, all in the second half, to lead Enterprise. Marr added 13 and Cason Kirkland added 11 points.

Enterprise (2-1 overall) hosts Pine Eagle in the Enterprise Winter Classic Friday.

Badgers rout first two opponents

Observer staff

The Powder Valley Badgers girls basketball team opened the regular season with two neutral site victories in Jordan Valley over the weekend.

Friday, the Badgers handled North Lake, 55-18, and Saturday they dispatched McKenzie, 47-21.

In Friday's win over North Lake, Megan Bingham led three players in double figures with 17 points. Both Keanna Bingham and Josi Krieger added 10 points. The Badgers built a 25-8 lead by halftime and extended the margin to 43-14 after three quarters.

Saturday, Megan Bingham again led Powder Valley in scoring with 19 points. Krieger added 12 points and Bailey Cole chipped in with eight. The Badgers had a 23-13 lead at the half, then shut out the Eagles in the third for a 30-13 advantage.

Powder Valley (2-0 overall) hosts Dufur Saturday.

HUSKIES GO 2-0, WALLOWA 1-1 AT ELGINTOURNEY

The Elgin Huskies and first-year Head Coach Brian Evans opened the season with a pair of victories at the Elgin Lions Tournament over the weekend, capping it off with a 45-30 victory over the Wallowa Cougars Saturday.

Elgin found itself down by seven after one quarter but closed to within 17-16 at halftime before outscoring Wallowa 29-13 in the second half.

Tymra Anderson led Elgin with 16 points in the win. Jocelyn Palmer had 10 points and four steals, and Kaelin Evans had seven points.

Kyla Hook scored seven points to lead Wallowa, while both Riley Ferre and Shanna Rae Tillery had six points.

Friday, the Huskies gradually pulled away for a 43-32 victory over the La Grande JV in their opener.

Palmer poured in 15 points and added five steals. Anderson and Sarah Baker both scored eight points,

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and Anderson added 10 rebounds. Elgin was up just 33-27 after three but had enough offense for the win.

Brooklyn Hutchins had 10 points for the Tigers.

Wallowa had its way with Huntington earlier Friday, opening a 40-6 halftime lead on the way to a 67-8 shellacking for its first win.

Jamie Johnston led the Cougars in scoring with 16 points. Rylee Goller added 13 in the win. Wallowa held the Locomotives scoreless in the third quarter and allowed just two second-half points.

Elgin (2-0 overall) faces Pilot Rock at the Enterprise Winter Classic Friday, while Wallowa (1-2) hosts the Wallowa Lions Tournament Friday.

BIGTHIRD QUARTER LIFTS UNION

Kaylin Nowak scored a game-high 14 points, and the Union Bobcats used a huge third quarter to distance themselves in a 41-23 win over the Imbler Panthers Friday in Imbler in both teams' season opener.

The teams were deadlocked at 17-17 at the break, but a 16-2 third-quarter run by Union broke the game open.

Autumn Daggett added six points and Taylor Daggett scored five for Union, which had eight players score.

Caysie McGinness led the Panthers with 11 points. Anika McDonald added six points.

Union (1-0 overall) faces the La Grande JV at the Union Lions Tournament Friday, while Imbler (0-1) travels to Heppner Saturday.

LEOPARDS OPEN WITH WIN

The Cove Leopards darted out to a 15-point first-half lead on their way to a 47-30 win over Adrian Friday in their home opener.

Austin Kendall scored 10 points to lead Cove and added seven steals and three assists. Raegan Duby had nine points, and Rebekah Farrell

chipped in with eight. Kierra Moore pulled down nine rebounds as Cove had a 36-22 edge on the glass.

The Leopards opened with a 16-3 first-quarter lead and by halftime built it to 24-9 to take control.

Cove (1-0 overall) hosts Ione Tuesday.

OUTLAWS GO 1-1 ONWEEKEND

The Enterprise Outlaws split a weekend set at home, falling to Crane Friday, 53-44, before bouncing back to top Prairie City Saturday, 47-26.

A cold shooting effort hampered the Outlaws in their loss to Crane as Enterprise shot just 28 percent from the floor. Yet the Outlaws were within two points after three quarters, down 36-34, before the Mustangs used a big margin in the final quarter to secure the win.

Lexie Gassett scored 13 points to lead Enterprise. Shelby Moncrief added eight points and four assists in the loss, and Ashlyn Gray pulled down 15 rebounds and grabbed three steals.

Saturday, Enterprise pulled away in the second half to turn a five-point game into a blowout win.

The Outlaws led just 21-16 at the break but went on to outscore Prairie City 13-5 in both the third and fourth quarters.

Moncrief led the way with 12 points. Carsyn Miller had eight points and seven rebounds, and Rilyn Kirkland added six points and nine boards. Karli Bedard added 13 rebounds, and Gassett had five assists.

Enterprise (2-1 overall) hosts Pine Eagle at the Enterprise Winter Classic Friday.

EAGLES SWEEP WEEKEND

The Joseph Eagles opened the season with a pair of home victories, topping Prairie City Friday, 43-28, and Crane Saturday, 44-28. Stats were not available. The Eagles (2-0 overall) face Umatilla at the Columbia River Clash in Umatilla Thursday.

VOLLEYBALL

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and three blocks to share the team lead with Scott. Kiley

McMurtrey had 21 digs, and Megan Bunn had 16 digs. Madison Pilon added 22 assists, and Sarah Carpenter finished with 17.

EOU, which finished 25-9 overall, loses just two seniors — Carpenter and Holli Mullins — to graduation, though McMurtrey is set to graduate

early. McLean-Morehead said there is a chance the sophomore could be back in 2019, a season that the coach said will have higher expectations.

"There is great value and experience to be gained (at nationals), and with all the pieces we had this year we learned a ton," she said. "Going forward

they know what it takes in the offseason.... (But) now making the Sweet 16 isn't good enough. We want to make the next step."



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