

Ah You-Dias returns to help EOU women earn road sweep

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With Maya Ah You-Dias back on the court, the No. 14 Eastern Oregon women's basketball team earned a 74-61 road victory over Northwest Christian Saturday in Cascade Collegiate Conference action.

Ah You-Dias finished with 16 points — 13 in the first half — and added 13 rebounds and four assists. Maren Herrud led the way on offense with 22 points and was a perfect 4-for-4 from the 3-point line, while Jane Nelson added 13 points as nine players scored for EOU.

Eastern shot only 40 percent from the floor, but helped itself by collecting 17 offensive rebounds and a 45-35 rebounding advantage. The edge on the glass helped offset a wide free-throw disparity. NCU was 20-for-23, while the Mountaineers were just 4-for-5.

Eastern built a 46-30 lead at the half after a 22-11 scoring advantage in the second quarter.

EOU RALLIES FOR WIN SUNDAY

A huge second half kept the Eastern Oregon women's basketball team undefeated in CCC play.

Maren Herrud scored 20 points and connected on four 3-pointers, Maya Ah You-Dias added 18 points and seven rebounds, and the Mountaineers rallied from a seven-point halftime deficit to earn a 72-64 win over Corban Sunday in Salem.

Herrud and Ah You-Dias hit back-to-back 3-pointers midway through the third quarter for a 41-39 lead, then EOU took the lead for good with a 12-2 run spanning the third and fourth quarters. Jane Nelson's 3-point play started the run, and Dias hit a jumper to cap it for a 58-49 advantage. The Mountaineers pushed the lead to as much as 12 points down the stretch.

Eastern scored 28 points in the third quarter after netting just 25 in the opening half.

Nelson and Madison Crews both added eight points for EOU, which had eight players score.

Jordan Woodvine had 23 points for Corban.

EOU (9-2 overall, 4-0 CCC), which has won nine straight, travels to face College of Idaho Tuesday in Caldwell.

Eastern men get two wins

Another big game from Jordan May helped lift the Eastern Oregon men's basketball team to a victory.

May scored 33 points and connected on nine 3-pointers, and the Mountaineers topped Northwest Christian on the road Saturday, 84-75, in Cascade Collegiate Conference action.

May scored 20 of his points and connected on six of his 3-pointers after halftime. His effort from deep was a key part in EOU shooting 50 percent (13-for-26) from beyond the arc in the win.

May was one of four Mountaineers in double figures. Landon Jones followed with 12 points, and both Zane Wright and Jarek Schetzle had 10 points. Schetzle also had 11 rebounds to complete

a double-double. Peter Hamilton added four blocks.

EOU's win came thanks in large part to a 52 percent (30-for-58) overall effort from the floor.

MAY'S BIG DAY CARRIES EOU

Jordan May went off for a career-high 41 points to lead the Eastern Oregon men's basketball team a road win over Corban, 91-82, in Cascade Collegiate Conference action Sunday in Salem.

May shot 15-for-26 from the floor and was 5-for-9 from 3-point range in the win, the Mountaineers' second in a row. Landon Jones added 15 points for EOU, and Peter Hamilton also reached double figures, scoring 12 points.

EOU led by as many as nine points early in the first half, and went into the break up 47-42 following a late 3-pointer by Hamilton. Corban briefly took the lead back at 56-55, and was within three points late in the game, but Kobi Gardea hit a 3-pointer during a key 8-0 run to help ice the win.

Joel Johnson had 22 points and 11 rebounds to lead Corban.

Eastern (8-7 overall, 4-1 CCC) travels to Caldwell to face No. 1 College of Idaho Tuesday.

EOU wrestling falls to Embry-Riddle

The No. 20 Eastern Oregon men's wrestling team earned just three victories in a 35-10 dual loss to the Embry-Riddle Eagles Saturday in Prescott, Arizona.

Three of the Mountaineers' more consistent wrestlers during the early stages of the season came away with the wins. Mhar Caballa (125 pounds) recorded a 4-3 win over Joshua Nira. Blake McCall (133) scored a 7-2 decision over Colin Anderson. And Drake Randall (165) posted a 10-0 major decision over Carlos Apodaca.

Results for EOU from the GPAC/CCC duals on Sunday were not available by press time.

The Mountaineers are off until Jan. 4 when they head to Atherton, California, for the Menlo Duals.

GIRLS

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short in a 33-26 home loss to the Heppner Mustangs Friday.

The contest, though, was much tighter than Heppner's 61-29 win just a week earlier.

Imbler trailed 28-14 after three quarters before finding an offensive rhythm in the fourth when it outscored Heppner 12-5.

Gracey Smith and Sidney Bowman both scored five points for Imbler, while four other players scored four points.

BADGERS FEND OFF GLENN, BOBCATS

The Powder Valley Badgers girls basketball team survived an offensive onslaught from Union Bobcats' freshman Callie Glenn, scoring the game's final five points for a 44-40 victory Friday in La Grande.

Megan Bingham had a breakaway layup for a 39-31 lead before Glenn, who scored 29 points and connected on seven 3-pointers, almost single handedly brought Union all the way back. Glenn, who had 14 points in the fourth, hit a 3-pointer and a layup to pull the Bobcats within two, then connected on her seventh 3-pointer for a 40-39 lead with 3:03 left. Bingham, however, gave Powder Valley the lead back on the next possession, and the Badgers made three free throws in the final 32.9 seconds to hold on.

Glenn had 13 points in the first half and connected on four 3-pointers — one of which led to a four-point play — to keep Union within 21-18 at the half before the Badgers extended the lead to 33-25 after three quarters.

Belle Blair led Powder Valley with 11 points. Autumn Davis added 10 points and nine rebounds, and Bingham had 10 points, five steals and four assists.

Taylor Daggett added four points for Union.

OUTLAWS ROLL

The Enterprise Outlaws girls basketball team coasted to a 46-22 victory over the

Bonanza Antlers during the Rocket Invite Friday in Pilot Rock.

Zari Bathke led Enterprise in the win with 12 points. Ashlyn Gray added nine points, and both Shelby Moncrief and Lexie Gasset scored eight points.

Enterprise built a double-digit lead at halftime, 29-16, then clamped down on defense, holding Bonanza to just six points and one field goal in the second half.

BIG FOURTH DOOMS COUGARS

The Wallowa Cougars girls basketball team dropped their opener at the Rocket Invite Friday in Pilot Rock, falling to the Weston-McEwen TigerScots, 48-37.

Wallowa took a one-point lead at 18-17 into the half and the teams were tied after three quarters at 30-30, but the TigerScots had a big fourth quarter to pull away for the victory.

Shanna Rae Tillery led Wallowa with 16 points. Katie Vescio had 24 points for the TigerScots.

EAGLES HOLD ON FOR WIN

The Joseph Eagles girls basketball team held on to win a potential playoff preview on Friday, defeating the Jordan Valley Mustangs, 51-47, in La Grande.

Three players reached double figures for the Eagles in the victory. Sabrina Albee led the team in scoring with 18 points, and both Emma Hite and Madelyn Nelson scored 11 points.

The Eagles offense woke up after a slow first quarter, scoring 15 in the second and 12 in the third to take a 35-29 lead.

In the final quarter, Jordan Valley got as close as four points early before the Eagles gave themselves some breathing room. Camille Crenshaw scored six points during an 8-2 run that gave Joseph a 47-37 lead late in the fourth. Jordan Valley again closed within five points late, but a layup by Hite extended the margin back to nine with just 90 seconds to go.

Regann Skinner had 19



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Joseph's Madelyn Nelson drives in for a layup during the Eagles' win over Jordan Valley Friday.

points to lead the Mustangs.

HUSKIES' FRIDAY CONTEST CANCELED

Elgin's game against Pilot Rock at the Rocket Invite was canceled.

Saturday

JOSEPH STOPS UNION

Sabrina Albee scored a game-high 16 points to lead the Joseph Eagles girls basketball team to a 46-37 win over the Union Bobcats Saturday in La Grande.

Haley Miller added 10 points to join Albee in double figures, and Emma Hite

scored seven points.

A strong start gave the Eagles a nine-point lead after one quarter and a 24-14 edge at halftime. Union cut the margin to 36-29 after three quarters, but saw the rally fall short.

Taylor Daggett had 14 points — all in the second half — and hit four 3-pointers to lead Union. Kaylin Nowak added nine points. Callie Glenn, one night after scoring 29 points, was held to five by Joseph.

The Eagles (6-1 overall)

host Echo Saturday, while Union (3-3) hosts the Bobcat Christmas Classic beginning Thursday.

COVE PUTS SQUEEZE ON HONKERS

Sarah Folsom scored 10 points to lead 10 players in scoring as the Cove Leopards girls basketball team blasted the Arlington Honkers Saturday, 54-22, at home.

Raegan DUBY and Elli Hines-Dunlap both added eight points for Cove. The Leopards broke the game open in the second quarter, getting into an offensive rhythm and outscoring the Honkers 18-1 to take a 29-6 lead at halftime.

Sara Grady and Caitlyn Ames both had six points for Arlington.

Cove (5-1 overall) faces Crane Thursday in the Bobcat Christmas Classic in a game played at Cove.

MUSTANGS HAND BADGERS FIRST LOSS

An off game on offense led to the Powder Valley Badgers girls basketball team suffering its first loss of the season Saturday, a 44-33 setback against the Jordan Valley Mustangs in La Grande.

A slow start left the Badgers in a 13-4 hole after one quarter. They found a rhythm and cut the margin to 25-20 at the half, but scored just 13 points in the second half.

Megan Bingham had 13 points to lead Powder Valley and added three steals. Logan Nedrow added 10 points, and Belle Blair had eight rebound and three steals.

Regann Skinner had 15 points to lead the Mustangs. Powder Valley (4-1 overall) plays next in the Bobcat Christmas Classic Thursday in Union.

ENTERPRISE DROPS WALLOWA

Shelby Moncrief led the

way with 13 points as the Enterprise Outlaws girls basketball team finished the Rocket Invite in Pilot Rock with a 46-30 win over the Wallowa Cougars on Saturday.

Carsyn Miller scored 10 points for Enterprise, which limited Wallowa to just eight points in the first half for a 23-8 advantage. Lexie Gasset added nine points in the win.

Shanna Rae Tillery scored 13 points to lead the Cougars. Riley Ferré added six points.

Enterprise (7-1 overall) hosts Weston-McEwen in Blue Mountain Conference play Saturday, while Wallowa (2-6) travels to Echo Thursday.

ELGIN LOSESTHIRD STRAIGHT

The Elgin Huskies girls basketball team dropped its third game in a row, falling to the Weston-McEwen TigerScots at the Rocket Invite in Pilot Rock Saturday, 46-26.

Tymra Anderson led the way for the Huskies with nine points, and Jayden Palmer added eight points.

Elgin (2-3 overall) next travels to the Bobcat Christmas Classic Thursday in Union.

PANTHERS GET IN WIN COLUMN

The Imbler Panthers girls basketball team picked up their first win of the season, 30-25, on the road against the Prairie City Panthers Saturday.

Caysie McGinness led Imbler in the victory with nine points. Anika McDonald followed with eight points and Gracey Smith scored seven.

Imbler led a 17-14 edge at the break and still led by just three at 23-20 after three quarters, but did just enough in the fourth to hold on.

Imbler (1-3 overall) travels to Stanfield Tuesday.

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