

Christmas Classic underway

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Keegan Glenn led the way with 15 points as the Union Bobcats boys basketball team wrapped up day one of the Bobcat Christmas Classic with a 53-44 win over the Council Lumberjacks Thursday in Union.

Gannon Carreiro added 10 points for Union, and both Cole McLean and Tate Lantis had nine points.

The Bobcats never trailed, but struggled to put away the Lumberjacks until late in the game.

Union, though, took a 44-35 lead when D.J. Coon beat the third-quarter buzzer with a long 3-pointer, and Carreiro's 3-pointer in the fourth pushed the margin to 49-36 early in the fourth. Council pulled no closer than nine points the rest of the way.

Union (5-2 overall) faces Jordan Valley in the tourney semifinals tonight.

Also
BADGERS ROUT TIGERS

Moziss Nesser and Roper Bingham both scored 19 points to lead four players in double figures as the Powder Valley Badgers boys basketball team opened the Bobcat Christmas Classic with an 82-42 blowout victory over the Dayville/Monument Tigers Thursday in Union.

The Badgers took an early 13-point first quarter lead and coasted from there. Powder Valley built the lead to 41-24 by halftime, then added 22 points more in the



Elgin's Ian Adams (32) attempts a layup between Jordan Valley defenders during the Huskies' game in the Bobcat Christmas Classic Thursday in Union.

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third for a 63-35 advantage.

Dominick Grende added 11 points and Reece Martin scored 10 for the Badgers. Nesser added a team-best nine rebounds.

Donovan Schafer had 13 points to lead the Tigers.

Powder Valley (4-2 overall) faces Crane today in the tournament semifinals.

MUSTANGS PULL AWAY FROM HUSKIES

After briefly taking the lead in the third quarter, the Elgin Huskies boys basketball team watched the Jordan Valley Mustangs end the game on a 25-9 run to earn

a 51-36 victory in the Bobcat Christmas Classic Thursday in Union.

Gage McKay hit a jumper to briefly give Elgin a 27-26 lead before the Mustangs took command. Zeke Quintero, who led the way with 21 points, scored 14 in the second half and 12 during the game-sealing run.

Elgin was still within four at 36-32 entering the fourth before a 12-2 run by the Mustangs broke the game open.

Ian Adams scored 11 points to lead Elgin. Cody Harvey added seven points, and both Ian Smith and

McKay added six points.

Elgin (4-2 overall) faces Council today in the consolation bracket.

CRANE MOVES PAST LEOPARDS

The Crane Mustangs boys basketball team took over the lead in the second quarter on its way to a 55-41 win over the Cove Leopards Thursday during the Bobcat Christmas Classic in Cove.

The teams were tied at 11-11 before Crane found a rhythm for a 26-18 lead at the half. The Mustangs continued to build on the lead

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Outlaw boys earn win over Eagles

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Devin Greer scored a team-high 14 points, Coy Aschenbrenner scored six of his eight points in the fourth quarter, and the Enterprise Outlaws boys basketball team rallied in the final period for a 54-47 home win over the Joseph Eagles Wednesday night.

Dylan Marr added 13 points for the Outlaws, who outscored Joseph 16-7 in the fourth to erase a two-point deficit. Enterprise staged much of its comeback from the free-throw line, going 10-for-14 from the stripe in the fourth.

Chase Murray had 17 points and Tyler Homan added 16 for the Eagles, who took the lead into the fourth after their own rally. Joseph outscored Enterprise 19-11 in the third quarter for their 40-38 lead.

Enterprise (6-3 overall) hosts Weston-McEwen in Blue Mountain Conference play Saturday while Joseph (5-3) hosts Horizon Christian tonight.

Also
COUGARS FALL TO TIGERS

The Wallowa Cougars boys basketball team dug too big of a first-half hole to escape out of, falling behind by 17 points at the break in

a 49-40 loss to the La Grande Tigers JV Wednesday in La Grande.

The Cougars netted just 14 points in the first half and trailed at halftime, 31-14 as a result. They cut the margin to single digits, but the comeback attempt fell short.

Christopher Nobles led Wallowa with 23 points, and Tristin Bales added 12 points.

Devin Bell had 15 points for the Tigers.

Thursday
WALLOWA GETS BACK ONTRACK WITH WIN

The Wallowa Cougars boys basketball team ended its four-game losing streak with a 45-36 road win over the Echo Cougars on Thursday night.

Wallowa used a strong second quarter, outscoring Echo 16-8, to take a seven-point halftime lead. Echo closed to within 29-26 after three quarters, but Wallowa scored 16 more points in the fourth for the win.

Christopher Nobles led Wallowa with 24 points. Devin Craig had 13 for Echo.

Wallowa (3-6 overall) is off until Dec. 29 when it hosts Imbler.

PANTHERS MISS SECOND VICTORY

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