

CLASSIC

Continued from Page 7A throughout the second half. Landon Moore scored 11 points to lead Cove while Blake Witten added 10 and Wacey Fite scored five.

Payton Krueger led Crane with 16 points.

Cove (4-3 overall) faces Dayville/Monument in the consolation bracket today.

BOBCATS' LATE RALLY FALLS SHORT

The Union Bobcats girls basketball team nearly pulled off an improbable comeback and had a chance to possibly tie or win the game in the final seconds, but ultimately fell to the Council Lumberjacks, 29-27, Thursday night at home during the Bobcat Christmas Classic in Union.

Union trailed 26-12 early in the final quarter after going nearly nine minutes without scoring before Brianna Kohr ended the drought with a jumper. Kaylin Nowak cut the deficit to single digits with a jumper, then Kohr converted again to make it a seven-point game with 3:40 to go.

Union still trailed by six when Nowak's putback made it 29-25 with 32 seconds to play, and a layup by Kylie Marriott with 10 seconds to go cut the margin to just two. Union had possession for one final chance, but was unable to get a shot off.

Kohr finished with nine points to lead the Bobcats. Nowak added six — all in the fourth quarter — and Taylor Daggett scored five points.

Chelsie Testa led Council with 15 points.

Union (3-4 overall) faces Elgin today in the tournament's consolation bracket.

BADGERS WIN A BLOWOUT

The Powder Valley Badgers girls basketball team opened the Bobcat Christmas Classic with a 60-14 blow-out win over the Dayville/Monument Tigers Thursday in Union behind an 18-point performance from Megan Bingham.



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Elgin's Jocelyn Palmer, right, drives to the hoop during the first quarter of the Huskies' game against Jordan Valley Thursday afternoon.

A trio of Badgers — Autumn Davis, Josi Krieger and Bailey Cole — each added eight points in the win.

Powder Valley put the game out of reach almost immediately as it built a 10-point first-quarter lead and extended it to 27-5 by the half. The Badgers had three quarters where they scored as many points or more than the Tigers scored the entire game.

Aubrey Bowlus had seven points for the Tigers.

The Badgers (5-1 overall) meet Crane in the tournament semifinals today.

BIG SECOND QUARTER LIFTS JORDAN VALLEY

A 23-3 run spanning the end of the first and most of the second quarters was too much for the Elgin Huskies girls basketball team to overcome in a 54-33 loss to the Jordan Valley Mustangs Thursday at the Bobcat Christmas Classic in Union.

A 3-pointer by Jayden Palmer — her second of the first quarter — gave the Huskies a 17-14 lead late in the first before the Mustangs took off. The margin reached 17 points in the second quarter, and Jordan Valley held a 37-23 lead at the break.

Elgin briefly closed to within 10 points on a rebound and putback by Tymra Anderson early in the third quarter, but drew no closer.

Anderson scored 15 points and grabbed 15 rebounds to lead Elgin. Kaelin Evans added seven points and Palmer scored six. Evans and Palmer scored all their points in the first quarter.

Regann Skinner scored 19 points to lead Jordan Valley. Kiana Quintero added 16.

Elgin (2-4 overall) faces Union today in the tournament's consolation bracket.

MUSTANGS BLAST COVE

The Cove Leopards girls basketball team hung with the Crane Mustangs for a half before Crane pulled away for a 58-27 win during the Bobcat Christmas Classic Thursday in Cove.

Austin Kendall and Rebekah Farrell both led Cove with six points, and Raegan Duby added five points for the Leopards.

Cove trailed 24-14 at the break, but a 17-point third quarter by Crane pushed the margin to 41-20 as the Mustangs pulled away.

Kelsie Siegner scored 18 points to lead Crane.

Cove (5-2 overall) faces

Dayville/Monument today in the tournament's consolation bracket.

LOCAL SCHEDULE

Saturday PREP WRESTLING

• Enterprise at Best of the West, Pasco, Washington, 9 a.m.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

• Elgin, Powder Valley, Cove, Union at Union

Christmas Classic, TBD

• Weston-McEwen at Enterprise, 5:30 p.m.

• Echo at Joseph, 1 p.m.

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

• Elgin, Powder Valley, Cove, Union at Union

• Christmas Classic, TBD

• Weston-McEwen at Enterprise, 4 p.m.

WISHING ALL MY SAR TEAMS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU THAT HELPED IN SEARCHING FOR ME IN THE WALLOWA WILDERNESS IN SEPTEMBER 2018! IM VERY BLESSED WITH GOD'S HELP AND YOURS TO BE ALIVE! SO GRATEFUL IN 2018!

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ROUNDUP

Continued from Page 7A boys basketball team fell just short of its second straight win after a 52-46 loss to the Weston-McEwen TigerScots Thursday night.

Imbler cut an eight-point halftime deficit to 32-29 after three quarters, but was unable to ultimately overtake Weston-McEwen, which netted 20 points in the fourth quarter to hold on.

Jayce Burnette scored 17 points, including 12 in the second half, to lead the Panthers. Grant Slater added 12 points and Will Coston scored eight points.

Stockton Hoffman led the TigerScots with 26 points.

Imbler (1-5 overall) is off until Dec. 27 when it hosts Four Rivers.

Girls

THIRD-QUARTER RUN DOOMS IMBLER

A 22-2 third quarter run by the Weston-McEwen TigerScots girls basketball team turned a close game into a rout as Weston-McEwen pulled away for a 45-20 win over the Imbler Panthers Thursday night.

Imbler trailed just 17-14 at the break behind eight first-half points from Caysie McGinness. But the Panthers were held to just one field goal in the third quarter — and six points total in the second half — as Weston-McEwen broke the game open.

McGinness finished with nine points for Imbler and Gracey Smith added four points.

Katie Vescio led the TigerScots with 24 points.

Imbler (1-5 overall) hosts Four Rivers Dec. 27.

WALLOWA FALLS ON THE ROAD

The Wallowa Cougars girls basketball team was unable to get back in the win column after suffering a 52-37 loss to the Echo Cougars on the road Thursday.

Echo broke the game open in the second quarter, outscoring Wallowa 17-2 to take a 23-7 lead at the break and coast to the win.

Jamie Johnston and Riley Ferré both scored eight points to lead Wallowa.

Faith McCarty had 19 points to pace Echo.

Wallowa (2-7 overall) is off until Dec. 29 when it hosts Imbler.

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