

GIRLS

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McGinness did all she could to keep the Panthers in the game, scoring 13 of her points in the second half. In fact, she scored or assisted on all of Imbler's points through the first three quarters. She also had seven rebounds and four steals.

Anderson did most of her damage early, with 14 first-half points as Elgin led by as much as 19-7 and took a 19-10 lead at the half. Jocelyn Palmer added nine points and gave Imbler fits by nabbing seven steals.

The Huskies (5-7 overall, 2-2 OOL) travel to Nixyaawii Friday, while Imbler (4-9, 2-2) visits Cove Friday.

Also Saturday

BOBCATS EKE OUT CLOSE WIN

Callie Glenn scored a game-high 18 points, Kylie Marriott added 13 points, and the Union Bobcats girls basketball team held on in the final quarter for a 44-43 road win over the Heppner Mustangs Saturday in Blue Mountain Conference play.

Union held a five-point lead at 34-29 entering the fourth quarter before fending off a comeback attempt by the Mustangs. Marriott had six points in the fourth quarter.

The win moved Union into a tie for third with Heppner in the BMC with the teams near the midway-point of league play.

Union (9-6 overall, 3-2 BMC) travels to Weston-McEwen Friday. **BINGHAM, BADGERS DEMOLISH SPARTANS**

Megan Bingham poured in 30 points — including hitting five 3-pointers — and had eight steals as the Powder Valley Badgers girls basketball team buried the Pine Eagle Spartans at home Saturday, 74-22, in Old Oregon League play.

Bingham had 18 of her points in the first half as the Badgers built a 37-13 lead at the break.

Shelby Sieckman added 12 points for Powder Valley and Belle Blair had 10. Josi Krieger added a team-best eight rebounds.

The Badgers (14-2 overall, 5-0 OOL) travel to Joseph Friday in a matchup of the top two teams in the league.

OUTLAWS EARN FOURTH BMC VICTORY

Ashlyn Gray, Shelby Moncrief and Karli Bedard each scored 14 points, and a big third quarter by the Enterprise Outlaws girls basketball team proved to be the difference in a 53-43 road win over the Stanfield Tigers Saturday in Blue Mountain Conference play.

Gray and Bedard also grabbed 11 rebound each, and Gray had five steals.

The Outlaws scored Stanfield 16-6 in the third quarter, which gave them a sizeable 42-28 advantage and control of the contest.

Enterprise (12-4 overall, 4-2 BMC) hosts Pilot Rock Saturday. **EAGLESTOPPLE WALLOWA**

The Joseph Eagles girls basketball team kept its perfect record in Old Oregon League play intact, outscoring the Wallowa Cougars in every quarter on the way to a 56-36 road win on Saturday.

Sabrina Albee scored 17 points to lead Joseph, which netted 22 points in the second quarter to turn a five-point margin into a 31-21 lead at halftime.

Emma Hite and Haley Miller also reached double figures for the Eagles, scoring 14 and 10 points, respectively.

Wallowa was led by Jamie Johnston, who scored a game-high 19 points.

The Eagles (13-2 overall, 3-0 OOL) host Powder Valley Friday in a battle of the top two teams in the OOL, while the Cougars (5-9, 2-2) travel to Griswold Friday.

Friday TIGERSTURN AWAY HAPLESS PIONEERS

Camryn Collman scored a game-high 19 points to lead eight players in scoring as the La Grande Tigers girls basketball team moved to 2-0 in the Greater Oregon League with a 44-20 road win over the McLoughlin Pioneers Friday.

The Tigers broke the game open from the outset, taking a 17-3 lead after one quarter, then adding 16 second-quarter points for a 33-10 lead at the break. Collman had 14 of LHS's 16 points in the second.

Grace Neer added seven points for the Tigers and Jacie Howton scored six points.

La Grande (9-3 overall, 2-0 GOL) hosts Irrigon Tuesday.

JOSEPH PULLS AWAY FROM ELGIN

The Joseph Eagles girls basket-

ball team pulled away from the Elgin Huskies after a close first quarter en route to a 58-24 blowout win at home Friday in Old Oregon League play.

The Eagles led 14-11 after one quarter, then dropped 38 points in the next two quarters — including 20 in the second — to build a 34-18 halftime lead and a 52-20 margin after three quarters.

Sabrina Albee netted 22 points to lead Joseph. Haley Miller followed with 11 points and Madelyn Nelson scored 10 points.

Kaelin Evans scored 10 points to lead Elgin, while Jayden Palmer added six points.

BIGTHIRD QUARTER BOOSTS PANTHERSTO WIN

Caysie McGinness scored 19 of her 25 points in the second half as the Imbler Panthers girls basketball team shook off a seven-point halftime deficit to earn a 41-37 road win over the Griswold Grizzlies Friday in Old Oregon League play.

Twelve of McGinness' points came in the third quarter, when Imbler outscored Griswold 16-3 to turn the tables and take a 28-22 lead. Imbler finished the win at the free-throw line with a 9-for-11 effort in the fourth quarter.

Sidney Bowman added five points for the Panthers.

LEOPARDS FALL IN BACK-AND-FORTH BATTLE

The Cove Leopards girls basketball team came up short in its bid for its first Old Oregon League win of the season, falling to the Nixyaawii Golden Eagles at home Friday, 48-35.

Cove trailed the seesaw affair 25-18 at halftime, then used an 11-0 run mid-third quarter to take a 29-26 lead with three minutes to play in the period. Nixyaawii, though, finished the third on a 12-1 run to pull back ahead, 38-30, after three.

Austin Kendall led the Leopards with 11 points. Raegan Duby added nine points and Kierra Moore chipped in with six.

Cove (6-6 overall, 0-2 OOL) hosts Imbler Friday.

BADGERS SHUT DOWN WALLOWA AT HOME

Belle Blair had 15 points and eight rebounds to lead the Powder Valley Badgers girls basketball team to a 50-8 home win over the

LOCAL SCHEDULE

Tuesday PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

• Irrigon at La Grande, 5:30 p.m.

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

• La Grande atThe Dalles, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

PREP WRESTLING

• Ontario, Imbler at La Grande, 6 p.m.

—Subject to change

Wallowa Cougars Friday in Old Oregon League play.

The Badgers put the game away in the first quarter by building a 16-2 lead. They held a 24-6 margin at halftime and limited Wallowa to just two points in the second half.

Megan Bingham added 13 points and Logan Nedrow added seven rebounds and five steals.

Four different players scored two points apiece for Wallowa.

OUTLAWS EDGED BY MUSTANGS IN OVERTIME

The Enterprise Outlaws girls basketball team lost a second-half lead and ultimately fell to the Heppner Mustangs on the road in overtime, 64-61, Friday in Blue Mountain Conference play.

A 19-6 second quarter gave Enterprise a 26-21 halftime lead, but the margin shrunk to three after three quarters before Heppner tied the score at 53-53 to force the extra session. Heppner outscored Enterprise 11-8 in overtime.

Karli Bedard had 20 points, 14 rebounds and three steals to lead Enterprise. Lexie Gasset added 12 points and Shelby Moncrief had 10 points.

BOBCATS DROP STANFIELD

Kylie Marriott led the way with 16 points as the Union Bobcats girls basketball team routed the Stanfield Tigers at home Friday, 59-35, in Blue Mountain Conference action.

Union was already up seven points when it broke the game open, outscoring Stanfield 20-9 in the second quarter to take a 37-19 halftime lead. Marriott had 12 of her points in the first half.

Kaylin Nowak added 14 points and Audrey Wells score nine points for the Bobcats.

Dominick Grende scored 24 points on 9-of-18 shooting and hit six 3-pointers to lead the Powder Valley Badgers boys basketball team to a 71-27 home win over the Wallowa Cougars Friday in Old Oregon League play.

Grende was one of four players in double figures for the Badgers: Reece Dixon added 15 points and both Roper Bingham and Omar Benites had 10 points. As a team, Powder Valley shot 53 percent and built a lead by halftime of 32-10 to take command.

Christopher Nobles scored 13 points to lead Wallowa.

EAGLES RALLY INTHE FOURTHTO TOP ELGIN

The Joseph Eagles boys basketball team used a big fourth quarter to come from behind and ultimately secure a 60-45 home win over the Elgin Huskies Friday in Old Oregon League play.

Joseph went into the final period down 37-35, then went off for 25 points in the quarter to erase the deficit and come away with the decisive win.

Chase Murray scored 15 points to lead a balanced Joseph attack. Tyler Homan followed with 14 points, Kade Kilgore added 12 and Mason Ferré chipped in with 10.

Kaden McClure led Elgin with 15 points. Ian Smith added 13 and Gage McKay had six. Elgin had rallied itself from a 19-9 deficit after one quarter to take the lead after three, but couldn't hold on.

LEOPARDS CAN'T KEEP UP WITH GOLDEN EAGLES

The Cove Leopards boys basketball team had a tough night against the Nixyaawii Golden Eagles Friday, falling at home, 68-18, in Old Oregon League play. Stats were not available.

The Leopards (7-5 overall, 0-2 OOL) host Imbler Friday.

PANTHERS BREAK OPEN CLOSE GAME FOR ROAD WIN

The Imbler Panthers boys basketball team broke open a tight game with a dominant third quarter to earn a 44-29 road win over the Griswold Grizzlies Friday in Old Oregon League play.

The Panthers trailed 20-18 at halftime, then rolled to a 15-1 margin in the third quarter to take a 33-21 lead after three and never looked back.

Jayce Burnette scored 16 points — 13 of which came in the second half — to lead the Panthers, who had eight players score. Grant Slater and Wade McDonald both added six points.

WRESTLING

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to top the Knights. Mhar Caballa (125) opened with a dominant 17-5 major decision over Connor Finch to give EOU the early 4-0 lead.

“Overall we did pretty good,” Caballa said. “We had a lot of corrections to make from (Thursday) night. Our team's responding really well.”

The Knights gained three straight wins — one by forfeit — for a 14-4 edge before the match turned back to the Mountaineers' favor for good. Keegan Mulhill (157) kicked off a string of six straight wins by dismantling his opponent, Chas Peterson, for a 20-3 technical fall, needing just 4:32 for the win.

“With duals, a lot of it is just the momentum of matches,” Azure said. “Keegan did a good job of stepping up and getting things rolling back in our direction.”

Jacob Dupuis (165) followed with a pin of Wyatt Kesler in just 22 seconds, and Marco Retano (174) gained a bonus point for ride time for the difference in a 4-3 decision over Mark Meier. After two wins by forfeit, Eastern wrapped the dual with a 4-1 decision by Noel Orozco over Alvaro Venegas.

The Mountaineer women had just three official matches in their dual against Warner Pacific due to injuries. Macy Higa (130) opened with a 12-2 technical fall over Trynadii Rocha for a 4-1 lead, and Renay Monohan (155) extended to the lead to 8-1 with a technical fall against Kailee Doak. An injury to Alexis Caverro cost her a match against Kiera Gabaldon but EOU secured the win by then.

“Their aggressiveness has picked up a lot, even in the last month,” women's coach Walt Anderson said. “They're a little bit dinged up, but the intensity has picked up from the ones that were wrestling.”

The Eastern women also had a pair of wins in three exhibition matches — a 6-0 decision by Krystal Fabricante (130) and a 10-0 technical fall by Dempsi Talkington (155).

La Grande is back in action Wednesday when it hosts Ontario. The EOU women travel to the Oregon Classic Friday, and the Eastern men are at the Clackamas Tournament Sunday.

MANIAC INVITATIONAL

The Joseph/Wallowa wrestling team landed four wrestlers in the title match and came away with a victory and three second-place finishes for fourth as a team at the Maniac Invitational Saturday in Orofino, Idaho.

Steven Beckman (120) led the way by winning the tournament for the Eagles with three pins, including in the title match over Seth Harris of Weiser, Idaho.

Zeb Ramsden (132), Gus Ramsden (160) and Austin Brockamp (170) all went 3-1 and took second. Zeb Ramsden had three pins on his way to the final before dropping a 9-4 decision to Orofino's Aurielo Morales. Gus Ramsden had two pins in three matches, but lost by fall to Clearwater Valley, Idaho, wrestler Davis McElroy. Likewise, Brockamp won two matches by fall en route to the final, then lost by fall to Kenon Brown of Potlatch, Idaho, in the final.

Guylen Snyder (152) won his final three matches to win the consolation title.

Eighth-place Enterprise was led by two second-place finishes. Trace Evans (138) had two pins in three matches to reach the finals, but there dropped a 7-2 decision to Orofino's Brayden Turcott. Clint Norton (285) needed just a pin over Gunner Clough of Clarkston, Washington, to reach the finals, then there lost by pin to Caleb Breedlove of Orofino.

Meanwhile, Justice McQuown (126) and Drew Widener (220) both were consolation winners. McQuown went 3-1 in his weight class, and Widener finished 2-1.

Clayton Hammond (170) was the top finisher for Elgin, which placed 12th, going 2-2 on the day and reaching the finals of the consolation bracket.

BRIEFLY

Results from the La Grande swim team's meet at Madras were not available by press time. See Wednesday's Observer for results.

BOYS

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Keegan Glenn led Union with 18 points and added seven rebounds. Both Jace Phillips and Gannon Carreiro added nine points.

The Bobcats (10-5 overall, 3-2 BMC) travel to Weston-McEwen Friday.

STANFIELD GETSTHE BEST OF ENTERPRISE WITH FOURTH-QUARTER RALLY

The Enterprise Outlaws boys basketball team saw a fourth-quarter lead slip away as it suffered a 39-34 road loss to the Stanfield Tigers Saturday in Blue Mountain Conference play.

The loss was the fourth by the Outlaws in BMC action that was by five points or fewer.

Timmy Wells scored 13 points to lead Enterprise, while Dylan Marr added eight points.

The Outlaws led 31-27 after three quarters, then managed just three points in the final quarter as the Tigers rallied for the win.

Enterprise (7-10 overall, 1-5 BMC) hosts Pilot Rock Saturday.

COUGARS HAND EAGLES FRST LEAGUE LOSS

Christopher Nobles led the way with 15 points as the Wallowa Cougars basketball team picked up its first win in Old Oregon League play, topping the Joseph Eagles at home Saturday, 44-37.

Wallowa rebounded from a 19-16 halftime deficit to take a slim 26-24 lead after three quarters, then netted 18 points in the fourth to hold on for the win.

Mason Ferré had 10 points for the Eagles, who suffered their first OOL loss.

Wallowa (4-10 overall, 1-3 OOL) travels to Griswold Friday, while Joseph (9-6, 2-1) hosts Powder Valley Friday.

BADGERSTAKE DOWN SPARTANS

Omar Benites had 17 points, seven assists and four steals to lead the Powder Valley Badgers boys basketball team to a 55-35 home win over the Pine Eagle Spartans Saturday in Old Oregon League play.

Dominick Grende added 12 points, Roper Bingham had 11 and Moziss Nesser turned in a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

The Badgers didn't put the game away until the second half. They led 22-16 at the break, but scored 19 third-quarter points to take a 41-27 lead and command of the game.

The Badgers (11-5 overall, 4-1 OOL) travel to Joseph Friday.

Friday TIGERS SUFFER RARE LOSSTO MAC-HI

The La Grande Tigers boys basketball team suffered a rare loss to the McLoughlin Pioneers on the road in Greater Oregon League play Friday, 50-37.

According to oregonprepsports.net, it was the first loss by La Grande to Mac-Hi since a forfeited game on Jan. 25, 2011. Records on the website, which date back to the 2003-04 season didn't show list a previous loss to Mac-Hi in that time.

La Grande was doomed by a rough first half that saw it score just two points in the first quarter and fall behind 24-11 at halftime.

Nick Tsiatsos and Cristian Mendoza both scored nine points for the Tigers. Braden Bell added eight and Justin Jenner had six.

The Tigers (4-8 overall, 1-1 GOL) travel to The Dalles Tuesday.

UNION HOLDS ON FOR CLOSE WIN OVER TIGERS

The Union Bobcats boys basketball team fended off a second-half rally by the Stanfield Tigers to come away with a 61-59 home win Friday in Blue Mountain Conference play.

Keegan Glenn had a double-double with 19 points and 12 rebounds to lead Union. Cole McLean and Tate Lantis added 14 and 11 points, respectively, for the Bobcats. Glenn also had four assists, and Gannon Carreiro had a team-best five steals.

Union held a nine-point lead at halftime, and was still up 50-43 after three quarters before Stanfield closed in. The Tigers' comeback attempt, though, fell short.

MUSTANGS BURY ENTERPRISE

The Enterprise Outlaws boys basketball team were dealt a blowout loss on the road Friday, falling to the conference-leading Heppner Mustangs, 68-31, in Blue Mountain Conference play.

Heppner built a nine-point lead after one quarter, then broke the game open in the second with an 18-4 run to go into the half leading 35-12. The Mustangs went on to outscore Enterprise in each quarter on the way to the big win.

Dylan Marr led the Outlaws with 13 points, while Devin Greer added eight points.

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