

State University and a former minor league baseball player in the Seattle Mariners' system. Horner had an impressive resume, as according to the Cougars' website he spent nine seasons playing in the Mariners' farm system — reaching as high as Triple-A Tacoma — and has had several coaching

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La Grande's Riana Scott competes in the girls 100-yard breaststroke Saturday during La Grande's December invitational. Scott won the race and was part of two winning relays to help the LHS girls easily win the meet.

La Grande's Romaine Ricker competes Saturday in the girls 100-yard backstroke.

Union/Cove was fifth with 73 points and Imbler was seventh with 26.5.

La Grande didn't finish with any individual champions, but had eight wrestlers place second or third. Taking second along with Bisenius, who went 1-1 at 126, were Cole Shafer, who finished 2-1 with two pins as 132, Wyatt Livingston, who at 152 was also 2-1 with two wins by fall, and Casey Cornford, who placed second at 170 with two wins by fall.

In third were Weston Durfee (3-1 at 113), Luca Willins (2-1 at 120), Ryan Jones (3-1 at 160B), and Lamar Ward (2-1 at 195).

Gage Martens and Carter Blackburn both earned top spots for Union/Cove. Martens went 3-0 at 106 with three wins by fall, and pinned Dan Henry in 3:39 in the final. Blackburn had two wins by fall at 145, and in the final scored a 7-0

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Elgin's Joe Lathrop had a perfect weekend, winning at 138 pounds at the John Rysdam Memorial in Elgin.

Union's Audrey Wells, left, drives baseline Saturday during the girls title game at the Bobcat Christmas Classic.

followed with a 3-point play to make it a one-possession game, 46-43, with 1:02 to go.

Union got a stop, but missed on two attempts to draw closer. Taelor Hammack put in a key free throw with 9.8 seconds remaining to make it a four-point game, which proved vital as Glenn hit a 3 with three seconds left for the final margin.

"I'm so proud of them for that," Rickman-Johansen said. "I have a group of girls who have a lot of fight in them. They will work for us until they can't possibly go anymore. I think they'd run through a brick wall."

Union gave Crane easily its toughest challenge of the year, as the Mustangs had won their first give contests by an average of 31 points.

The Bobcats used a 10-0 run to close

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