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Reece Dixon at the point guard position, several sharpshooters from long range and Krieger in the paint. Krieger is an efficient rebounder who can also run the floor well and play above the rim. Another weapon in the paint is center Ben Profitt off the bench, an offensive lineman with size and mobility.

Defensively, Powder Valley will run a number of different schemes to throw off opposing offenses. With a high level of athleticism on the roster, coach Dixon said the team will have a variety of full- and halfcourt presses to draw from.

"We're going to do a lot of different things defensively this year to try to mix it up," Kyle Dixon said. "We'll try some zone and

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Mountaineers shine

competitions

at weekend wrestling

GREAT FALLS, Mont.

The Eastern Oregon Uni-

and WILLIAMSBURG, Ky.

versity wrestling programs

had a solid weekend, trav-

eling across the country for multiple competitions. The

Mountaineers men's team

won three of its duals and

finished fourth at the Battle

of the Rockies Open at the

University of Providence in Montana, while the women's team went 4-3 in duals at

the Patriot Open at the University of Cumberlands in

The Eastern men's team knocked off Simon Fraser 39-10, Northwest College 51-3 and Providence 31-12. Monte Zufelt, Chad Muenzer, John Bittinger

and Kyle Knudtson all went 3-0 in the team's duals. A

Rockies on the ensuing day, Eastern scored 92 points to

place fourth overall. The Mountaineers hauled in four

top-three finishes, highlighted by second-place per-

formances from Bittinger,

Eastern's strong showing

now has the team standing at 4-2 overall in competi-

tions and 2-1 in conference matchups. With momentum

on Eastern's side, the Mountaineers will have two weeks

off before competing at the Reno Tournament of Cham-

On the women's side,

sophomore Olivia Robinson led the way with seven vic-

tories across the weekend at the 170-pound weight class. The Mountaineers won the

team's first four duals, but

Neyeli Flores Roque won

ON THE SLATE

TUESDAY, DEC. 7

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL Enterprise at Elgin, 7:30 p.m.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL Enterprise at Elgin, 5 p.m. Burns at La Grande, 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8 PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Nyssa at La Grande, 6:30 p.m. THURSDAY, DEC. 9 PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Elgin at Four Rivers, 6:30 p.m Calvin Hiatt Memorial Basketball Tournament, North Powder Union vs. Prairie City, Powder Valley Mid-

Echo vs. Powder Valley, Powder Valley

High School, 5:30 p.m. Joseph vs. Adrian, Powder Valley Middle

Imbler vs. Jordan Valley, Powder Valley

Elgin at Four Rivers, 5 p.m.

Calvin Hiatt Memorial Basketball

Echo vs. Powder Valley, Powder Valley

Union vs. Prairie City, Powder Valley Mid-

Joseph vs. Adrian, Powder Valley Middle

Imbler vs. Jordan Valley, Powder Valley

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Middle School, 8:30 p.m.

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PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tournament, North Powder

lost three straight to conclude the competition.

pions on Dec. 17.

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handful of Mountaineers went 2-0 in what was a dom-

inant overall effort. In the Battle of the

Kentucky.

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try some full-court stuff. I think I have the athletes capable of doing that."

With years of experience playing together, the Badgers have potential to be a well-oiled machine as the season progresses, aiming to bring home a coveted Class 1A championship this

"They love to get out on the floor and get after it," the coach said. "They're a really good team, and they work together good."

The Badgers are off to a 2-0 start to the season after picking up wins against Jordan Valley and Dufur. The team will be tested this coming week as a number of teams travel to North Powder for the Calvin Hiatt Memorial Tournament, which begins Thursday, Dec. 9.

"We just have to keep focused," Kyle Dixon said. "That's our goal."

four individual matchups on day one, helping Eastern

take wins over No. 10 Lyon

College, No. 6 Cumberlands,

Tiffin and Liberty. Stephanie

Blankenship Krystal Fabricante both won four head-

Morgan Shines and Dempsi

After a tough slate of

to-head matchups, while

Talkington both walked

away with three wins.

matchups that included some major victories against

ranked opponents, the

Washington on Jan. 14.

Mountaineers will have a

lengthy break before facing

Grays College in Aberdeen,

GIRLS

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players and we are fortunate to have them," coach Bingham said.

The team has just one senior, Viri Rodriguez-Medrano, so the sophomore class will be asked to fill important roles for a Badger team that has 15 players. Five or six sophomores will potentially

see significant time on the court, coach Bingham said.

"Several of the sophomores will likely be major contributors, and I think we will be a pretty deep team," he said. "We are not normally as deep as this team will be so that is an advantage. Each of the sophomores kind of brings their own thing and they are all athletic."

Coach Bingham is impressed with the overall athleticism of his team that will serve it well as it looks to execute its tenacious defensive plan. The Badgers like to press their opponents and use a stifling man-to-man defense.

Powder Valley spent the early days of practice working on fundamentals as coach Bingham looks to put the new pieces together to see how his team will best operate on the basketball floor. What the team

lacks in size it figures to make up with the ability to cut and move to create open shots.

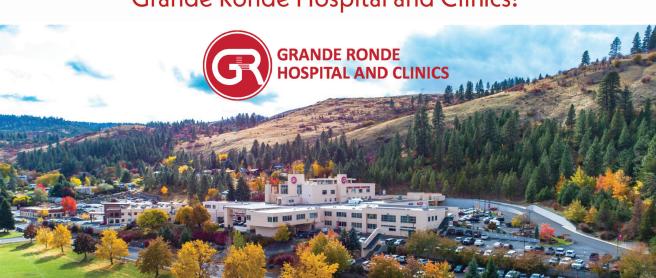
"We are just developing skills," he said. "We do a lot of dibbling, shooting and passing."

More than their athletic skill, coach Bingham likes the team's makeup off the court as well. He described his team as one that is "fun" and "plays for the group."

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