

Umatilla boys hold off Vale

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Down four with 30 seconds left, Umatilla was looking for some momentum. Any momentum. Anything to go into half-time positively after a forgettable first half against the visiting Vale Vikings. Kaden Webb obliged in a big way. The freshman hit a 3-pointer with 0.6 seconds on the clock, was fouled and made the free throw to tie things up at 30 heading into the break.

Umatilla grabbed the momentum and never let go, outscoring Vale to hold on for a 56-53 win Saturday in Eastern Oregon League play at The Pit.

Eric Garcia led the game in scoring with 33 points — he made seven 3-pointers — but no basket was bigger than Webb’s at the end of the first half.

“It was a huge momentum swing,” Umatilla head coach Derrek Lete said. “It was great for Kaden. He doesn’t like to be called a freshman. He sees himself as just one of the guys.” “We always tell him to shoot threes, because he can make them,” Garcia added. Lete said Vale played better Saturday than he had seen on film. But the sec-



Sam Barbree photo

Umatilla's Eric Garcia (3) sets up Vale defender Andrew Weber during the second half of Umatilla's 56-53 win over Vale on Saturday in The Pit. Garcia would hit a 3-pointer on the play, one of his seven on the way to 33 points.

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Umatilla	Vale
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ond-year coach had a feeling that Garcia would have a big game. He couldn’t explain it, he just knew. Garcia had a feeling, too. “In pregame (my shots) were going in, so I felt pretty good before the game,” the senior said. “Eric’s our man offensively,” Lete added. “He was one of the guys that was

runner-up for player of the year in our league (last year) and kind of had a rough first half of league play (from) a scoring standpoint. It was just one of the feelings you get as a coach sometimes. I don’t get them very often, but I had a feeling he was going to have a big night. And he did.” Garcia went 7-15 from deep, including two huge consecutive deep balls in the fourth quarter to send Umatilla from down one to up five. They were Umatilla’s first baskets of the final period, and positioned the home Vikings for a stretch

run. Garcia, though, was more happy with the win than with the scoring outburst. “I could have, like, three points, and if we won I’d still be happy,” he said.

UMATILLA 56, VALE 53	
VHS	19 11 14 9 — 53
UHS	14 16 15 11 — 56
VALE — Z. Jacobs 7, D. Hiatt 0, J. Schoorl 0, A. Weber 11, M. Ramirez 0, M. Skenjancic 0, C. Towers 0, J. Noethe 2, T. Mesa 17, L. Noethe 5, B. Mattos 11.	
UMATILLA — D. Ayala 2, E. Garcia 33, G. Armenta 0, J. Coria 3, K. Webb 4, D. Garica 0, A. Jaime 7, J. Tejada 0, T. Sanguino 0, A. Simmons 3, E. Morales 0.	
3-point field goals — Vale 5, Umatilla 10.	
Free throws — Vale 6-11, Umatilla 10-17.	
Fouled out — B. Mattos (VHS). Technical fouls — L. Noethe (VHS). Fouls — Vale 18, Umatilla 17.	

Girls Prep Basketball

Eagles come painfully close to comeback

East Oregonian

MISSION — The Nixyaawii Golden Eagles will have to add broken hearts to their growing list of ailments after a comeback attempt fell painfully short on Saturday. Powder Valley held on for a 41-40 girls basketball win in Old Oregon League play, but just barely. After shaking off a three-plus minute scoreless slump in the third quarter, the Golden Eagles (12-6, 4-3 OOL) had come alive behind Charlotte Barkley’s 10 fourth-quarter points to pull within six with less than 10 seconds to play. After a pair of Barkley free throws cut that margin to four, the Golden Eagles fouled to send a Badgers shooter to the free throw line

for two shots with six seconds left. Both shots missed and the Golden Eagles quickly got the ball up the court and into the hands of one of their top outside shooters, Alyssa Farrow. It had been a rough go for Golden Eagles shooters, who were a combined 2 of 15 from outside to that point. But Farrow, playing with a broken finger, drained the shot while being fouled to set up a chance at a four-point play. It was not to be, though, and Farrow’s free throw rattled out to give Powder Valley the win. Barkley scored a game-high 14 points and Kaitlynn Melton added 12 rebounds and eight steals. Desiree Maddern add-

ed a double-double with 11 points, 11 rebounds. Savannah Stephens led Powder Valley (10-8, 6-3) with 13 points, eight of those in a 18-9 second quarter that gave the Badgers a 26-18 halftime edge. POWDER VALLEY 41, NIXYA AWII 40 PV (10-8) 8 18 6 9 — 41 NCS (12-6) 9 9 4 18 — 40 POWDER VALLEY — Savannah Stephens 13, H. Feik 6, A. Feik 6, A. Jimenez 4, S. Kerns 4, S. Blair 4, T. Martin 2, M. Hufford 2, K. Williams. NIXYA AWII — Charlotte Barkley 14, D. Maddern 11, S. Fitzpatrick 4, K. Melton 4, R. Sampson 4, A. Farrow 3, E. Looney, T. Oatman. 3-point field goals — PV 3, NCS 3. Free throws — PV 4-12, NCS 11-21. Fouls — PV 18, NCS 13. Fouled out — H. Feik, A. Feik (PV); Melton (NCS).

Kelsey Ranger added 12 points and nine rebounds in a sloppy game that saw the two teams combine for 49 fouls and 57 turnovers. Alexis Sykora led Joseph (4-12, 1-7) with 20 points and 15 rebounds, and Satori Albee added nine points, 12 rebounds. ECHO 66, JOSEPH 45 — At Joseph, Elizabeth McCarty had 25 points, 13 rebounds and eight steals to guide Echo (16-4, 8-1 OOL) to an Old Oregon League win on Saturday. JOSEPH — Alexis Sykora 20, S. Albee 9, L. Kemp 6, N. Williams 5, M. Parker 2, A. Cooney 2, A. Kilgore 1, A. Story, K. Zollman, C. Bailey. 15-59 FG. 3-point field goals — EHS 5-16, JHS 0-1. Free throws — EHS 13-26, JHS 15-29. Fouls — EHS 24, JHS 25. Fouled out — Reese (EHS), Kemp, Kilgore (JHS).

In other games Saturday it was: Nyssa 43, Riverside 25; Condon/Wheeler 62, Ione 36; Mitchell/Spray 37, Arlington 34.

UMATILLA: Had 5 turnovers on its first 7 possessions of second half

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and fourth fouls on consecutive defensive possessions sending the team’s defensive stopper to the bench. With Gailbrath out, Vale smelled the blood in the water, stepping on the accelerator on both ends to turn the one-possession game into a seven-point lead by end of the period and a double digit advantage for the fourth quarter’s duration. “We have real good depth and we’re able to play a lot of kids,” said Vale coach Jason Johnson “That takes its toll in the second half generally. I think that helped.” Umatilla turned it over on five of its first seven possessions of the second half. The fifth turnover — a Courtney Dohman errant pass — led to a Kimber Hawkins fastbreak layup and made the score 46-35. The lead would never fall below double figures again. “Tonight in the fourth quarter you start to recognize in those kids that they’ve been in that situation and they understand what they need to do to win a big ball game — I thought they did that tonight,” Johnson said. It’s a lesson Umatilla may have needed to learn. With just one senior starter, and no playoff berths since 2011, Umatilla is unaccustomed to playing in “big games.” “This is exactly what we needed,” Bow said. The first half tug of war saw each side use scoring spurts to grab the edge. A 7-0 Umatilla lead earned them a 17-16 lead in the second. Vale didn’t waste any time turn the tide, scoring the next six points before ending the period on a 11-5 run. The Umatilla lead, which came on a Webb layup, was its last of the game. They managed to stay within six until the third quarter.

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Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Iridiana Campos shoots Saturday in Umatilla during a game against the Vale Vikings.

“Good teams will compete with you toe-to-toe and I thought they did that,” Johnson said. Aleesha Watson supplied most of the Umatilla offense, scoring 14 points. She, like the rest of Umatilla, struggled to find the net consistently, however. Umatilla was just 16-of-54 from the field.

VALE 51, UMATILLA 40	
VHS (16-1)	12 15 14 10 — 51
UHS (16-3)	7 16 11 6 — 40
VALE — Ki. Hawkins 11, Ka. Hawkins 5, K. DeLong 5, M. Johnson 8, A. Trenkel 0, M. Wolfe 3, K. Weber 3, A. Hamilton 6, H. Bates 10, K. Cooper 0.	
UMATILLA — M. Paz 6, K. Barajas 0, I. Campos 7, B. Campos 0, S. Webb 10, K. Galbraith 2, C. Dohman 1, A. Watson 14.	
3-point field goals — VHS 3, UHS 6. Free throws — VHS 12-23, UHS 2-7. Fouls — VHS 16, UHS 17.	

Boys Prep Basketball Golden Eagles continue to soar in league play

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East Oregonian

MISSION — The Powder Valley Badgers barely had time to break a sweat before finding themselves helplessly behind in Saturday’s Old Oregon League boys basketball game. The Nixyaawii Golden Eagles opened the game on a hot streak and never looked back as they cruised to another blowout win, 83-51. Nixyaawii went 6-for-7 from the field in the game’s first two minutes, and carried a 20-4 advantage when Chandler Case hit a 10-foot jumper in the lane with 3:59 left in the first quarter. It was the sixth time this season Nixyaawii (12-6, 7-0 OOL) has won a game by 30 or more points (they’ve won two by 29 as well), and the fifth time in league play. Unlike its other blowouts, this one started outside. “It usually inside-out as opposed to outside-in,” said coach Shane Rivera, “so, unusual, but nice.” Ira Ashley went 3 for 3 from outside in the first quarter and five of the Golden Eagles’ six three-pointers were made in the opening frame. Fredy Campos and Tiya-

po Farrow also contributed to the initial barrage and each finished the first quarter with seven points as the Golden Eagles led 30-10. “Coaches really get on us to move the ball around, looking for an opening and then if you’ve got an open shot you can take it, we’re all shooters,” Campos said. “We do a lot of shooting drills in practice, at least 45 minutes.” With the start of the second quarter came a line shift for the Golden Eagles — every starter but Farrow headed for the bench, and Farrow joined them soon after. Feeding off the speed of guards like Hunter Melton, Hunter McKay and Lennox Lewis, Nixyaawii’s second line extended the lead to 52-17 by halftime. “It’s not our typical strategy,” Rivera said of the platoon system, “but we’re a deep team. We have eight or nine kids that can rotate and we don’t really miss a lot.”

NYSSA 74, RIVERSIDE 55	
RHS (5-15)	14 15 18 8 — 55
NHS (11-8)	14 26 18 16 — 74
RIVERSIDE — Noe Madrigal 12, Felix Aparicio 12, E. Castillo 11, G. Roberts 10, R. Rosales 4, S. Navarro 4, K. Sorensen 2, J. Carmona, M. Hegar, J. Villa, J. Garcia, J. Salgado.	
NYSSA — Jacob Huffman 25, F. Pascacio 17, D. Olvera 7, J. Simpson 5, T. Coble 3, A. Chavez 2, M. Lazo 2, A. Gonzalez 7.	
3-point field goals — RHS 3, NHS 2.	
Free throws — RHS 10-19, NHS 22-25.	
Fouls — RHS 19, NHS 13. Fouled out — Carmona (RHS).	

CONDON/WHEELER 45, IONE 39 — At Fossil, the Knights (4-12, 1-6 BSL) surged into the Big Sky League winner’s column with a rabid fourth quarter rally against the Cardinals (2-6, 3-12) on Saturday. Trailing for the game’s first three periods, C/W outscored Ione 17-3 in the fourth, erasing a seven-game losing streak in the process. The Knights shot 5 of 7 in the final quarter and held Ione to just one made field goal.

Cade MacInnes led Condon/Wheeler with 16 points, but it was Beau Edwards, Jake Bold and Bryce Harrison who did the bulk of the final quarter scoring. T.J. Patton had 14 points and 10 rebounds to lead Ione. CONDON/WHEELER 45, IONE 39 IONE 12 12 12 3 — 39 C/W 6 15 7 17 — 45 IONE — D. Doherty 0, Peterson 0, McElligott 2, Hollis 0, Carter 5, Padberg 3, J. Doherty 6, Patton 14, Juarez 9, Smidmajer, Morter. CONDON/WHEELER — Cortes 1, S. Colgan 0, MacInnes 16, Edwards 6, Bold 9, Harrison 13, Archer, J. Colgan, Clark, Burlingame. 3-point field goals — IONE 5, C/W 1. Free throws — IONE 5-10, C/W 10-26. Fouls — IONE 18, C/W 14. Fouled out — J. Doherty (IONE).

SHERMAN 86, IONE 46	
IHS (3-13)	5 20 10 11 — 46
SHS (13-4)	15 22 27 22 — 86
IONE — Jason Juarez 17, T. Patton 6, D. Doherty 6, D. Smidmajer 4, C. Hollis 3, A. Carter 2, A. Morter 2, D. McElligott 1.	
SHERMAN — Max Martin 23, A. Kaseberg 18, I. Coles 17, A. Fields 8, K. Fields 7, J. Justesen 6, R. Blake 3, T. Hennrickson 3, L. Lawrence 1.	
3-point field goals — IHS 5, SHS 9.	
Free throws — IHS 5-12, SHS 11-17.	
Fouls — IHS 13, SHS 12. Fouled out — none.	

In other games Saturday: Mitchell Spray 54, Arlington 43.

FROM FRIDAY SHERMAN 86, IONE 46 — At Moro, the Cardinals (3-13, 2-7 BSL) scored 20 points in a quarter for the first time this season, but couldn’t maintain it throughout a Big Sky League loss on Friday. Jason Juarez led Ione with 17 points but Sherman (13-4, 6-3) had three players top 15 points led by Max Martin with 23.

STANFIELD 72, WESTON-MCEWEN 49	
SHS (15-3)	15 19 21 17 — 72
WM (8-11)	11 7 18 13 — 49

STANFIELD 72, WESTON-MCEWEN 49 — At Athena, the Stanfield Tigers took advantage of Weston-McEwen’s carelessness with the ball for a Columbia Basin Conference win. A 19-7 second quarter put Stanfield (15-3, 5-1 CBC) ahead 34-18 at halftime and Weston-McEwen (8-11, 2-4) was never able to close the gap. Full game statistics were not available. GARETH MURRAY PACED WALLOWA WITH 20 POINTS, AND JASON BUSHMAN LED HELIX WITH 13.

WALLOWA 40, HELIX 30	
GHS (2-16)	6 8 7 9 — 30
WHS (8-10)	10 2 12 16 — 40
HELIX — Jason Bushman 13, B. Sprenger 9, L. Papineau 6, T. Fehrenbacher 2, K. Hack, G. Christman, T. Wilson, C. Marks, J. Shaw, J. Sprenger.	
WALLOWA — Gareth Murray 20, K. Wellens 10, K. Frye 5, C. Hafner 3, N. Allen 2, B. Melville, C. Murray, G. Burns, T. Jameson, D. Allen.	
3-point field goals — GHS 1, WHS 3. Free throws — GHS 3-8, WHS 5-8.	
Fouls — GHS 10, WHS 11. Fouled out — none.	

JOSEPH 52, ECHO 48	
EHS (10-8)	5 11 8 17(7) — 48
JHS (8-8)	8 8 15 10(11) — 52
ECHO — Carlos Chavez 21, M. Thompson 11, B. Moffitt 8, K. Jensen 3, C. Medrano 3, D. Tappo 2, 16-55 FG.	
JOSEPH — Aaron Borgeding 18, C. DeLury 16, N. DeLury 9, J. Chrisman 9, W. Smith, D. Van Winkle, S. Beckman, 18-46 FG.	
3-point field goals — EHS 5-19, JHS 1-6. Free throws — EHS 11-14, JHS 15-21. Fouls — EHS 19, JHS 12. Fouled out — Thompson (EHS), Borgeding (JHS).	

JOSEPH 52, ECHO 48, OT — At Joseph, Caden DeLury hit the Eagles’ only three-pointer of the game in overtime and Joseph made 6 of 8 free throws to earn an Old Oregon League upset on Saturday. Carlos Chavez had 21 points to lead second-place Echo (10-8, 6-3 OOL) and Michael Thompson added a double-double with 11 points, 12 rebounds. DeLury finishehd with 16 points for fourth-place Joseph (8-8, 4-4) and Aaron Borgeding added 18 points, 14 rebounds.

NYSSA 74, RIVERSIDE 55	
EHS (10-8)	5 11 8 17(7) — 48
JHS (8-8)	8 8 15 10(11) — 52
ECHO — Carlos Chavez 21, M. Thompson 11, B. Moffitt 8, K. Jensen 3, C. Medrano 3, D. Tappo 2, 16-55 FG.	
JOSEPH — Aaron Borgeding 18, C. DeLury 16, N. DeLury 9, J. Chrisman 9, W. Smith, D. Van Winkle, S. Beckman, 18-46 FG.	
3-point field goals — EHS 5-19, JHS 1-6. Free throws — EHS 11-14, JHS 15-21. Fouls — EHS 19, JHS 12. Fouled out — Thompson (EHS), Borgeding (JHS).	

NYSSA 74, RIVERSIDE 55 — At Nyssa, the Pirates (5-15, 0-6 EOL) crossed the 50-point barrier for the first time in 10 games but still couldn’t keep up with league-leading Nyssa (11-8, 5-1) on Saturday in Eastern Oregon League play on Saturday. Freshman Felix Aparicio and sophomore Noe Madrigal led Riverside with 12 points each and Gavin Roberts added a dou-