

Joseph boys beat PC, lose to M/D

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After a canceled game with Lone last week the Joseph boys' basketball team went on a roller-coaster ride, first beating Prairie City by a hefty margin, 69-38, on Friday Jan. 2, and then falling to Monument/Dayville the next

day, 29-50.

About the Prairie City contest coach Olan Fulfer remarked, "This was a decent game with a lot of in-your-face, man-to-man coverage. The boys were pounding it into the post and attacking the basket."

Fulfer said the boys came out a little slow but they did

finish the first quarter on top 13-10. Joseph came out strong in the second, scoring 18 to the Bulldogs' nine. Joseph again went on a spree, outscoring PC 19-9 in the third, and 17-9 in the fourth.

The "Splash Brothers," Cayden and Noah DeLury, shared top scorer honors with 17 points apiece. Aaron

Borgerding was next with 13. Jake Chrisman scored eight. Borgerding and Chrisman were also big in the rebound department. John Stein scored five, Sam Beckman four, Deni VanWinkle three, and Cody Stone two.

Coach Fulfer wasn't too happy about the loss to the Monument/Dayville Tigers.

"The Tigers are a good team, but it was our play that lost the game. We couldn't control the ball, we turned it over 36 times, we were missing easy shots and M/D were making all theirs. Aaron hurt his leg again and Noah fouled out. In the fourth quarter we were down a couple of players."

Cayden was the leading

scorer with 12. Chrisman had seven, Noah four, Beckman three, VanWinkle two, and Borgerding two.

The Eagles will now continue on with league games for the rest of the season, starting out with Echo this coming Friday, Jan. 9, and then traveling to Wallowa for a game on Saturday.

SOMETHING FISHY ABOUT THIS POET



Courtesy photo

Cameron Scott, pictured here, isn't only an outdoorsman but a poet as well. He's one of three writers (the others are Jon Rombach and Amy Zahm) who will read at the next Fishtrap Fireside, Friday, Jan. 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Fishtrap, 400 E. Grant St. in Enterprise. Scott, who received an MFA in Poetry from the University of Arizona, has been a Writer-in-Residence/teacher for both Fishtrap and Chiloquin Visions in Prong and also attended residencies through the Colorado Art Ranch and Playa. He spends his summers as a fly fishing guide at Taylor Creek Fly Shop in Basalt, Colo.

E-Gals split pair of games

The E-Gals cagers had a mixed-results weekend, losing by 20 to Prairie City and winning by 21 over Monument. The Prairie City game took place away on Jan. 2 Joseph lost by a 55-35 score.

Coach Travis Huffman said

the E-Gals started out strong, but one Prairie City player proved nearly unstoppable with 28 points. "Every time we got close, she'd take over and put it out of reach," Huffman said. Bright spots for Joseph included Satori Albee with 12 points

and Lindsay Kemp with 8.

Joseph turned things around in the Monument game, winning by a score of 54-33. Huffman said the team led 20-12 at the half. Both squads scored 15 points in the third quarter, but the E-Gals won going away in the fourth quarter. Kemp led in scoring with 18 points followed by Natalie Williams with 12 and Alexis Sykora with 11.

WINS: EHS girls take two

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SCORE BY QUARTER:

Enterprise	15	17	13	8	= 53
Imbler	10	13	8	11	= 42

At the end of the period the score was 21-19. The suspense built to the last 15 seconds of the game. Enterprise was up by one. Crawford called a time out and brought the girls to the sideline. Instead of trying to run the clock out, thinking Elgin would foul the girls run a play and try and score. It worked, the Outlaws went up by three, and finished there.

Hall was the leading scorer for the Outlaws with seven points. She also had four rebounds and five steals. Sophomore Reagan Bedard scored eight with seven rebounds. Sajonia scored six, with four rebounds and four steals. Darby Gassett and Tiffanie George each scored three with Tiffanie grabbing

six rebounds. Sarah Aschenbrenner scored two.

"The girls did everything right, they played with no fear and scratched and clawed their way to this win," said Crawford about his team in the Imbler game. "They took the lead and never looked back."

Coach Crawford commented on his team's balance with eight of his players scoring points.

Hall again led the team in this one. She scored 14, shooting 86 percent on the night, to go along with five assists, three rebounds and

three steals. Sajonia scored 10 (including going two-for-three on three-pointers) and had six steals.

Darby Gassett and Riley Gray had identical stats: each scored six, had three rebounds, and a steal. Tiffanie George had numbers all across the board, scoring four, rebounding four, stealing two and blocking a shot. Sarah Aschenbrenner scored six, came up with six rebounds, two assists and a steal. Reagan Bedard scored five with four rebounds, a steal and a block. Freshman Reece Christman scored two with three assists and three steals.

The Outlaws season continues with a rivalry match-up this Friday when the Union Bobcats come to town. On Saturday the girls travel to Cove.

HARSHFIELD: Starter scores more than half her team's points

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It again was the second half that spoiled the Cougars' efforts against Cove (4-7 overall). Only behind 12-11 at halftime, the girls from Wallowa could only muster two points from Lauren Makin in the third quarter and never recovered fully in that 32-25 loss.

Harshfield, as she did during the following day's win, scored more than half of her team's points, using her quickness to spring free for 15 points.

Oveson said against Cove his unit rallied to within three points in the closing minutes, but could not overcome the third quarter drought.

In the win over Monument/Dayville (2-9), Oveson said his squad was in control throughout during that 28-23 win. In addition to Harshfield's 15 points, Makin scored six points, and Frei five.

Starter Cheyenne Hall turned her ankle early in the Cove game and did not play against Monument/Dayville.

OUTLAWS: Team loses four in a row

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Burgess, by no means hindered by taking 13 trips to the charity stripe and cashing in 11 of those opportunities, scored 31 points and benefited from help from teammates who tossed in 30 more to earn the win.

Other than Lathrop, no Outlaw scored more than three points.

Elgin led 28-20 at the half and 44-36 after three quarters, and even 10 fourth-quarter points by Lathrop couldn't compete with late-game scoring by Huskies Gage Little, Gavin Christenson, and Burgess.

Imbler, the No. 4-rated 2A team in the state with only a two-point loss to Heppner blemishing its 10-1 record, lacked the height to compete with Enterprise, but made up

for it in athleticism while recording its 43-30 win on Dick Quinn Court, in Enterprise.

In a game where the Outlaws failed to convert on any of their nine free throw attempts, the Panthers successfully took Lathrop out of his natural rhythm and limited a player who had scored 35 points 24 hours earlier to eight points. Point guard Justin Exon took up some slack for EHS by drilling home three 3-pointers in the first half en route to a team-high 11 points, but a total of

30 points against one of the state's best teams wasn't near enough.

Enterprise only trailed by three points, 23-20 at the half, yet only could muster a total of 10 points during the closing 16 minutes en route to their fourth successive loss.

A 6'1" junior named Trace VanCleave popped in Imbler's only two treys and paced all scorers with 14 points with multi-sport athlete, 5'8" Joe Griffin, adding 11 points for the victorious squad.

On Dec. 29 and 30 in Pendleton the Outlaws began their slide with daytime losses to 3A Umatilla and 2A Lost River during the Les Schwab Tournament. Umatilla, 6-8 on the season, bested EHS 51-33 on Friday and Lost River, of Merrill, slipped by Jeff Micika's squad 54-52 on Saturday. Lost River now boasts a 6-6 record on the season.

League games on tap this coming weekend for the Enterprise Outlaws will be versus Union in Enterprise Friday and at Cove Saturday. Union currently is 2-0 in the Wapiti League and 7-5 overall. Cove, 0-2 in league play, has a 4-7 season mark.

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