



Sophomore wins Clearwater Classic

Wrestling in another state paid great dividends for Enterprise sophomore Clayne Miller last weekend when, competing in the 16-team Clearwater Classic held in Lewiston, Idaho, he won the individual title at 98 pounds.

The lightest weight class acknowledged by the Oregon School Athletic Association (OSAA) is 106 pounds, but the experienced grappler from EHS made weight at 98 pounds and conquered three foes en route to that individual title. Miller pinned opponents from Washington schools Clarkston and Walla Walla in the first two rounds, and then decided



Courtesy photo/Kannon Miller
Enterprise's Clayne Miller, top, is in the process of pinning Clarkston, Wash., wrestler Justin Smith in quarterfinal action.

Dominique Garcia of team champion Toppenish, Wash., 9-3 in the championship match. Although teammate Cole Far-

TEAM SCORES

Toppenish, Wash., 231; Lewiston, Idaho, 201.5; Clarkston, Wash., 146.5; Chewelah, Wash., 128; Southridge, Wash., 127; Walla Walla, Wash., 111; Kennewick, Wash., 89; Pottlatch, Idaho, 65; St. Maries, Idaho, 55.5; Pullman, Wash., 50; Grangeville, Idaho, 45; Enterprise 44.5; Clearwater Valley, Idaho, 38; Moscow, Idaho, 28; Pomeroy, Wash., 20; Orofino, Idaho, 9.

Farwell rebounded by winning two additional matches and earned a third place in the tournament.

Wrestling at 113 pounds, Outlaw Nate Anton garnered two additional points for Troy Farwell's Enterprise team by narrowly deciding Dawson Harris of Orofino, Idaho, 10-8 in a consolation match.

Enterprise, as a team, scored a total of 44.5 points and claimed 12th place among the 16 teams that competed.

Other EHS grapplers who wrestled at Lewiston and did not place were Dylan Staigle at 106 pounds and Zylar Hermans at 152 pounds.

EHS boys fall to Union, Cove

By Rocky Wilson
Wallowa County Chieftain

A promising 6-1 start to the season has dovetailed for the Enterprise High school boys' basketball team that's lost six straight outings, dropped to 6-7 on the season, and worst of all now is 0-4 in 2A Wapiti League play.

Early foul problems nixed an equitable start against Union in Dick Quinn Court Friday night when the visiting Bobcats doubled the score on the Outlaws, 72-36. With EHS within one point with two minutes remaining in the first quarter, Outlaw starters Kaden Lathrop, Nikolai Christoffersen, and Justin Exon withdrew to the bench with foul troubles, and Union (3-1 league and 8-6 overall) went on a scoring rampage that didn't stop until the final horn sounded.

Fielding a team with all five starters 6'1" and taller, Union dominated the backboards when Outlaws Lathrop, 6'6", and Christoffersen, 6'4", went to the bench, and held a 38-12 lead after the first 16 minutes of play. Junior Chase Houck, at 6'3" led a balanced Bobcat scoring attack with 20 points.

Lathrop and point guard Exon led Enterprise's offense with 13 points each.

EHS Coach Jeff Micka felt his team handled the Union press well, but too often took quick shots and committed turnovers in the half court.

Although the outcome was the same the following night when Enterprise fell 43-41 to Cove (1-2 league and 5-7 overall), the game itself was far different. Micka said his unit led throughout the contest, only to see 6'4" Cove senior Derrick Murchison take over the game in the final quarter to manufacture his team's league win.

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WALLOWA BOYS BEST JOSEPH FOR WEEKEND SPLIT



Rich Rautenstrauch/Chieftain

Wallowa senior Karl Wellens scores two while playing against Joseph in the Cougar Dome Saturday evening.

DOUBLE TIME

By Rocky Wilson
Wallowa County Chieftain

Playing twice at home in the Cougar Dome last weekend, the Wallowa boys fell 46-35 to Pine Eagle Friday, then rebounded Saturday to edge Joseph 47-42 in a game accentuated by a dramatic point swing.

An inability to prevent the dribble drive and an anemic effort at the other end of the court in the offensive rebounding department spelled doom Friday for WHS (2-2 league and 6-7

overall) during their loss to the Spartans from Halfway.

Performance at the free throw line was another important factor in the contest. Pine Eagle (3-0 league and 4-7 overall) connected on 13 of 19 free throw attempts and the home Cougars on four of 10.

Junior Cole Hafer was Wallowa's leading rebounder against PE with nine, compared to 11 on Saturday (another team-leading total), and scored 10 points Friday, second only to senior guard Karl Wellens who tallied 12.

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Desperation shot sinks Outlaw girls

By Rich Rautenstrauch
Wallowa County Chieftain

The Enterprise Outlaw girls had a disappointing weekend, losing two league games. The EHS ladies first were trounced by the visiting Union Bobcats Friday night, Jan. 9, 59-25 in Quinn Court, and then traveled to Cove where they played respectably but lost on a buzzer-beating three-point shot put up by the Leopards.

EHS coach Mike Crawford commented on the Union game. "They just destroyed us from beginning to the end. Again our inexperience came into play, but Union is a tough team, they're ranked No. 1 in the state in our division and they were 13-0 coming into the game. It's a fact we have to play tougher and move on to a different level."

Although Union played well on both sides of the court, it was the Bobcats' defense that kept the scoreboard from lighting up for Enterprise. The Outlaws only scored in single digits in every quarter of the game. At the half the score was 33-12. The second half was more of the same with Enterprise tallying 13 to Union's 26.

Enterprise senior Gwen Nohr, sophomore Darby



Rich Rautenstrauch/Chieftain

Enterprise freshman Reece Christman shoots over a Union Bobcats defender Saturday evening at Quinn Court. Late in the game with Union leading by a lopsided score, EHS coach Mike

Gasset and freshman Reece Christman each scored five points.

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WHS girls win two, now 2-2 in league

Joseph E-Gals' shooting falters in fourth period

By Rocky Wilson
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An unexpected spark in the fourth quarter of Friday's win over Pine Eagle carried over to Saturday when the Wallowa High School girls' basketball team upended Joseph 40-35 to complete a home sweep in 1A-7 Old Oregon League play.

Wallowa, playing a lethargic game and trailing 13-10 after three quarters in the Cougar Dome Friday, outscored the Spartans (0-3 league and 2-8 overall) 12-1 during the

final eight minutes to earn a 22-14 win. Twenty-four hours later and the Cougars again trailed entering the fourth quarter, this time 32-31, and rallied for the five-point win.

Speaking of his team's late-game heroics against Pine Eagle, coach Greg Oveson said his squad (2-2 in league and 6-7 overall) started playing with energy and emotion. Some steals resulted in WHS lay-ins, he said, and a spirited lock-down defense only allowed the girls from Halfway to attempt four field goals during that final stanza.

Only three WHS players scored in that contest: Harshfield 13, Claire Wellens seven, and Macey Frei two.

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Wallowa County sunrise and sunset January 15 - January 21 (from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

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