

# COUGARS: Frye secures win with two free throws

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Yet whenever the Cougars would get close, like early in the second half when a nine-point deficit had been whittled down to 24-21, Spartan sophomore guard Wyatt Akers repeatedly would drive the lane and toss in another field goal from point-blank range to keep Wallowa at bay.

Wallowa's leading scorer on the season, Gareth Murray, got in foul trouble early, sat out much of the first half, and never gained his rhythm in a game where he

was held to four points.

Akers led all players offensively with 24 counters.

On Saturday, Wallowa led 30-15 early in the third quarter before JHS brothers Noah and Cayden DeLury began heating up the gym from three-point range and made the game close. Noah, a senior, and Cayden, a sophomore, tossed in three treys apiece in the second half while scoring 11 of their respective team-high 13 points in the final 16 minutes.

Although Wallowa's lead never melted completely, the outcome was not se-

cured until 17 seconds remained when Cougar Koby Frye calmly netted two free throws to give WHS its final five-point margin.

Murray returned to form against JoHi, leading Wallowa with 17 points, followed by Frye with 12.

WHS only has one game scheduled this weekend, again at home, Saturday, Jan. 17, against Echo. Not only does Echo have the same Cougar mascot as Wallowa, but enters this weekend with an identical 2-2 league and 6-7 overall record.

# E-GALS: Scoring only 3 points in fourth quarter 'killed us,' coach says

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The Eagles (0-3 league and 3-8 overall) — paced by a quick 5'9" freshman named Alexis Sykora, who tossed in 20 points — led the host Cougars 32-31 entering the final period of play Saturday, but then were beset by

a frustrating one-for-15 field goal drought that culminated in their loss and Wallowa's win.

Joseph zeroed in on 12-of-15 free throw opportunities, besting Wallowa's eight-of-19 casts from the charity stripe.

Joseph coach Travis Huff-

man said, "We only scored three points in the fourth quarter and that killed us. We had opportunities to capitalize on, and we didn't do it. Their player Taylor Harshfield took over the whole game and made us hurt."

Harshfield led all scorers with 23 points.



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Jimmy Wells, an Enterprise sophomore, attempts a three-pointer against Union, Friday, Jan. 9, in the Enterprise gym.

# ENTERPRISE: Boys drop to 0-2 in league

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Murchison tallied 11 of his quint's 16 points in the final eight minutes to erase a 30-27 Enterprise lead and manufacture a Leopard win.

As they did the night before, Lathrop and Exon led Enterprise in scoring Sat-

urday night with 20 and 10 points, respectively.

EHS failed to capitalize on a late opportunity to salvage the contest when, with 3.8 seconds remaining, Cove junior Josiah Kellogg missed two free throws. With no time outs remaining, Kobe Ketcher grabbed

the rebound, but time expired before he could dribble free and cast a desperation shot.

Enterprise will go on the road this weekend to play Burns (3-0 league and 11-3 overall) Friday night and Grant Union (1-2 league and 6-6 overall) Saturday.



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# OUTLAWS: Game slower and more deliberate

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Nohr added four steals and a rebound to her stats, Gasset had two rebounds and two steals, and Christman had six rebounds and a steal. Senior leaders from last week were shut down with Emma Hall scoring three, with four rebounds and an assist, and Carsen Sajonia scoring two with three rebounds and two steals. Regan Bedard scored three with five rebounds and Sarah Aschenbrenner had five rebounds.

Against the Leopards on Saturday the box scores indicate the tempo of the game was a little slower and more deliberate. Cove went ahead early, scoring 10 to the Outlaws' five in the first quarter. The Outlaws regained their composure in the second quarter and went into the locker room ahead 20-17. In the third Cove evened things up, scoring seven to Enterprise's four.

Coach Crawford explained the last quarter. "We were up by two with eight seconds left in the game. We were fouled on a rebound and went to the line. It was a one-and-one situation and we missed the front end of it. Cove got the rebound, split our defenders and put up a hope and a prayer from three-point land, the ball bounced off the backboard and in. The crowd went crazy and we lost on a one in 999 percent shot."

The Enterprise girls are 2-2 in league play with two more tough games in front of them. The Outlaws will travel to Burns (who beat Union Saturday night) on Friday and then move on to John Day to play Grant Union the next day.



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