



# WHS girls win two, up streak to six

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After losing a three-point lead in the final two seconds of regulation, the Wallowa girls' basketball team (5-2 league and 9-7 overall) responded on the road Saturday for a 48-47 overtime win to record its sixth straight victory.

The victim Saturday was what had been the league's No.

2 team from Nixyaawii and came a mere 24 hours following a 37-19 Cougar victory against Powder Valley in North Powder.

Interesting enough, earlier during this season, when WHS was struggling to gain its identity, Wallowa lost decisively to both these teams by 15- and 22-point margins respectively.

Wallowa coach Greg Oveson boils down the improved play of his team to the word "con-

fidence." Yet that confidence comes from many factors, Oveson says, including the fact his team is "playing as a team," "playing team defense," and "hitting some outside shots."

A new pride in rebounding also is paying huge dividends for the Cougars who downed the league's No. 1 team from Echo a week earlier. Aggressive rebounding efforts from the likes of Lauren Makin, Savannah No-

bles, and Macey Frei are providing more scoring opportunities for the Cougars, and yet it's the dominant play of senior Calli Miller on the backboards that's setting the tone. Miller snared a total of 31 rebounds during the two wins last weekend.

Wallowa opened Friday's game with three three-point field goals in the opening minutes against the host Badgers, two by Frei and one by Taylor

Harshfield, and zoomed to an early lead en route to the lopsided win.

Against Powder Valley, Harshfield scored 15 points, Makin 12, Frei six, and Miller four.

Trailing 43-40 with only two seconds remaining on the clock, the end of regulation worked out to perfection for Nixyaawii when an Eagle player made the first of two free throws, in-

tionally missed the second, grabbed the rebound, and tossed the ball in to demand overtime.

A big play in the overtime victory came when Wallowa's Frei snared a rebound off a teammate's missed free throw and put the basketball in the hoop to earn a three-point lead that melted, but didn't go away.

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# More shooting woes saddle Wallowa boys

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A team that hasn't scored 50 points in any of its last 13 games and has lost five of its last six encounters, the Wallowa boys (2-5 league and 6-10 overall), might find the needed antidote this coming weekend during a pair of 1A-7 Old Oregon League games.

Struggling to shoot the basketball and, according to Wallowa coach Greg Oveson, "playing with zero confidence," WHS could get a shot in the arm Friday and Saturday when it plays host to Griswold one day before taking the team bus to Halfway Saturday to visit Pine Eagle.

Griswold, from Helix, is winless in seven league games

this season and has won two of 16 games overall.

If WHS can get past Griswold, a confidence-brimming upset might be manufactured against the Spartans. PE is cruising through the Old Oregon League with a 5-1 record, and yet has proven to be totally beatable outside league where Pine Eagle has posted a 1-7 mark.

Last weekend, however, did not help the confidence of any player suited up in black-and-orange when Wallowa tumbled hard twice — Friday by a 61-30 score at Powder Valley (3-4 league and 7-9 overall) and Saturday by a 56-26 score at Nixyaawii (6-0 league and 11-6 overall).

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Rich Rautenstrauch/Chieftain

Enterprise freshman Reagan Bedard makes a move to the basket while playing against the Elgin Huskies Saturday evening at Quinn Court. The Outlaw girls played well on both sides of the court.



Rich Rautenstrauch/Chieftain

Joseph Eagle Cody Stone scores two while playing against the Helix Grizzlies Jan. 20 in Joseph. The Eagle boys soared over the Grizzlies 57-26.

# Eagles pound Helix, lose to Nixyaawii

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The Joseph boys' basketball team split a pair of games last week, first beating the Helix Grizzlies, 57-26, in a make-up game played Tuesday evening, Jan. 21, and then losing to Nixyaawii on Friday, 28-43.

Joseph coach Olan Fulfer was understandably pleased

with his team's performance against Helix. "I liked how we came out in the beginning of this game. Because of the how the score was, later we mixed it up and tried a lot of different things. The boys responded well. We also were able to play kids who don't play that much," Fulfer said.

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# LADY OUTLAWS TROUNCE ELGIN

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The Enterprise Outlaw girls had a Friday night bye and came out strong Saturday evening, Jan. 24, beating the Elgin Huskies by a considerable margin, 48-30. The Lady Outlaws are now 8-8 on the season and 3-4 in league play. If the season ended today, they'd be seeded fourth in district play.

"We played really well on both sides of

the court," Enterprise coach Mike Crawford said. "We cut down on our turnovers, the girls shot well and were excellent at the free throw line. It was a good game for us."

Both teams started with an offensive spurt, putting in a combined 22 points scored in the first period, Elgin holding the narrow 12-10 advantage. The Outlaws outscored Elgin 11-6 in the second period to go into halftime with a 21-17 lead.

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# Outlaw mat men heading to New Plymouth

ENTERPRISE — Troy Farwell's tough but shy-on-numbers wrestling team will be off to New Plymouth, Idaho, Saturday to compete in yet one more large wrestling tournament scheduled to prep his young warriors for upcoming Dis-

trict Tournament action where only the fittest will survive to compete at the OSAA 2A/1A Wrestling Championships Feb. 27-28 in Portland.

This area's 2A/1A District Wrestling Tournament for 2015 will be held Saturday, Feb. 28,

in Enterprise.

Before Enterprise's team will leave for Idaho, two days earlier on Thursday, Jan. 29, wrestling teams from Joseph and Wallowa will converge at Baker City to compete with Imbler in dual wrestling meets, depending on

time, with Baker, La Grande, and possibly Payette, Idaho.

Last Saturday, Jan. 24, wrestlers from all three local high school wrestling programs competed at an informal, no-score wrestling meet held in Imbler, said Farwell.

## Wallowa County sunrise and sunset January 29 - February 4 (from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

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