



Seniors lead WHS boys to back-to-back wins

By Rocky Wilson
Wallowa County Chieftain

For the first time since early December, the Wallowa boys' basketball team won consecutive games last weekend. Both games were in 1A-7 Oregon League action, both wins were desperately needed, and in large part each victory was manufactured courtesy of one of the two seniors playing on Coach Greg Oveson's squad.

And yet, in the eyes of the veteran WHS coach, the wins could not have been much different from one night to the next.

Oveson had no real explanation, but was of the opinion that a 40-30 win in Wallowa over Griswold (0-8 league and 2-16 overall) was his team's most poorly played game of the season, and Saturday's 56-45 win at Pine Eagle (5-3 league and 6-10 overall) might have

been the team's best effort to date.

Friday in the Cougar Dome, playing as if in slow motion with a shot filter on the rim, Wallowa scored on a give-and-go lay-in between brothers Gareth and Caevan Murray 15 seconds into the second quarter and didn't score again, other than one free throw, until more than two and a half minutes had elapsed in the third period.

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Rich Rautenstrauch/Chieftain

Wallowa's Noah Allen takes a shot against the Helix Grizzlies Friday evening. The Cougars won the game and are gaining ground in league play, winning both their games this past weekend.



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Wallowa senior Calli Miller takes a shot against the Helix Grizzlies Friday evening in the Cougar Dome. The Wallowa girls have been taking care of business, reeling off eight straight wins.

WHS girls look for No. 9

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Following a perfect January plus one, the Wallowa High School girls' basketball team will head to Joseph Friday in search of its ninth straight victory.

Struggling early in the year, Wallowa (7-2 league and 11-7 overall), has found new life in hitting the backboards and learning to adapt its offense to what defensive ploys opposing teams are using against them.

The Cougar wins last weekend, as a whole, were not pretty and not against two of the league's stronger teams, yet they were wins by 15 and 11 points respectively and Coach Greg Oveson is not complaining.

For a team beginning to enjoy the pleasure of seeing who plays best on a given night, it was sophomore Lauren Makin who did the damage during WHS's 40-25 win over Griswold Friday night in Wallowa.

Following a low-scoring first half after which Griswold led 17-16, Makin countered a Grizzly field goal by being on the receiving end of a quick, four-pass flurry to score a short bank shot.

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Stayin' Alive

By Rich Rautenstrauch
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The Enterprise Outlaw girls traveled twice to Union County this weekend and lost two league games. First the ladies lost to Imbler in a Friday night (Jan. 30) contest, 30-40 and then lost to Enterprise's powerhouse rival, the Union Bobcats, on Saturday, 26-52.

The Outlaws are in an unusual spot with a 3-6 league record and are hoping three final games at home will boost them in the standings as they enter the final stretch of the season.

Enterprise coach Mike Crawford talked about the disappointing loss in Imbler. "Basically we couldn't get off to any kind of a start. The score was 11-0 before we scored. Imbler was hitting a lot of three-point shots and we turned it over too many times. The bright spot in the game was Tiffanie George's excellent play. She worked really hard."

Tiffanie was the player of the game. The sophomore had another double double (her second this year) scoring 12 with 11 rebounds, and she also had two blocks. Senior Carsen Sajonia had numbers all across the board with six points, three rebounds, four steals and a blocked shot. Darby Gasset also scored six with an assist and a steal. Reagan Bedard scored three with three rebounds and two steals. Sarah Aschenbrenner had seven rebounds. Freshman Riley Gray scored and had a rebound and three steals.

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Despite losses, EHS girls hold on to playoff hopes



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Darby Gasset, an Enterprise sophomore, is a study in concentration as she prepares to take a free throw Saturday against the Lady Bobcats.

Little League sign-ups to begin

Player registration begins Friday, Feb. 6, for Wallowa Valley Little League's 2015 season. Eligible ages for boys are 4-12; for girls, 4-15. Registration costs \$35 for one player, and \$30 for each subsequent player from the same household.

Baseball divisions include: Co-ed T-Ball, ages 4-5; T-Ball, 6-8; Minors, 8-10; Majors, 10-12.

Softball divisions: Co-ed T-Ball, 4-6; Machine Pitch, 7-8 (and 6-year-olds who have two years of T-Ball); Minors, Majors, Juniors and Seniors, 9-16.

Registration dates and locations: Friday, Feb. 6, at Enterprise School (during the high school basketball games), 3-8 p.m.; Friday, Feb. 13, at Enterprise School (again during basketball), 3-8 p.m.; Tuesday, Feb. 13, at Enterprise Post Office, 12-3 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 28, at Enterprise Post Office, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

A registration date in Wallowa is yet to be announced, but will probably take place during a 5th/6th grade basketball game.

A copy of the player's birth certificate is needed for registration, along with the registration fee and submission of the registration form, signed player Code of Conduct form, and a completed and signed Medical Release form. Forms can also be turned in at the school offices in Wallowa, Enterprise and Joseph.

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Victories have Eagle boys flying high

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The Joseph Eagle boys basketball team had an outstanding and exciting weekend, beating two teams they lost to earlier in the season.

First, in an away game Friday evening, the Eagles handled the Powder Valley Badgers, 65-52. On Saturday the Eagles had their hands full with the Echo

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Cougars, Joseph winning it dramatically in overtime, 52-48.

Joseph coach Olan Fulfer said his team didn't play so well Friday against the Badgers in the first half, "Our focus was off and we weren't shooting too well. At the half I lit a fire under the

boys and things got better," Fulfer said. "They refocused and we started playing inside-out (bringing the ball to the basket and passing it out) and this opened things up for Cayden (DeLury). The super sophomores, Cayden, Jake Christman, and Aaron Borgerding all had a

great game."

Cayden DeLury led the team in scoring with 30 points, Borgerding scored 16 and Christman 11. Noah DeLury and Sam Beckman each scored four.

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Wallowa County sunrise and sunset February 5 - February 11 (from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

Thursday, Feb. 5	Friday, Feb. 6	Saturday, Feb. 7	Sunday, Feb. 8	Monday, Feb. 9	Tuesday, Feb. 10	Wednesday, Feb. 11
Rise 7:05	Rise 7:04	Rise 7:02	Rise 7:01	Rise 7:00	Rise 6:58	Rise 6:57
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