

EHS grapplers compete at New Plymouth

ENTERPRISE — Choosing not to compete at a more local wrestling matfest in Baker City, Enterprise wrestling coach Troy Farwell elected to take four members of his team to New Plymouth, Idaho, Saturday to compete in a 16-team tournament, with 10 of those

schools representing the state of Idaho.

EHS, led by 113-pound Nate Anton, scored a total of 32 points during the one-day event, good enough for a 10th-place team finish.

Anton claimed third place in the tournament, yet took a

tough route to get there. After pinning Ontario wrestler Hunter Falk at the end of their first round of competition, Anton himself had his shoulders planted to the mat in the second round against a tough opponent from host New Plymouth. Anton next did yeoman's duty to

the rest of his weight classification by, in succession, pinning opponents from the Idaho schools of Eagle and Fruitland, then doing the same to a wrestler from team champion Nysa. In the match to claim third place against Amber Pair of McCall-Donnelly, Idaho, An-

ton pinned his man early in the third period.

Because the remaining three Enterprise wrestlers all competed in the same 106-pound weight class, only Cole Farwell was designated among the three to score points. Farwell did not place in the 16-team event, yet

scored 10 team points by winning three of five matches.

Also competing for EHS at 106 pounds, although not qualified to earn any team points, were Clayne Miller, who won two of four matches, and Dylan Staigle, who lost two of two matches.

Joseph, Wallowa wrestlers compete in unofficial meet

By merging the efforts of mat men from Joseph, Wallowa, and Imbler high schools, one team was formed to participate in dual matches against Baker High School and a squad from Payette, Idaho, last Thursday, Jan. 29, in Baker City.

Still, says Joseph coach Tim Kiesecker, the dual matches were not sanctioned events and no official scores were kept. Kiesecker said that La Grande had a team attend the one-day occasion, but returned home before their

grapplers could square up with individuals from the Joseph, Wallowa, Imbler team.

Of the five mat men from Joseph who participated, only Lars Skovlin at 126 pounds won both his matches. In succession, Skovlin pinned Izaha Demoulin of Payette and Logan Valentine of Baker.

Other than that, Raymond Seal at 145 pounds and Rylie Warnock at 195 pounds split matches against individuals from Payette and Baker, and Jared Wilcox, wrestling up from 160 pounds to 170

pounds, and Benjamin Lopez at 182 pounds lost single matches versus grapplers from Payette.

Wallowa wrestling coach Mel Byers could not be reached to comment regarding matches involving Cougars who might have participated. However, according to Kiesecker, Wallowa's premier wrestling threat — 195- or 220-pound wrestler Micah Fuller — attended the meet, but neither Payette nor Baker had participants meet weight to wrestle in his classification.

Powder Valley, Echo shoot down E-Gals basketball team

By S.F. Tool
Wallowa Valley Chieftain

Both Powder Valley and Echo plucked the E-Gals clean in two basketball contests on Jan. 30 and Jan. 31.

Powder Valley defeated

the Joseph girls, 46-39, in an away game at North Powder, but Joseph coach Travis Huffman could identify bright spots for his team.

"I thought we played pretty well on Friday night, apart from our turnovers," Huffman

said. "We took the lead in the third quarter and we had an opportunity to extend it, and I think the girls just kind of panicked a bit. It all boils down to inexperience."

Huffman said Satori Albee and Alexis Sykora scored 85-90 percent of Joseph's points, and he'd like to see more balance to the offense. "We need to get more production from the guards somehow," Huffman said.

Sykora led the scoring, pouring in 19 points with Albee close behind at 15. The next highest players scored two. The team shot .357 from the field.

The E-Gals followed with a home loss by 21 points to Echo. Sykora led the team with 20 points while Albee followed with nine points to go with 13 rebounds. Lindsay Kemp and Natalie Williams scored six and five points, respectively. The team shot .254 from the field.

"Our nemesis right now is turnovers. You can't have 37 like Friday night and 39 the next night and expect to win games," Huffman said.

Outlaws working hard to halt losing skein

By Rocky Wilson
Wallowa County Chieftain

The Enterprise Outlaws boys' basketball team, in the throes of an 11-game losing streak that began Dec. 29, are looking forward to an opportunity to level the score with the Cove Leopards during a home game Friday night at Dick Quinn Court.

EHS, 6-12 on the season and 0-9 in league play, led almost the entire game versus Cove on the Leopards' home court Jan. 10, only to fold at the end and fall by a narrow 43-41 score. Enterprise Coach Jeff Micka is hoping to reverse an ongoing trend of late-game miscues and finish a game strong.

On this Saturday night, again at home, EHS will try to surprise the faithful and mount a strong showing or even engineer a major upset against the state's No. 7-rated team from Burns. Burns is 16-5 on the season and 7-1 in 2A-6 Wapiti League play.

But things did not go well last weekend for Micka's troops, who suffered decisive losses to Imbler and Union on the road. The Imbler loss was by a 50-25 score and the Union loss, 60-35.

A 6'1" junior named Trace VanCleave did most of the damage for the Panthers Friday night in Imbler. During a low-scoring first half that left the home team holding a narrow 17-14 lead, VanCleave dumped in two treys from beyond the arc and scored 13 Imbler points. He proved to be Imbler's only double-digit scorer on the night, but his 21 points came close to matching Enterprise's game total.

As has been the norm much of the season, Kaden Lathrop led the Wallowa



Courtesy photo/Charity Ketscher
Enterprise's Trent Bales takes a jump shot against Union on Saturday, Jan. 31.

County quint in scoring with a total of 11 points. Wade Isley used his speed and competitiveness to grab several rebounds and score six points as well.

Against Imbler (14-4 overall and 5-3 league),

EHS suffered anemic second and fourth quarters; Trent Bales tallying all of the team's four points in the second stanza and the team, as a whole, scoring one field goal and one free throw during the final eight minutes of the contest.

Things got worse, much worse the following evening during a 60-35 thrashing handed out by the league's top team from Union (13-6 overall and 8-1 league).

The game had to have tipped the scales on the side of frustration for the 6'6" Lathrop, a senior and by far the team's leading scorer. Smothered start to finish by a box-and-four defense, Lathrop took 11 shots on goal, converted none of them, and never went to the charity stripe.

Isley spread out his scoring, but did knock home nine points to pace EHS in the score books. Justin Exon started the game with two quick three-pointers, but never scored thereafter. Cody Irish matched Exon's point production with six points of his own.



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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK




LAUREN MAKIN

A flurry of deadly outside shooting, including four second-half treys—three of them along with two free throws gracing the net during a scorching 115 seconds of play

in the fourth quarter—has earned Athlete of the Week honors for Lauren Makin. Makin's personal best 21 points help boost her Wallowa Cougars to their seventh consecutive win Friday night. A 15-year-old sophomore, Makin has improved her skills immeasurably while performing the role of a starting wing player the past two years. Her coach says that Makin, known as a popular free spirit with a sense of humor, has made strides in defense and rebounding. The daughter of Brian and Kit Makin boasts a 3.56 GPA and plays volleyball for WHS.

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