

# EHS Boys: Three pointers key *COUGARS: Scoreless in final four minutes*

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in the second quarter and helped the Outlaws handle a full-court press that the Prospectors, who had thumped Enterprise by 44 points less than a month earlier, quickly abandoned.

Hayward, a 5'8" guard who'd been waiting for this moment all year, hit three consecutive three-pointers in the fourth quarter to pull EHS ahead and, in doing so, shared high-point honors for the game with teammate Wade Isley who also chipped in nine points. Wells helped

the cause in the fourth quarter by recording his second trey of the game and EHS, for one of the rare times this season, closed a game with some accurate free through shooting. While game totals (11 of 24) again were sub-par, the Outlaws sank seven of 11 charity tosses with the pressure on in the final minutes to help secure the win.

Every bit as instrumental in the victory, said Micka, was the play of 6'6" freshman Blaze Lepper. Slowed by a bad ankle much of the season that forced him to lay out for three weeks and

see limited action most other games, Lepper was healthy versus Grant Union, played three quarters, and made his presence known. He ended the game with nine rebounds and seven blocked shots. Micka said much of Lepper's work came in the closing minutes when he continually batted away or misdirected GU shots and grabbed rebounds.

"I can't say how happy I am for these players," said Micka. "They are a really good bunch of kids who have worked hard all year long."

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Oregon League district action against Echo. That game would start at 8:15 p.m. in the Baker High School gymnasium.

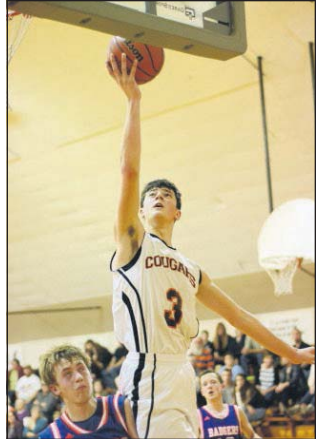
Echo has beaten WHS twice this year, once by three points and most recently by a 45-32 score in Echo Friday night. In that game Wallowa was in the thick of things and only trailing by three points midway in the fourth quarter before things went sour. The Cougars, who hit a scant two of 26 field goal attempts in the second half, went scoreless in the final four minutes of a game where two Echo players — junior Michael Thompson, 26 points, and senior Danny Tappo, 16 points — hit all but three of their team's 45 points. In that game, Gareth

Murray scored 12 and Karl Wellens nine for Wallowa.

But Saturday night before an avid crowd was totally different.

Murray cashed in six treys for Wallowa, Wellens three, and Noah Allen one on an evening when the Cougars offense moved the ball smartly, creating numerous open shots that the Cougars were hitting. Rebounding was another strength for WHS on the night with Murray, Cole Hafer, and Koby Frye snaring boards in equal numbers.

As has been the case much of the year, the two seniors on Wallowa's team did much of the offensive damage in the Powder Valley fray. Murray ended the contest with 23 points and Wellens with 22. Also contributing markers for the victorious quint were Hafer with six, Frye and Allen with



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**Wallowa junior Koby Frye went high to the rim during a regular-season ending 61-56 victory over Powder Valley in a packed Cougar Dome Saturday night.**

four, and freshman Caevan Murray with two.

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on another long-distance attempt at a critical moment in the game and responded by popping home three critical free throws. Makin led Cougar scorers with 22 points, followed by Taylor Harshfield with 15, and Hall with 11.

The possibility exists that Wallowa, which lost to Pow-

der Valley by 22 points and beat them by 18 points earlier in the season, could face the Badgers one more time in district play with state playoff implications on the line.

Friday's loss to league co-champion Echo, a squad WHS handled easily this year, had some oddities to it, but in the end the 55-38 loss was orchestrated in two quarters.

After falling behind 14-4 in the first quarter, Wallowa stubbornly clawed back to within three points early in the fourth quarter before fatigue set in. Echo outscored Wallowa 19-6 in the final eight minutes and won going away.

Harshfield topped Wallowa scorers with 13 points, followed by Makin with 11.

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game tight. We had 11 fouls in the first quarter with Grant Union going to the foul line 15 times. It was tough to overcome."

Enterprise did recover in the second period, outscoring GU 11-10 in that frame. Going into the half the Outlaws were down by 12.

In the third period the scor-

ing went back and forth, but Enterprise didn't gain much ground. "We couldn't close the gap," Crawford said.

In the fourth Enterprise went to its bench, giving younger team members some valuable experience.

On the night, Enterprise center Tiffanie George led the Outlaws in scoring with nine points, to go along with three rebounds and three blocked

shots. Sophomore Darby Gasset was next with six points, four rebounds and an assist. Carsen Sajonia scored five, with four rebounds and three assists. Sophomore Sarah Aschenbrenner also scored five, with five rebounds, an assist and a steal. Emma Hall scored two with six rebounds and two steals. Three other teammates — Reece Christman, Reagan Bedard and Riley Gray — all contributed.

Five teams are going to the Wapiti district playoffs, with the Burns Hilanders the number-one seed. Union has the second seed, Grant Union the third, Enterprise the fourth and Imbler the fifth.

Enterprise will face off against Imbler Friday at 6 p.m. The winner of this game will play the loser of the Union — Grant Union game (which will also be played on Friday). The winner of Union — GU will advance to play Burns.

Three teams will advance to the state playoffs.

Coach Crawford said, "It's going to be a fun week of practice and we'll go from there."

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