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Enterprise wrestler Shane Lund gets the upper hand on his Adrian opponent during the 106-lb. championship duel at the Jo-Hi Invitational tournament on Jan. 1-2.

COSGROVE MEET PACKS 'EM IN

Local wrestlers turn in gritty performances at Joseph

By Steve Tool
Wallowa County Chieftain

Wrestling: Mano a mano battle. The shaking of hands evolves into a circling duel followed by the sound of the collision of flesh into the mat. Two wrestlers and one victor. No one but yourself to credit or blame for your performance.

The New Year's holiday and frigid weather didn't stop wrestlers and fans from packing the Joseph Charter School gym to the rafters for the Jo-Hi Cosgrove Wrestling Tournament on Jan. 1-2. The tournament is a fundraiser for Joseph's wrestling program.

Members of all three of Wallowa County's wrestling teams competed, along with those of teams from as far away as Corvallis.

Wrestling fans at the tournament had plenty of battles to view with more than 190 wrestlers from 18 schools competing. Wallowa County wrestlers held their own competing against much larger schools such as Baker, McLoughlin High (from Milton-Freewater) and Ontario. Enterprise placed sixth in the team standings with Joseph following at 10th and Wallowa coming in at 18th.

The county placed five wrestlers in the top three positions in their weight classes. Raymond Seal of Joseph took second at 160 lbs. Enterprise freshman wrestler Shane Lund won the 106-lb. title, while his three teammates, Cole Farwell (113 lbs.), Evan Johnson (120) and Clayne Miller (126), each placed third in their weight classes. Wallowa's Joe Robb placed sixth at 182 lbs.

Lund earned a thrilling 9-6 victory over Marcus Furtado of Adrian in a hard-fought championship match. The contestants battled to literal exhaustion with the winner in question until the last minute. A victorious Lund staggered off the mat needing momentary support from coach Troy Farwell to



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"Lean on me." That's what Enterprise coach Troy Farwell said to exhausted freshman Shane Lund as he staggered off the mat from his 9-6 victory over Marcus Furtado of Adria.

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Enterprise freshman Shane Lund

make it to the medals podium for his gold.

Lund said winning his championship felt "pretty good." He talked about the match being a matter of control.

"I didn't really feel in control during the match. That guy was a pretty good wrestler. What helped me win was the feeling of not being in control. I wanted to be in control," he said.

Seal fought hard to the last minute to avoid succumbing to a fall during his 10-0 title match loss.

Former Joseph resident Tad Woosley now coaches wrestling for

Santiam Christian School near Corvallis. His team traveled farthest for the meet.

"I was talking with (Wallowa coach Tim Kiesecker) and he told us to come on over," Woosley said. "The kids love the mountains. We did it for the first time last year and we'll keep coming."

Coach Farwell was happy with his team's performance.

"We did pretty well. Shane won his division and my three small guys came up from the bottom and got third."

Wallowa Coach Mel Byers said the tournament a good experience

for his two wrestlers.

"They did pretty good, and it was a tough tournament. They were in a tough weight classes with some state contenders. I'm really pleased with their performance."

Joseph coach Tim Kiesecker said the tournament is a boon for the Joseph wrestling program and the community, with teams and fans dining at local restaurants and staying at local hotels. Kiesecker estimated attendance receipts at more than \$2,000, more than enough to cover the costs of the event.

Sponsors and the community are also responsible for the tournament's success.

"This tournament wouldn't get off the ground without our sponsors and community support," Kiesecker said.

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SPORTS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JAN. 8

Girls Basketball

Enterprise Girls vs. Imbler, 6 p.m.
Joseph vs. Echo, 6 p.m.
Wallowa @ Pine Eagle, 6 p.m.

Boys Basketball

Enterprise vs. Imbler, 7:30 p.m.
Joseph vs. Echo, 7:30 p.m.
Wallowa @ Pine Eagle, 7:30 p.m.

Wrestling

Enterprise, Wallowa and Joseph at Maniac Tournament, Orofino, Idaho, 9 a.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 9

Girls Basketball

Enterprise @ Union, 4 p.m.
Joseph vs. Wallowa, 4 p.m.

Boys Basketball

Enterprise @ Union, 5:30 p.m.
Joseph vs. Wallowa, 5:30 p.m.

Wrestling

Enterprise, Wallowa and Joseph at Maniac Tournament, Orofino, Idaho, 9 a.m.

SCOREBOARD

SATURDAY, JAN. 2

Girls Basketball

Grant Union 61, Enterprise 34
Union 54, Joseph 26

Boys Basketball

Grant Union 77, Enterprise 39
Union 66, Joseph 33

TUESDAY, JAN. 5

(Results unavailable by press time)

Girls Basketball

Enterprise @ Elgin, 5 p.m.

Boys Basketball

Enterprise @ Elgin, 6:30 p.m.

SKI REPORT

FERGUSON RIDGE

Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekends.

Snow levels: Unavailable

Latest info, visit <http://www.skifergi.com>.

ANTHONY LAKES

Regular operating schedule, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, begins Jan. 7

Snow levels: 0 inches last 48 hours, as of Tuesday morning; 49-inch base; 125 inches season total

Latest info, visit <http://anthonylakes.com>.

SPOUT SPRINGS

Open noon to 9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday

Snow levels: Unavailable

Latest info, visit www.spoutspringsskiarea.com.

Spout Springs Ski Area opens

East Oregonian

The gentle slopes near Tollgate sparkled white on a bright, sunny Thursday at Spout Springs Ski Area, where snowboarding instructor Jacquelyn Waggoner prepared to give her first lesson of the morning.

Waggoner, 15, lives in nearby Weston and has been coming to Spout Springs since she was 6. This is her home resort, she said. This is the place where she was raised to board.

"It's amazing to come up here and call this place home," Waggoner said.

For two years, Spout Springs struggled to open, due to mild weather and lackluster snow.

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