

PREP ROUNDUP

Prospectors overpower Outlaws in opener

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JOHN DAY — The Grant Union boys took control early and blew past Enterprise on Saturday in a league opener for both teams.

The Prospectors (1-0, 6-4) led 18-5 after the first quarter and 34-18 at the half.

Jimmy Wells scored 13 points and Justin Exon scored nine to lead the Outlaws (0-1, 4-5).

“Grant Union’s veteran group of all seniors took advantage of our youth on the offensive and defensive ends,” said Enterprise coach Ron Lathrop. “The kids played hard, but I hold myself responsible for not helping the kids get the ball in the right positions to score.

“It was good to have Blaze Lepper back in the lineup to help inside.”

Enterprise was scheduled to continue league play Tuesday night at Elgin.

Girls: Grant Union 61, Enterprise 34

JOHN DAY — The Outlaws jumped out to an early 7-0 lead, but Grant Union (1-



Riley Gray (31) looks to pass as Eliza Irish (23) and Madison Plew (41) look on Saturday in John Day.

0, 8-2) regrouped and pulled away for a big win on Saturday in a league opener for both teams.

No other details were

available.

Enterprise (0-1, 5-5) was scheduled to continue league play Tuesday night at Elgin.

Boys: Heppner 65, Enterprise 34

PENDLETON — On any given night, a team can feel like it can’t miss a basket, hitting just about everything it throws at the hoop. But also on any given night, the same team can feel like it can’t make a basket, just like the Heppner Mustangs did Jan. 29.

The Mustangs finally clicked in the second half to run away with a victory over Enterprise to win the Les Schwab Shootout at the Pendleton Convention Center.

The Mustangs (9-1) shot just 7-21 inside three feet in the first half, missing layup after layup and putback after putback, which frustrated the whole team.

Even with Heppner’s shooting woes, Enterprise showed some life in the first half as the Outlaws led twice in the half. Justin Exon nailed three 3-pointers for the Outlaws in the half, including back-to-back treys to give the Outlaws a 21-19 lead.



Justin Exon (24) looks for a path to the basket as teammates Brett Greenshields (40), Trent Walker (30) and Kobe Ketscher (14) trail Saturday in John Day.



The Enterprise girls junior varsity team took the title at the Oregon Trail Classic Tournament in Pendleton on Dec. 28-29. The girls beat lone in the first round Monday and then beat Imbler in the championship round Tuesday. Front row: Maddie McDowell, Lexie Gassett, Ashley Exon, Riley Gray, Madison Plew, Deidre Schreiber, Shelby Moncreif; Back row: Lauren Finifrock (Les Schwab), Gracie Carlsen, Gabrielle Wells, Karli Bedard, Coach Dan Butterfield, Kacie Melville, Heidi Niezen, Eszter Nagy, Salvador Gutierrez (Les Schwab).

However, that was the last time Enterprise held the lead as Heppner finished out the quarter on a 6-0 run to take a 25-21 lead into halftime.

“We played maybe our best half of basketball while be-

ing under control and patient in the first half,” said Enterprise coach Ron Lathrop. “We failed to find the basket in the second half and were outscored 40 to 13.”

Exon finished with 13 points for Enterprise, while Brett Greenshields scored nine and Jimmy Wells and Rylie Hayward each added six.

The previous night in Pendleton Enterprise opened the tournament with a 59-25 win over lone.

“This game was good start to the tournament,” Lathrop said. “Everyone who played scored. Jimmy Wells scored 16 and Kobe Ketcher scored 17. Brycen Locke and Brett

Greenshields had six rebounds a piece.”

Girls: Enterprise 45, Heppner 26

PENDLETON — Heppner saw its losing streak extend to six games on Jan. 29, falling to Enterprise at the Les Schwab Shootout at the Pendleton Convention Center.

Jacee Currin led Heppner with 16 points on 8-18 shooting.

Sarah Aschenbrenner led the Outlaws with 13 points, followed by Tiffanie George (7), Eliza Irish (6) and Gracie Carlsen (6).

The previous night, Enterprise opened the tournament with a 42-31 loss to lone.

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The 1,400-acre resort managed just one weekend last season before flurries

turned to rain.

But Old Man Winter came back with a vengeance in December, dumping 3 feet of snow at the resort along Highway 204 near Tollgate. Spout Springs opened on Dec. 26 and owner John Murray said people have come from as far as the Tri-Cities and Enterprise to play in the powder.

“Opening day was just stunning,” Murray said. “People seem to be very happy.”

Murray promised to open this winter if conditions allowed. His standard cutoff is 30 inches of packed snow to ensure customers can ski and ride safely. In 17 seasons, he said he’s never had a serious injury or death.

So far, the weather is holding up its end of the bargain. Snowpack has taken an about-face to last year’s record low, and a 50 percent chance of more of the powdery stuff is in the forecast early next week.

Spout Springs has two double-chairlifts, including the Echo Chair for beginners. It is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, as well as holidays. It is also the only local resort to offer night skiing on Fridays and Saturdays, from 5-9 p.m.

The hill was be open for night skiing for the first time this season on New Year’s Day.

Ninth Annual Wallowa County Digital PHOTO Contest



Who can enter?

All amateur photographers who live in Wallowa County either full-time or part-time, or who have ever vacationed in Wallowa County, are eligible. Exceptions: Members of the Wallowa Valley Photo Club, the staff of the Chieftain, and their immediate families may not submit entries. "Immediate family" includes only spouses, parents, and children.

Public display of photos: All submitted photos will be displayed on the Chieftain’s web site as they are received. After judging, winning photos will be featured on the Chieftain’s web site, and as many winning and non-winning photos as space allows will be featured in the Chieftain’s print edition. Selected winning and non-winning photos may also appear in a single issue of the Wallowa Valley Photo Club’s monthly newsletter, the Photo Club’s web site in the context of informing members of the Photo Club about the contest, and in the Discover Wallowa County Visitor Guide produced by the Chieftain.

Awards: There will be two categories of awards.

1. The People’s Choice awards for the most popular submitted photos, with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each division. Everyone can vote by browsing to the Chieftain’s contest web page and choosing their favorite Student Division photo and their favorite Adult Division photo. Prizes are \$40, \$20, and \$10, plus certificates.

2. Overall best photos, with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each of the two divisions as determined by the judges. Prizes are \$40, \$20, and \$10, plus certificates. Honorable Mentions may be awarded at the discretion of the judges. Prizes for honorable mentions will be certificates.

The Wallowa Valley Photo Club is solely responsible for all awards.

Deadline: Submissions to the contest may be made beginning Friday, January 1, 2016 and will be accepted through **Tuesday, January 26, 2016.** Voting for the People’s Choice award is from Wednesday, January 27, 2016 through Wednesday, February 10, 2016. Winners will be announced in the Wednesday, February 17, 2016 issue of the Chieftain.

Submissions: All submissions must be digital – prints and slides are not accepted. However, prints and slides may be scanned and digital copies submitted.

- Digital photos may be submitted via the Chieftain’s online submission form or emailed to **PhotoWallowa@gmail.com**. CDs may also be dropped off at the Chieftain (209 NW 1st, Enterprise, Oregon).

Complete List of Rules: Please see the website for a complete list of the contest rules at **www.wallowa.com/photocontest**

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

This week’s athlete of the week is Enterprise freshman Shane Lund. Lund is singled out for his extraordinary performance during the Jo-Hi Invitational wrestling tournament in Joseph on Jan. 1-2. Competing against much larger schools such as Baker and Ontario, Lund managed to win the 106 lbs. weight class.

Lund’s championship match against Marcus Furtado of Adrian proved to be the event of the meet with Lund prevailing over his opponent 9-6 in a hard-fought contest.

Lund is a student athlete who posted a 4.0 GPA on the first quarter honor rolls for the school year. He is the son of Cassandra Burns of Enterprise and Michael Lund of Imbler.



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