



# Outlaw girls blow through PENDLETON SHOOTOUT

By Tim Trainor  
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The Enterprise girls basketball team continued their hot streak, winning twice at the Les Schwab Shootout in Pendleton and improving their season record to 9-1.

The team started off Friday with a matchup with Tri-Cities Prep, a squad Enterprise coach Mike Crawford said his staff knew nothing about.

It didn't take long for Enterprise to figure out the Washington team, however, grabbing the lead from the opening tip and drawing away for a 44-24 win.

Tiffanie George led with 12 points, Riley Gray added 10 and sophomore Karli Bedard chipped with six.

The team expected to play a finals matchup with Weston-McEwen, a team they won a hard-fought battle with earlier in December. But because of a snafu that included a team showing up to an empty Enterprise gym, the girls squad instead squared off against Hermiston JV.

The much larger school's second team couldn't get past Enterprise, as the Outlaws won 42-37.

Reagan Bedard scored 13 points, shooting 5-for-10 from the field and splashing in one three-pointer. She also nabbed 4 steals. On the rebounding front, Riley Gray grabbed 8 to lead the team.

Crawford said it was disappointing to play a JV team, which by rule does not count as the season record, but he is pleased with how the team is playing.

"We're playing pretty good right now," he said. "The teamwork is working, our offense is working, the press is working."

But Crawford said two tough ballgames await during a weekend homestand. The team plays Weston-McEwen



Photo courtesy Charity Ketscher

Enterprise junior Riley Gray pulls up for a jumpshot in a 42-22 win over Tri-Cities Prep Dec. 29 in Pendleton.

on Friday night and 9-1 Pilot Rock on Saturday.

"They'll be tough, close games,"

he said. "But it we keep doing what we've been doing, if we do what we're supposed to do, I think we can win."

# Joseph cagers go 2-1 on the Crusade trail

By Steve Tool  
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Joseph basketball teams took a ride west to play several Christian schools over the holidays, coming back with a 2-1 record, and looking like teams ready to be a formidable presence in the Old Oregon League.

Joseph's first scheduled game, against North Clackamas Christian on Dec. 27, saw cancellation due to bad weather. But the following day saw the Eagles handily defeating Southwest Christian 47-36.

"I got to play the bench quite a bit, and they held them pretty well," coach Olan Fulfer said. "I like to win while playing the younger kids."

Jake Chrisman led all scorers with 13 followed by Aaron Borgerding's and Caevan Murray's even dozen each, and Cayden DeLury scored eight.

Dec. 29 saw the Eagles fall 54-46 to No. 2-ranked Damascus Christian.

"The game was tied 10-10 after the first quarter. The second and third quarters

went badly, but we had a good fourth quarter, scoring 20 to their 14," said Fulfer. "We played them really tough and almost beat them on their home court."

Aaron Borgerding led the scoring with 18, followed by DeLury with eight and Tyler Homan with seven, including two crucial free throws in the fourth quarter.

The makeup game on Dec. 30 saw the Eagles beating North Clackamas Christian 49-40.

"We jumped out to an early lead, and I played the bench a lot in the second quarter – the fourth quarter too. It became close, they hit some three-pointers against my bench, but they stayed with them and ended up sealing the win. I was really proud of them," Fulfer said.

DeLury led the scoring with 11 points followed by Chrisman and Borgerding with 10 and Homan and Murray each added 6.

The Eagles boys are now 1-1 in league play and 7-3 overall. Their next contest is Jan. 6 against league foe Echo.

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## SPORTS CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, JAN. 6

#### Wrestling

Jo Hi Invitational, Joseph gym, tournament begins at 9 a.m.

#### Girls basketball

Pine Eagle at Wallowa, 3 p.m.  
Weston-McEwen at Enterprise, 5 p.m.  
Joseph at Echo, 6 p.m.

#### Boys basketball

Joseph at Echo, 7:30 p.m.  
Pine Eagle at Wallowa, 7:30 p.m.  
Weston McEwen at Enterprise, 7:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, JAN. 7

#### Girls basketball

Joseph at Wallowa, 4 p.m.  
Pilot Rock at Enterprise, 5 p.m.

#### Boys basketball

Joseph at Wallowa, 5 p.m.  
Pilot Rock at Enterprise, 7:30 p.m.

# Enterprise boys drop Pendleton JV

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The Enterprise boys and the Pendleton JV were a good matchup, so the two boys basketball teams played two games over the weekend.

Enterprise won the first game played Friday night, 47-43. Jimmy Wells and Chris Bathke, both juniors, led the way with 11 points each. Blaze Lepper added 9 points to the tally and Rylie Hayward scored 8.

The teams were all knotted up at 19-19 after a defensive first half, but the Outlaws pulled away late. The team made 8 of 16 free throws, which provided part of the four-point winning cushion.

On Saturday, the teams went at it again. This time it was all Enterprise, smoking the Buckaroos 54-23.

Hayward had a huge game, scoring 19 points and going 2-for-2 from behind the arc. Wells and Lepper both added 9 points.

Once again, the game was close at halftime, with Enterprise leaning on their defense to lead 22-15. The baskets started to fall again after halftime, and the Outlaws pulled away as they did Friday.

Things get more difficult for the team this weekend, however, as they host 2A foes Weston-McEwen Friday and Pilot Rock on Saturday.



Photo courtesy Robert McLean

Kobe Ketscher going in for a layup during The Outlaws 54-25 win over Pendleton JV at the Les Schwab Shootout at the Pendleton convention center on Dec 30.

# Gomes hits bullseye once again

By Steve Tool  
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Cole Gomes, the county's 15-year-old archery sensation, is again making a mark with his talent.

The young archer recently signed on as a field shooter with Alpine Archery in La Grande. Anieta Appleton, co-owner of the store, said she and her husband John were happy to have Gomes aboard.

Anieta said this is the first youth field shooter in the history of the store.

"It's really a promotional position," she said. "We try to help them progress

in their shooting and with their tournaments, including business advice in order to further their careers. In turn, the field shooters tell others about the products they use while shooting, stuff we carry here at the store, and with their sportsmanship. They're basically representing our shop when they're out shooting and we can't be there."

Appleton said she and her husband have known Gomes and his family for several years, through visits to the store and its archery range.

But being named field

shooter isn't about patronizing the store or necessarily about being a good archer.

"They have an application they have to fill out," Appleton said. "They do a cover letter, a résumé and we do an interview with them. It's a selection process."

Gomes received confirmation that he won the position Dec. 1, and after the first of the year he will sign a written contract with the store. Toward the end of his tenure, Gomes will also receive a year-end evaluation.

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# County grapplers compete twice

By Steve Tool  
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The county's wrestlers saw some action over the holidays with the Enterprise Outlaws wrestling twice, at the Dec. 29 Pomeroy Christmas Tournament in Pomeroy, Wash., and the

Rollin Schimmel Memorial tournament in Pendleton the following day. The Joseph Eagles wrestled at the Pomeroy tournament.

Enterprise coach Troy Farwell was pleased with his team's efforts at both spots, the Outlaws competed against 16 other teams at

the Pomeroy tournament, many from larger schools. The Outlaws placed seventh with 78 points.

The Rollin Schimmel tournament saw Enterprise again compete against 16 teams.

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