



Outlaw boys win 1, lose 1

Wallowa County Chieftain

The Enterprise boys team split a pair of weekend games, losing to Weston-McEwen but defeating Pilot Rock in overtime.

Enterprise is now 7-6 on the season as they enter league play.

The team lost to the visitors from Athena 64-54 on Friday night.

A trio of juniors led the Outlaws in the game. Brett Greenshields scored 17 points, guard Jimmy Wells splashed in 15 and Chris Bathke added 12.

Yet the team trailed 30-23 at halftime, cut the deficit to just 3 after three quarters, but could not finish the comeback in the last frame.

Shaw Broncheau scored 25 points to lead the visitors.

Yet the tide turned Saturday night, as the home team then won 57-52 over Pilot Rock in overtime.

Wells led the way this time with 17, followed by Rylie Hayward's 11 points. Greenshields scored 10 in the win.

Enterprise trailed for much of the game, down 15-8 after the first quarter, 26-18 at halftime and 34-29 after three. The game was deadlocked 44-44 after regulation ended. The overtime period belonged to the Outlaws, as they topped the Rockets 13-8 in that period with Hayward scoring 7 of his points, including a big three-pointer.

SPORTS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JAN. 13

Girls basketball

Wallowa at Cove, 6 p.m.
Pine Eagle at Joseph, 6 p.m.

Boys basketball

Pine Eagle at Joseph, 7:30 p.m.
Wallowa at Cove, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 14

Girls basketball

Elgin at Enterprise, 4 p.m.
Echo at Wallowa, 4 p.m.
Joseph at Griswold (Helix), 4 p.m.

Boys basketball

Joseph at Griswold (Helix), 5:30 p.m.
Echo at Wallowa, 5:30 p.m.
Elgin at Enterprise, 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 20

Girls basketball

Enterprise at Union, 6 p.m.
Wallowa at Powder Valley, 6 p.m.
Joseph at Nixyaawii, 6 p.m.

Boys basketball

Joseph at Nixyaawii, 7:30 p.m.
Wallowa at Powder Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Enterprise at Union, 7:30 p.m.

MAXIMUM MAT



Steve Tool/Chieftain

Joseph wrestler Steven Beckman (top) well on his way to subduing opponent Wilder Cross of Clearwater Valley in the 106 lbs. championship match at the Jo-Hi Invite wrestling tournament on Jan. 6-7. Beckman won the match by fall in the first period.

JO-HI INVITE FILLS GYM

By Steve Tool
Wallowa County Chieftain

Wrestlers from all over eastern Oregon converged at Joseph Charter School for the Jo-Hi Invite Jan. 6-7.

The school's bleachers were filled from top to bottom as fans from 17 schools attended the event.

Competing against some much larger schools, Enterprise and Joseph placed fifth and eighth in the two day event. Joseph wrestlers won one weight class and placed second in another while Enterprise took the crown in two classes while also bringing home a third place.

Joseph sophomore Steven Beckman took on all comers at 106 lbs., winning

all his matches by fall, while junior Riley Warnock placed second after a hard-fought final match in the 182 lbs. slot.

In his championship match with Donovan Tate of Elgin, Warnock suffered a severe bloody nose which forced officials to stop the match several times.

The battle looked hopeless with Warnock down 8-1 in the middle of the second round, but Warnock battled back, controlling the rest of the match though still succumbing 10-6.

Warnock later said that he had never come that close to beating Tate.

The bloody nose didn't phase his performance.

"It just made me mad because it takes time out of my match," he said.

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Steve Tool/Chieftain

Joseph wrestler Riley Warnock takes a breather between rounds during the 182 lbs. championship match at the Jo-Hi Invite tournament on Jan. 7. Note temporary stopgap to a severe bloody nose that happened earlier in the match. Down 8-1 in the second round, Warnock battled back, dominating the rest of the match although still succumbing 10-6.

Enterprise girls drop 1st home game

By Tim Trainor

Wallowa County Chieftain

The Enterprise girls basketball team split two home games over the weekend, moving them to 10-2 on the season but also notching their first home loss as well.

The weekend started with a bang on Friday night. Enterprise hosted Weston-McEwen, a team that gave the Outlaws all they could handle in Athena.

But the home crowd proved a powerful ally in the rematch, which went to halftime with Enterprise clinging to a 21-20 advantage.

But the Outlaw defense tightened, holding the visitors to just 10 second half points, and the game turned into a runaway. The final score was 50-30 in favor of Enterprise.

Reece Christman led the way with 13 points on 5-of-10 shooting, including one three-pointer, to go along with

four assists and nine rebounds. Sarah Aschenbrenner was the only other player to score in double digits with 11 and also going 5-for-10 from the field. Gracie Carlson grabbed 10 rebounds.

Enterprise outscored Weston-McEwen 18-6 in the fourth quarter to cement the big win.

But the next night, while hosting Pilot Rock, the tide turned for Enterprise.

The visiting Rockets jumped out to a first quarter lead and never looked back, doubling up on Enterprise 28-14 at halftime.

The same lockdown defense that came alive on Friday did on Saturday — Enterprise held Pilot Rock to just 11 second-half points and just three in the third quarter.

But the deficit was too great and Enterprise's shooting too poor, allowing Pilot Rock to scape with the 38-33 win.

"I'm really not sure what the issue was," said coach Mike Crawford. "It

was our lowest (offensive) output of the year. You can stack it up to a big effort against a good team the night before, or something else."

Offensively, Tiffanie George was the only Outlaw to reach double-digits, scoring 10 points but making just 3-of-11 shots from the field. As a whole, the team shot 10-for-46, a paltry 22 percent. They were just 1-of-12 from behind the arc.

Reagan Bedard did add 8 points and Ashley Exon had 7. George grabbed 14 boards to lead the team and Christmas had five steals.

Crawford said the loss can be a reminder to take every team seriously, and to keep focused when playing opponents on consecutive days. The team opens league play this week against Elgin, and Crawford said their next goal is to win the Wapiti League.

"It's time to give it a run," said Crawford.

Eagles visit Echo, Wallowa

By Steve Tool
Wallowa County chieftain

Both the boys and girls teams spent last week on the road at Echo and Wallowa. The boys came away 2-0 while the girls returned 1-1, with a loss to Echo.

On the boys side, the Jan. 6 Echo contest proved a 51-46 win for the Eagles behind Cayden DeLury's 19 points. Aaron Borgerding and Jake Chrisman turned in 11 with Caevan Murray just behind at 10 points.

"Only four guys scored points, but it was pretty well spread out. We need a couple more of our players to

get more aggressive and not be afraid to shoot or make mistakes and get some trust. I want my younger players to make mistakes and learn from them now," coach Olan Fulfer said.

The Jan. 7 trip to Wallowa proved just as fruitful with the boys walking away with a 66-47 victory over the Cougars. Again, DeLury led all scorers, racking up 28 points.

Murray followed with 12, Borgerding had nine and Chrisman sank eight points with Tyler Homan scoring seven.

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