

Enterprise travels to Redmond for Oregon Classic

Two wrestlers win rematches from last year’s state tournament competitors

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The Outlaw grapplers traveled to Redmond for the 2017 Oregon Classic wrestling meet on Jan. 13-14. Teams from schools all over the state participated in dual meets (one team against another) with the Outlaws wrestling three dual meets each day.

Friday saw the Outlaws wrestling in a round-robin starting with Reedsport in the first round, with Enterprise prevailing, 42-12, before succumbing to Central Linn, 57-24, in the next round and again winning, 46-22, against the Bend High School junior varsity.

Saturday saw the team wrestling in a bracket (against more than one team) with Lowell, which prevailed,

54-27. The Outlaws next wrestled Neah-kah-nie, which ended in a 42-42 tie, but EHS was declared victor by criteria (pins, wins forfeits, etc., taken into account). The last contest against Oakridge ended with the Outlaws on the bottom end of a 36-18 score in a match for fifth place.

Coach Troy Farwell saw an outstanding effort from his wrestlers

considering the 700 miles they traveled as well as the six match-ups in two days. The coach said the team traveled the distance to see teams and wrestlers from the other side of the state.

“It’s good to see other 2A competition so that my kids who go to state will see kids they may wrestle against later,” he said.

Farwell pointed to performances

from 113-lbs. grappler Shane Lund, who scored a 15-9 victory over the opponent who eliminated him from the 2016 state semifinals. Cole Farwell, who wrestles at 126 lbs., pinned the wrestler who prevailed against him in the third place match at state the year before.

“That’s an example of the matches we go down there for,” Farwell said.

The Outlaws next wrestle at the Clearwater Classic in Lewiston on Jan. 20-21.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Eagles, Outlaws cruise to easy victories over weekend

Wallowa basketball teams earn weekend splits

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Both the boys and girls Eagles cagers walked away from the weekend with a 2-0 record, while both Outlaws teams were each 1-0.

Eagles Boys

Friday the 13th saw bad luck for anyone visiting Joseph.

Both Eagles teams denuded the Pine Eagle Spartans of their helmets, shields and about every weapon they possessed in the double melee.

The Joseph boys, led by guard Tyler Homan’s 17 points, cruised to an easy 52-25 victory that saw the bench getting plenty of playing time.

The Eagles jumped out to a 16-0 lead in the first quarter before the Spartans scored a bucket. The score stood at 34-11 at the half with the Eagles on cruise control the rest of the game.

Caden DeLury pocketed 10 points and Hadley Miller added six to the Eagles cause.

The following day saw the Eagles skin the Griswold Grizzlies alive, romping to an easy 66-39 victory behind DeLury’s 18 points. The bench again saw lucrative playing time.

Caevan Murray followed DeLury’s 18 points with 11 of his own while Aaron Borgerding and Homan recorded 10 points each.

Coach Olan Fulfer was impressed with the depth the Eagles are showing on court.

“All of our players but one put points on the board,” Fulfer said. “Our bench got plenty of playing time, and my younger kids are really stepping up, becoming more aggressive on the court on defense and at taking shots from the floor.”

Fulfer pointed to young players Homan and Trey Wandschneider as prime examples, Homan for learning to take charge on the court and Wandschneider for his aggressive defense and rebounding skills.

The twin victories saw the Eagles 5-1 in league play and 11-3 overall.



LEFT: Joseph High School forward Hadley Miller puts up a three-pointer during the Eagles game against Pine Eagle last Friday. Joseph won the game, 52-25. RIGHT: Joseph Charter School forward Emma Hite puts up a shot against Pine Eagle on Jan. 13. The Eagles won the game, 44-30.

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Cougar boys win one of three games in three days

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At the far end of the county, the Wallowa Cougars had a busy week with three games of boys basketball on Jan 12, 13 and 14.

The Cougars played at home in a 68-42 losing effort to Nixyaawii on Jan. 12. Coach David Howe said the game was much closer than the final score indicated

“The players played really well, but we just missed some easy shots around the basket that we normally convert. Hopefully, when we go to Nixyaawii we will put ourselves in a better position at the end of the game. Leading scorers for Wallowa included Sam Hilliard with 15 followed by Christopher Nobles with 12.

Jan. 13 saw the Cougs losing a 54-51

squeaker at Cove. The team played well for the most part, leading at halftime. Poor rebounding in the third quarter led to a comeback for Cove, but the buckets didn’t fall for the Cougars in the final quarter, leaving them with the close loss.

“A game that we should have won, but given our youth, it is understandable that we didn’t convert when we had our chances,” Howe said. Leading scorers for Wallowa were Sam Hilliard with 16, Christopher Nobles 12, and Gus Ramsden 12.

The Jan. 14 home game against Echo turned the tide for Wallowa, who walked away with a convincing 52-31 victory. With only eight players and no rest, the Cougs caught fire playing one of their best games of the season both offensively and defensively.

“We are still improving and getting better individually and as a team. Now we just need to start playing with more confidence,” Howe said.

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The lady Cougars played the same three teams, also going 1-2 for the week. The Cougars succumbed to Nixyaawii, 62-30, on Jan. 12 while coming out on top of Cove the following day, 31-28. Jan.14 saw the lady Cougs just missing against Echo, 45-37. No other stats were available.

The week left both teams 2-4 in league play and 2-12 overall. The teams make a road trip on Jan. 20-21, taking on Powder Valley on the 20th and Nixyaawii the day after.

Both boys and girls teams play at Nixyaawii on Friday while hosting Cove on Saturday.

Enterprise Girls

The tough lady Outlaws administered a brutal 50-21 home drubbing to an unlucky Elgin squad on Jan. 14.

“It was our first league game. We’re 11-2, and we’re playing well right now,” said coach Mike Crawford. He pointed in particular to the play-

ing of sophomore Lexie Gassett. “It was her first game with quite a few minutes at the varsity level and at the point guard position. She had a break-out day.”

Senior Darby Gassett led the Outlaws with nine points while Tiffanie George collected eight points and Lexie Gassett followed with seven.

Enterprise boys

The boys easily defeated Elgin, 54-42,

on Friday. Brett Greenshields and Jimmy Wells led the scoring with 12 points each while Rylie Hayward added nine and Chris Bathke added eight points to the Outlaws cause.

The win left the Outlaws with a 1-0 league record and 8-6 overall.

Both boys and girls Outlaw squads are scheduled to play at Union on Friday and host Imbler on Saturday.

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