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Shanna Rae Tillery of the Wallowa Cougars looks upcourt after snagging a rebound during the Cougars' 50-47 win over Elgin on Friday, Jan. 4.

Cougars: Ladies stretch winning streak

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by a point at the first quarter but fell behind 21-9 at the half.

Tristin Bales led the scoring with 10 points, followed by Christopher Nobles with eight points. Wyatt Prince added seven points.

The following day saw the men take a 66-35 loss at the hands of the Nixyaawii Golden Eagles.

Christopher Nobles scored 16 for the Cougs followed by Tristin Bales with six points. Ryan Hafer and Zeb Hermens tossed in five points each.

The series dropped the Cougs with an 0-2 league record and 3-9 on the season.

Lady Cougs

The ladies had a fine stretch, winning three straight and gaining some respect from their league peers at the same time.

The lady Cougs took on the Imbler Panthers on Dec. 29 and came away with a 35-33 win. The Cougars led 10-5 after the first quarter and led 16-13 at the half.

Cougar player Shanna Rae Tillery led the scoring with 14, followed by Jamie Johnston, who was on-target with eight points. Riley Ferre and Ella Moeller each added four points to the scorebook.

The ladies hosted Elgin on Jan. 4, walking away with yet another victory after taking a bite out of the Huskies 50-47. Coach Howe was still on suspension, but the Cougars put up a battle nonetheless. They led 15-14 after the first quarter and 29-21 at the half.

Tillery led the scoring with 19 points and Jamie Johnston fired up for 14 and Ella Moeller came calling with six.

The following day saw the ladies serving up more of the same as they traveled to Nixyaawii and won 49-45.

Johnston led the scoring with 14 points while Tillery and Ferre nailed 11 points each.

Coach David Howe said the recent success is attributable to a change of culture within the ladies' realm and the ladies themselves. He noted that some of the players had didn't believe in the team's ability to win, which has changed for the good over time.

"We still have a lot to learn and to improve on. Whatever the outcome of the season I want the girls to feel good about their effort and the results of that effort."

The next Cougar games are on Friday, Jan. 11 at Powder Valley and Saturday, Jan. 12 at Wallowa at 4 p.m.

Outlaws: Ladies balance loss with big wins

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Saturday, Dec. 29, saw the Prairie City sustaining some black and blue marks as the Outlaws trounced the Panthers 37-24. Moncrief again led the scoring with 11 and added four steals. Miller harvested 7 points while Tishrei Movich-fields and Lexie Gasset each found six points in the hoop. Ashlyn Gray snagged 10 rebounds.

Friday, Jan. 4, ended with the ladies taking a tough home 56-44 loss against Grant Union, the fourth-ranked team in the state. Although GU led most of the game, the Outlaw ladies pulled to within one in the fourth quarter before the game slipped from their grasp.

The ladies took out their frustrations on Pilot Rock the following day, handing the Rockets a 50-37 loss behind Lexie Gasset's 14 points and 50 percent shooting. Also on the board were Carsyn Miller and Ashlyn Gray with eight points in their pockets.

After the busy week, the ladies sit 3-1 in league play and 11-3 overall. They hold the ninth spot in state rankings. The next play at Heppner on Friday, Jan. 11.



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Enterprise Outlaws player Lexie Gasset looks for the open passer during the team's 56-44 loss to Grant Union on Friday, Jan. 4.

Outlaw Boys

The Enterprise boys suffered a lack of Outlaw spirit as they succumbed in their tournament games. Friday, Dec. 28 saw the Outlaw boys get beat by IA school Condon/Wheeler 68-60.

In the loss, Devin Greer stuffed the basket with 18 points and Timmy Wells added 12. Riley Masters scored 11 points for the Outlaws.

Saturday's game saw

similar results. The Outlaws went down easily to IA Prairie City, 59-42. Only Dylan Marr scored in double digits with 12 points. Wells added eight points while Greer walked off the court with seven.

Friday, Jan 4, didn't dawn much better for the boys as they lost their fifth straight in a heartbreaker to Grant Union, 48-43. The Outlaws led by six with three minutes to go in the game but time

management led to the Outlaws' downfall.

The following day saw the Outlaws in much better shape, putting away Pilot Rock 60-43.

Devin Greer led the scoring with an amazing 29 points while Dylan Marr added 10.

The weekend left the boys with a 1-3 league record and 7-8 overall. They next play at Heppner on Friday, Jan. 11.

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toward the victory.

Country Christian fell to a similar fate as Perrydale, succumbing 40-28. Albee again led the scoring with 14 on the charts while Camille Crenshaw added eight and Emma Hite and Madelyn Nelson put five each through the basket.

The Eagles traveled west to meet top-ranked St. Paul on Jan. 3, just missing the mark and falling 40-32 despite forcing 29 turnovers. The ladies led most of the game, but failed to stop the Buck-

aroos on offensive boards. Coach Homan also attributed the loss to some errors on his part. Nonetheless, he thought the game well-played, particularly defensively.

The ladies are now 1-0 in league play and 11-2 on the season. They hold the third slot in state rankings and next play Elgin on Friday, Jan. 11.

Eagles boys

The boys team didn't have the charm of their sister squad as an athletic Perrydale put away Joseph, 45-33. Tyler Homan and Chase

Murray had nine points each while Mason Ferre put five in the bucket.

The Eagles did upend the Country Christian Cougars the next day, 59-46. Homan scored 18 points while Ferre and Hadley Miller put up 11 points each. Chase Murray knocked in 10.

The boys didn't play again until defeating Griswold in their first league game on Jan. 4, 45-35. Traveling with a light bench, the Eagles experienced some difficulties when Tyler Homan, Hadley Miller and Mason Ferre got into early foul trouble. As a

result, some JV took the floor at times and held their own for the win.

Ferre led the scoring with 14 from the floor.

"We worked on being there for each other and stayed together real well although we struggled," coach Olan Fulfer said. "We've got a lot of tough games ahead, and as long as we keep our heads together we'll be in these games. This is going to be fun."

The weekend left the boys with a 1-0 league record and 8-5 overall. They rank 11th in the state.

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