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Cougars player Wyatt Prince goes up for two during a Wallowa High School home basketball game on Jan. 19. The Cougs lost the game, 40-29.

# Lady Cougs claw opponents, boys split

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**T**he lady Cougars clawed their way into third place with a pair of victories over Griswold and Cove on Jan. 18-19. The boys overcame the Grizzlies, but fell to Cove in their games.

Friday, Jan. 18 saw the lady Cougs travel to Griswold to scratch the hide off the Grizzlies in a 42-33 win. The Cougars led all the way, 10-6 at the first quarter, 23-17 at the half and 36-22 at the end of three quarters.

Shanna Rae Tillery led the scoring with 13 points, followed by Jamie Johnston with nine while Kyla Hook added six.

The Cove Leopards suffered a similar fate the following day, succumbing 46-32 at the Cougar's

lair. The game had several lead changes as the Cougars led 12-9 at the first quarter but trailed 20-16 at the half, then led again 30-28 at the end of three quarters.

Tillery again led scoring with 14 points, followed by Hook and Johnston with eight in the team effort. Ella Moeller scored six points.

The victories left the ladies with sole possession of third place in the Old Oregon League with a 4-2 league record and 7-8 overall. They next play at Elgin on Friday, Jan. 25.

The boys started out strong with a convincing 57-37 win over the Grizzlies. The Cougars battled their way to a 12-11 lead at the first quarter buzzer,

33-18 at the half and 43-28 at the third, coasting to the win.

Christopher Nobles led the Cougar attack with 27 points. Tristin Bales and Wyatt Prince chipped in eight apiece while Zeb Hermens scored seven points and Ryan Hafer had five.

The boys took on the Cove Leopards the following day but came away with a 40-29 loss. The Cougars trailed the entire game, 11-7 at the first quarter, 20-17 at the half and 33-20 after the third.

Nobles hit the target for 13 points, followed by Wyatt Prince with seven and Bales tallied six for the game.

The week left the Cougars 2-4 on the season and 5-11 overall. They also play Elgin next on Jan. 25.

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