

# Eagles put the hurt on Grizzlies

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The Griswold Grizzlies may have come to Joseph with hope on their hearts on Friday, Jan. 25, but they left with scarcely a hair on their hides. Both the boys and ladies squads scored major victories over the hapless Grizzlies.

The girls romped all over Griswold, 65-20, with the bench getting plenty of quality time on the court in the victory.

"We came out with a ton of energy in this game and really played well," Coach Lance Homan said. "Our press created turnovers and we scored several times because of it." The coach also said he enjoyed watching the girls play well together with energy from the start to the finish, as they scored 28 points in the first quarter.

Supreme Sabrina led the Eagles with 24 points, nine assists, eight steals, and seven rebounds. Madelyn Nelson racked up a terrific game with 16 points, seven assists, and four steals. Point guard, Emma Hite, had her usual solid effort with 12 points and 6 rebounds.

"I was impressed with our young kids who got some minutes in this game," Homan said. "They came in and really fed off what the varsity girls had done before."

The boys played equally well, running amok over the Grizzlies, 75-32 in a game where the Grizzlies never threatened the Eagles' superiority over the course of the game. The boys were hot out of the gate, scoring 11 before their opponents got a bucket. The score stood 20-5 by the end of the first quarter and 39-13 at the half.

Sophomore wunderkind, Mason Ferre, led the scoring with 18, while Steady Tyler Homan added 12 in the hoop and Kade Kilgore poured 11 in the hole, including three three-pointers. Trey Wandschneider added seven in the attack.

"We're going in the right direction — it's the first game all year we had all our players score," Coach Olan Fulfer said. "We're trying to play that well every single night." The coach added that the team worked together to pass the ball around for high percentage shots with no player indulging in "hero ball."

"When we stop sharing the ball it takes our defense down," Fulfer said. "When we share, it's hard to stop us."



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Eagles player Madelyn Nelson sets up for two points during her team's 65-20 victory over the Griswold Grizzlies on Friday, Jan. 25.



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The Joseph/Wallowa wrestling squad came home from North Lake High School in Silver Lake loaded down from treasures found on the mat. (R to L) Head coach Tim Kiesecker, Jonah Staigle, Ronny Morello, Zeb Ramsden, Michael Diggins, Steven Beckman, Austin Brockamp, Guylen Snyder, Gus Ramsden, Corsin Risi, Brendan Moore, Harley Miller, assistant coach Mark Ramsden.

## Joseph/Wallowa wrestlers take first at state preview

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The JoWa wrestling squad put in some heavy mileage over the weekend of Jan. 25-26, first traveling to John Day on Friday, Jan. 25, for some pod wrestling (essentially practice wrestling against other teams). The team traveled to North Lake, in Silver Lake, to participate in the North Lake State 1A

tournament. The name of the tournament has nothing to do with championship state 1A tournament put on by the Oregon Schools Activities Association.

Nonetheless, the JoWa boys put on a spectacular performance worthy of the state championships. The boys took home three gold buckles and two silver buckles for their efforts. Steven Beckman, still wear-

ing an elbow brace, took on all comers and the gold in the 113 pounds, as did Zeb Ramsden at 132 pounds. Jonah Staigle came home with some treasure for his first-place performance at 195 pounds.

Bringing home the silver were wrestlers Gus Ramsden at 152 pounds and Austin Brockamp at 170 pounds.

"The kids all wrestled real good," Coach Tim

Kiesecker said. "We have so much dang fun and they try so hard to win."

The team next wrestles at the Bank of Eastern Oregon tournament in Heppner on Feb. 2

## Outlaws take it to the mat in Caldwell, Idaho

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The Outlaw grapplers brought home the gold and the bacon with two firsts from a Caldwell, Idaho tournament on Friday, Jan. 25.

It was a good tournament, and we did quite well," said Coach Forrest Wilson. "We took eight kids and got two firsts, a second and a fourth. Almost everyone won one or two matches."

Shane Lund brought home the gold treasure at 132 pounds.

"He's been out a couple of weeks," Wilson said. "His knee healed ready to go." Golden boy, Trace Evans, raided Idaho for some gold treasure at 138 pounds.

"He's really coming along," Wilson said. "He hasn't lost to anyone in 2A wrestling."

Wilson also noted that Clint Norton placed in the second slot at 285 pounds and praised team member Hunter Harvey who placed fourth at 160 pounds.

"He's a freshman and really coming along," Wilson said.

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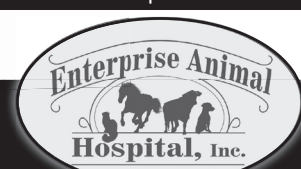
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