



Enterprise's Trace Evans, top, wrestles Saturday during a semifinal match at the Muilenburg Invitational. Evans (138 pounds) went on to win an individual title in the weight class.

Evans takes first at Muilenburg tournament

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Enterprise Outlaws grappler, Trace Evans, took first place in the 138 pounds weight class at the Muilenburg wrestling tournament in La Grande on Dec. 13-14. Coach Court Fent said he defeated six wrestlers to compete at the

event, which featured many larger schools, some from as far away as Washington and Idaho. Evans' journey to the gold included competition against wrestlers from 5A Pendleton High School. Coach Fent said Evans had 36 wrestlers in his weight class. "There was some phe-

nomenal wrestling going on," Fent said of the tournament. "Trace's performance was pretty phenomenal. His championship match against the La Grande kid — he beat him 10-0. Trace wrestled with great control and was deliberate." Fent was happy with the rest of the squad. He noted the performances of Char-

lie Evans at 170 pounds and Hunter Harvey who won a couple of matches at 152 pounds. "All the boys wrestled really, really well," Fent said. The crew will wrestle at Elgin on Friday, Dec. 20 and the following day at Mac Hi (McLoughlin High School).

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coach said the team held up to 20-point leads in the third and fourth quarters before the bench came in.

"It was a good time for the bench because they were playing against the starters," Fulfer said. "They had a couple of turnovers, but I liked how they stepped up."

Friday's face-off with the Union Bobcats started slowly for Joseph. The shell-shocked Eagles were down 19-2 at the end of the first quarter. However, led by Murray's nine points, the Eagles went on a 20-5 scoring tear in the second quarter, down by only two at the half and had tied the game going into the final quarter. At one point, the Eagles sat on a four-point lead, but some fouls, turnovers and a Bobcat scoring run put the game away for Union.

Murray again led the scoring, notching 22 points on his shooting irons. Ferre' followed up with eight points and Miller hit the target for five.

Jordan Valley Mustangs lost to the Joseph Charter School Eagles, 58-43. The Eagles found themselves down by three at the end of the first half. Fulfer said the defense was good, but the Mustangs sank tough shots. After dedicating themselves to good passing, the Eagles roared off on a 20-4 third quarter tear and never looked back. The final quarter saw the 'Stangs score only a single field goal and some free throws.

Murray again led the squad with 19 points, Ferre' contributed 18 and Miller scored 10.

Fulfer noted the scrappiness of their opponents and said the team knows with their preseason schedule, they won't be bowling anyone over — they need to play top ball in every game.

"Every single game is a test in a different way," he said.

The weekend left the Eagles 3-2 in the preseason. They next fly to Ione/Arlington on Friday, Dec. 20 at 5:30 PM.

Joseph girls: Face Ione/Arlington this Friday

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Crenshaw nailed seven points while harvesting eight boards.

On Friday the 13th, bad luck fell on the shoulders of the Union Bobcats, a top-ranked 2A school. The 1A Eagles girls won a 54-47 victory, led by Albee's 27 points.

"This was a huge win for our new team," Homan said. "Union came in ranked in the top 10 for 2A and they are a very good and well-coached basketball team." The coach said the Bobcats scored nine three-pointers over the duration and kept the Eagles' defense on its toes. "I was proud of how our girls stayed in the moment of the game and were able to pull off a good victory for us," Homan said.

Albee also knocked off 13 boards for the game and snatched seven steals. Madelyn Nelson poured in 14 points and racked up five steals.

Albee: 33 pts, 8 reb., 6 steals, 4 assists
Madelyn Nelson: 13 pts, 9 steals, 4 assists

Saturday saw a great contest with the lady Eagles

taming the Jordan Valley Mustangs, 51-34.

Homan said the battle showed the ladies' mettle as they were down about five points in the third quarter. He thought about calling a timeout to settle the ladies but he eventually decided to see how the Eagles responded to the pressure.

"Jordan Valley is a very athletic and well coached team that I think will win a bunch of games this season," Homan said.

Albee uncorked for 33 points. She also grabbed eight boards and committed six thefts with four assists as well.

Homan called the tournament a great weekend for his team. He noted the steady improvement of Brianna Micka and the play of Curry, who he said is a tough rebounder and is getting comfortable with high school ball. He also noted the sparkling inside play of Rylee Wilcox.

The ladies are 5-0 in the preseason, top ranked in their league, and ranked #2 in the state 1A division. They next play at Ione/Arlington on Friday, Dec. 20 at 4 p.m.



Coach David Howe offered the Wallowa girls some sage advice in the closing minutes of their matchup with Cove.

Wallowa Cougar girls score a win over Cove

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The Wallowa Cougar ladies hung on to a tenuous two-point lead with just two minutes to go in the game Dec. 12 with Cove to pull out their first preseason win, 34-32 over leave rival Cove.

"We almost gave it away," said coach David Howe. "But we hung tough in the last two minutes."

The two teams kept the score close throughout the game, with the Wallowa Cougars taking the lead in the last few minutes. They led by five points with just 40 seconds to go.

Some risky passing led Howe to call a time out and provide some fervent counseling to his team. Back on

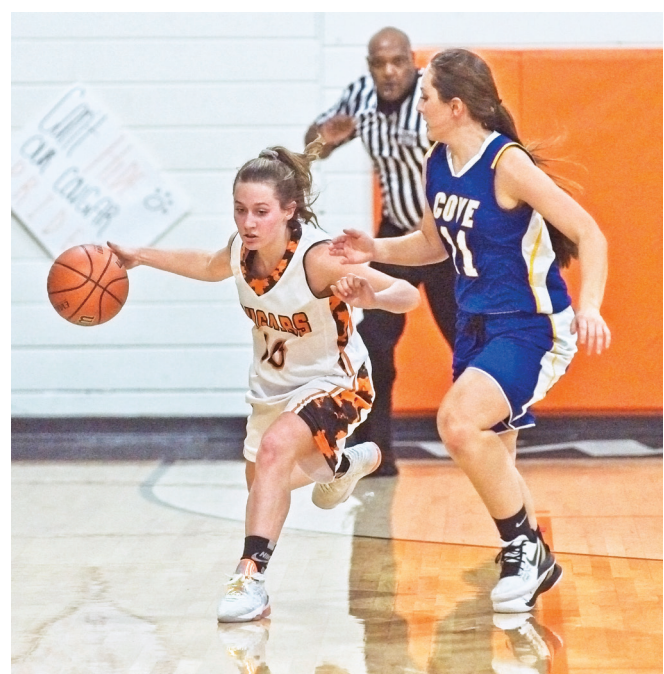
the floor, the Cougars kept possession and eked out the win.

The win was the Cougars' first triumph of the season.

Shanna Rae Tillery scored 13 points and Jamie Johnston had 12 for Wallowa. The Cougars held a 13-8 lead at the half of the low-scoring contest, and the game was tied at 23 after three.

Maggie Frisch had 13 points to lead Cove.

"Our inexperience showed at different points in the game," Howe said. "However, the girls kept fighting and came away with a win. Jamie Johnston had a good game offensively and defensively in her first game back from a shoulder injury."



Wallowa guard Kyla Hook brings the ball downcourt while Cove's Elli Hines-Dunlap looks for a chance to steal.

Wallowa Cougar boys rip Cove Leopards in preseason game

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Tristin Bales was simply unstoppable. In the Dec. 12 game between the Wallowa Cougars and Cove Leopards in Wallowa, Bales scored 37 points mostly in fierce drives to the basket after pilfering the ball from a Cove player.

Bales proved a reliable player during the first half, as the Leopards and Cougars sparred for the lead. But in the second half, Bales was on fire, a one-man scoring machine who would simply not be denied. He hit layups, jumpers and three-pointers with formidable accuracy, energizing the team for a stellar second half. Bales scored 15 field goals and several "nothing but net" foul shots — and the Wallowa Cougars distanced themselves in the second half for a going-away 61-44 home win over the Cove Leopards.



A happy Tristin Bales (right) and Mason Moore take seats on the bench while their younger teammates finish the game.

Quinten Tillery added 10 points and Zeb Hermens had eight for Wallowa, which held a slim 23-20 lead at the half before pulling ahead 40-28 after three and adding on late. Final score: 61-44.

Stuart Patton scored 14 points to lead the Leopards. Chase Tennis added eight and Patrick Frisch scored seven.

The game evened Wallowa to a 2-2 early preseason record. Presently, they are ranked 24th in the state's 1A division.



Justin Bales lays in two points over Cove's Israel O'Reilly.

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