

Eagle football team wins in first game back

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HARPER — Joseph won in its first full-contact football game in more than a year, defeating Harper on the road Friday, March 5, 37-18, behind a big day offensively from running back Juston Rogers.

The senior accounted for three touchdowns and more than 250 yards in the win. He rushed for 226 yards and two scores, and added 27 yards receiving and a touchdown. He also stepped up on defense with an interception and seven tackles.

Trace Collier went 8-for-11 passing for 214 yards and two scores, including a 33-yard TD pass to Kale Ferguson. Harley Miller added 29 yards rushing and two scores.

Hayden Hite recorded eight tackles to lead the Eagles. Jonah Staigle had seven tackles, and Collier, Ferguson and Brad Wilcox each recovered a fumble.

The Eagles never trailed, taking a 6-0 lead after one quarter and outscoring the

Hornets each quarter to gradually build to the victory.

“Overall, it was a good first game back since fall of 2019,” head coach Duncan Christman said. “We saw lots of good things, and we were able to see where we need to improve as well. The new athletes we have got to experience Eagle football and our returning athletes were excited for full contact, as well as the coaches. It was really well executed, and Harper was a good opponent.”

The Eagles play their only currently scheduled home game of Season 1 on Friday when they host Dayville/Monument.

Wallowa’s first game canceled

Wallowa’s scheduled season-opener on the grid-iron Saturday, March 6, against Elgin, was canceled after a COVID-19 outbreak within the Elgin School District.

Wallowa will open Thursday when it visits Enterprise at 4 p.m.

Joseph and Enterprise both fall at home, Wallowa splits matches during first week

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ENTERPRISE — Cove 3, Enterprise 0: Enterprise’s first match of Season 2 didn’t result in a win, as Cove swept the Outlaws Friday, March 5, in Enterprise, 25-15, 25-14, 25-19.

But head coach Lisa Farwell said the team was thrilled to just be on the floor, and that quarantines from the recent COVID-19 case in the school impacted the team.

“We haven’t had enough practice due to a school closure last week, and we had last-minute major line up changes because some of our volleyball players required quarantine time,” Farwell said. “We didn’t play a great volleyball match against Cove, but it was great to play. We improved from set to set, and the girls worked hard and had fun.”

Jada Gray led the Outlaws (0-1 overall) with six kills. Savannah Vaughn tallied five kills, Claire Farwell added nine digs and Asiya Salim was 7-for-7 from the service line.

Enterprise and Wallowa faced off late Tuesday in Wallowa. The Outlaws follow Friday and Saturday, March 12-13, with home matches against Pine Eagle and Adrian.

Union 3, Joseph 0: The



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Shanna Rae Tillery hammers the ball back over the net in the Wallowa/Cove volleyball match at Wallowa on Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

Joseph volleyball team hung tight with Union for two sets before the Bobcats pulled away for a 27-25, 25-20, 25-13 win Friday, March 5.

“I felt like they played really well the first two sets,” Joseph head coach Jill Hite said. “They came out and surprised themselves. We just became a little bit undisciplined a little bit in the third set. They weren’t quite there. They’ll get there. It was the first game back.”

Sabrina Albee led the attack for the Eagles (0-1 overall) with eight kills, and also had three blocks. Both Molly Curry and Amy Meyers added three blocks. Curry had two blocks, Meyers had

three aces, and on the defensive back row, Zoey Leith had nine digs, and McKenzie Kefner and Maggie Miller had eight apiece.

Joseph returns to the court Friday and Saturday, March 12-13, with home matches against Pine Eagle and Adrian, respectively.

Wallowa 3, Cove 1: The Cougars overcame nerves from being back on the court to take down Cove in four sets at home on Tuesday, March 2, 25-20, 25-16, 22-25, 25-19.

“We definitely had the first-game jitters,” head coach Janae Hulse said. “We had too many unforced errors for what I know these girls can do. We are very happy that

they got the win, however the rest of the week was dedicated to working on unforced, like serving. Despite the unforced errors, the girls are showing a lot of potential to do great things.”

Shanna Rae Tillery powered the offense with 13 kills, and was a stalwart on defense with 30 digs, while Ella Moeller had 22 assists.

Union 3, Wallowa 0: On Friday, March 5, Wallowa lost for the first time in Season 2 by being swept by Union, 25-12, 25-16, 25-12.

“We fell short of a win but the girls played a much better game all around,” Hulse said. “We had very few missed serves and our total unforced errors dropped a lot. We had a lot of rallies that went back and forth and it was exciting. Union has a good team with a lot of experienced players.”

She credited Libby Fisher with playing a solid match on both offense and defense for Wallowa (1-1 overall), and said that the game was closer than the numbers would indicate.

“Our scores for this game do not reflect how the dynamics went,” she said.

Individual stats were not available.

Wallowa hosted Enterprise Tuesday night, March 9, and visits Pine Eagle Saturday.

Knapp wins to lead Outlaw harriers to victory

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NYSSA — The Wallowa Valley boys cross-country team took four of the top five spots in easily winning the 3 p.m. portion of the Nyssa Invitational Monday, March 8, in Nyssa. Five teams, including the Outlaws, ran in the early session, and five more ran in a later race.

Zac Knapp beat out Baker’s Justin Ash by less than 4 seconds to win with a time of 17:11.77. Ash followed in 17:15.04.

The next three runners across the finish line were all Outlaws.

Bayden Menton placed third in 18:06.33. Teammate Ian Goodrich took fourth in 19:43.27. And Brendan

Moore finished in 20:08.94.

The fifth runner across the finish line for Wallowa Valley was Weston Wolfe in 10th at 20:54.09.

The five paced the Outlaws to 23 points to easily top Baker (41 points).

Also finishing for the Outlaws was Roan Flynn in 23rd (23:43.78), Spencer Decker in 28th (24:39.66) and Will Ogden in 29th (26:58.26).

On the girls side, two runners finished for Wallowa Valley — Iona McDONALD in 10th in 25:45.14, and Michalia Caine in 12th in 26:11.04.

Wallowa Valley returns to the course Saturday, March 13, at the Pioneer Run in Milton-Freewater.



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Progress made on recreation center

Volunteers sweep and rake sand back into the grass carpet at the new recreation center at Jensen Ball Fields on Saturday, March 6, 2021. The sand provides stability and firmness to the indoor “field,” and protects the black plastic bottom of the artificial turf mat from impact and wear, Jim Nave said. “It was delivered with the sand in it, but we had to take all the sand out to be able to move (the turf) into place,” he said. Alpine Meadows Golf Course stored the sand. With the center’s completion, and spring use of the new facility looming, it was time to put it back, Nave said. Greg Oveson, far right, drives a tractor and sand spreader loaned by Alpine Meadows Golf Course to get the sand back where it belonged.

NEWS TODAY WEEKEND FORECAST

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I don't know about you but I often find myself looking through Facebook to find Tim's Winter Weather Report. This has become a valuable tool for county residents to gather information and post weather/road conditions for local travelers. Thank you Tim Polumsky for keeping this close knit community informed of weather conditions and giving us the outlet to reach each other with weather and road conditions, making you this week's Person Making a Difference!

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