

PREP SPORTS ROUNDUP

## Eagle boys outlast Cove at home

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JOSEPH — Chase Murray scored a game-high 28 points and Joseph needed every one of them as the Eagle boys shook off their first loss and outlasted Cove at home Tuesday, June 1, 71-63.

Mason Ferré added 17 points and Javon Brown scored 13 as Joseph opened up a 43-25 half-time lead, then held on at Cove inched closer. A 20-11 third quarter helped the Leopards cut their deficit in half, but Joseph had enough, as Murray scored 11 of his points in the fourth to help preserve the win.

Tee Ledbetter had 26 points to lead Cove, including 19 in the second half, and Pat Frisch added 16 points.

### Joseph girls edge Wallowa again

The Wallowa girls gave Joseph all they could handle for the second time this season, but were doomed by a big fourth quarter from the Eagles as Joseph held on for a 33-29 victory Wednesday, June 2, in Wallowa.

Sabrina Albee was the lynchpin again for the Eagles. The senior scored 25 points, including all 14 of Joseph's first-half points, the team's first 16 points and 19 of the team's first 20 points.

But the Eagles entered the fourth trailing 24-20 before Cooper Nave and Aimee Meyers hit important 3-pointers to help the Eagles rally. Albee added two big buckets late to help secure the win.

The teams were neck-and-neck all night in the low-scoring battle, tied at 2-2 after one and 14-14 at the break.

Zoe Hermens and Libby Fisher, both of whom had eight points to lead Wallowa, had four points apiece in the third as the Cougars built a four-point lead after three quarters. Sophie Moeller added six points, and had a big 3-pointer in the fourth quarter for the Cougars.

Meyers had five points for Joseph.

The Eagles (4-2 overall) visited Echo Tuesday, June 8, and Ontario Wednesday, June 9, while Wallowa hosts Union Friday, June 11, and is at Enterprise Saturday, June 12.

### Cougar girls take down Imbler

Ella Moeller scored 14 points, Zoe Hermens added 13, and the Wallowa Cougars used huge first and third quarters to pull away from Imbler for a 37-23 victory Friday, June 4, at home.

The Cougars outscored Imbler 15-3 in the opening quarter, getting six points from Kyla Hook, five from Moeller and four from Hermens to set the tone for the game. The Panthers rallied to get within 19-15 at the break,

but another offensive burst in the third, led by Moeller, who had seven points in the period — pushed the lead to 34-20.

Hook scored eight points in the win.

### Big third quarter dooms Wallowa boys

The Wallowa boys basketball team was done in by a huge third quarter Friday, June 4, as Imbler rallied after halftime to earn a 50-39 victory in Wallowa.

Tristin Bales and Zeb Hermens combined for all 22 of Wallowa's points in the first half — Bales with 12 and Hermens with 10 — as the Cougars took a 22-19 lead at the break.

Imbler, though, turned the tables with a 19-3 third-quarter run, with eight of those points coming from Bryce Hampton, to take a 38-25 lead after three. Hermens scored seven points in the fourth to try and rally Wallowa, but the comeback fell short.

Hermens finished with 17 points to lead the Cougars, while Bales added 14 points.

Wallowa (1-4 overall) hosts Union Friday and visits Enterprise Saturday.

### Enterprise girls topple Echo

The Enterprise Outlaws carried over momentum from Tuesday's win at Wallowa.

Having several key rotation players back helped, too.

Claire Farwell scored a game-high 12 points, and the Outlaws had a big second quarter on their way to a 38-24 win at Echo Saturday, June 5.

The teams were tied at 5-5 after one, but Enterprise outscored the Cougars 14-2 in the second to break things open and take a 19-7 lead at half-time. Rylin Kirkland had four points in the quarter to lead the balanced effort.

Farwell had six points in the third to help put the game out of reach.

Asiya Salim added eight points for Enterprise, and Kirkland netted seven points.

Enterprise (3-2 overall) hosted Union Tuesday, is at Imbler Wednesday, hosts Wallowa Saturday and Powder Valley Monday.

### Enterprise boys fall to Echo

Dylan Jennings had 12 points to lead a balanced offensive attack, but the Enterprise boys basketball team fell short in its bid for its first win, dropping a road contest to Echo Saturday, June 5, 67-50.

Both Jackson Decker and Gideon Gray added 10 points for the Outlaws (0-5 overall), who play six games this week. Enterprise hosted Union Tuesday, visits Imbler Wednesday, is at Joseph Thursday, battles Pine Eagle and later Wallowa at home Saturday, and hosts Powder Valley Monday.



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Enterprise's Emily Love shoots during the second half of the Outlaws' 40-38 overtime win over Wallowa on Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

## Gray scores late, lifts Enterprise girls past Wallowa in overtime

By RONALD BOND  
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WALLOWA — Being down four of its top seven rotation players who were on a senior retreat resulted in a major challenge for the Enterprise girls basketball team.

But a dominant third quarter that helped the Outlaws take control of the

game, and timely baskets when the game got tight gave Enterprise what it needed to escape Wallowa with a 40-38 overtime win Tuesday, June 1.

Jada Gray, who had 14 points, hit the game-winner with 1:10 remaining in the extra period when she rebounded a Rylin Kirkland miss, scored and was fouled for that 40-38 lead. She

missed the free throw, but the basket gave Enterprise the margin it needed.

Wallowa came up empty on two ensuing possessions, and the Outlaws were able to run out the clock and escape with the win.

The Cougars led the entirety of the first half until Kirkland, who led Enterprise with 16 points, hit a corner 3-pointer with 5 sec-

onds to go for a 17-16 lead at the break.

Gray and Kirkland found their touch in the third, and Enterprise got its fastbreak going and appeared ready to run away with the win. Gray scored twice in the first minute of the third to help open up a 21-16 lead. The lead twice reached seven — the

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## Hermens, Bales power Wallowa boys past Enterprise

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WALLOWA — Both Enterprise and Wallowa entered action Tuesday, June 1, in need of a victory.

In the end, it was the hometown Cougars — powered by their seniors — who came away with their first win.

Zeb Hermens scored a game-high 26 points, Tristin Bales added 18, and the Cougars led almost wire-to-wire in a 54-42 win over Enterprise at Wallowa.

"It was nice. it was a good win for us," head coach Cody Lathrop said. "I think more than anything, it was set up by two seniors. Zeb Hermens and Tristin Bales, they kind of propelled the effort. They shot well, we rebounded even better, so really happy for them."

Both teams took a similar approach to the game with a high-octane and, at times,



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Wallowa's Jace Fisher shoots during a game against Enterprise Tuesday, June 1, 2021. Fisher and the Cougars defeated the Outlaws, 54-42.

frenetic pace.

It served the Cougars better Tuesday, as both Hermens and Bales were able to get to the rim repeatedly and score on an array of layups

or short jumpers.

Hermens scored 10 of Wallowa's first 14 points, including the basket that gave the Cougars the lead for good with his rebound and putback

for a 7-5 lead with 2:45 to play in the first. Bales' 3-point play and Hermens' layup quickly gave Wallowa a seven-point lead, and the margin was 16-9 after one when Bales scored on a putback.

Hermens' 3-pointer to open the scoring in the second pushed the margin to 10, but the Outlaws hung around. Gideon Gray's putback and Jericho Peters' layup cut the deficit to six, and Enterprise got as close as 22-17 on a pair of Jackson Decker free throws with 3:54 left in the half.

But Wallowa scored the final six points — four from Bales, and two on a late steal and basket from Jace Fisher — for a 30-18 lead at the break.

The teams traded scoring in the third until Hermens scored near the midway point for the team's largest lead at

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## Evans wins, Enterprise takes fourth at Jo-Hi Invite

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JOSEPH — Trace Evans was dominant on the mat at the Jo-Hi Invite Thursday, June 3, pinning three of his four opponents on the way to easily winning the 160-pound class and helping Enterprise to a fourth-place finish as a team.

Evans, the defending state runner-up, pinned each of his first three opponents in the round robin-style tournament — two of which he stuck in the first round. He opened with a 65-second win-by-fall over Crane's Austin Ward, then pinned Elgin's Joe Lathrop in 3:28, and needed just 21 seconds to finish off Elgin's

Gen Wintersteen.

The final match was more of a challenge, but Evans fended off Culver's Anthony Hood by a 4-0 decision to finish the day undefeated.

He scored half of the Outlaws' 32 points on the day.

Powerhouse Culver won the meet with 213 points and six champions.

The other two Outlaw

wrestlers both placed third: Tegan Evans earned two victories, including a pin of Trever Smith of Culver in 1:39, to place third at 145 pounds. Cody Fent, wrestling at 182, added a win by fall over Abel Huizer of Culver in 31 seconds.

It was a tougher afternoon

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