

BOYS BASKETBALL

Outlaws' fourth-quarter surge falls short

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ENTERPRISE — The Enterprise boys basketball team found a fourth-quarter spark to get back into its Monday, June 14, contest against Powder Valley.

But the 15-point deficit after three quarters proved to be too much to overcome, and the Outlaws ultimately fell to the Badgers 65-51 at Quinn Court.

The Badgers methodically built up their lead throughout the first three quarters, and used a 7-2 run to end the third ahead 47-32.

The Outlaws then tried to get it all back — and nearly succeeded.

Jackson and Spencer Decker opened the fourth with 3-pointers in the first minute to cut the deficit to 50-38. It was still a 14-point game, though, when Enterprise made its major surge.

Spencer Decker started a 9-0 run that took just 90 seconds with a layup. David Salim, who led the Outlaws with 16 points, got to the hoop for two before Decker scored again. Jackson Decker followed with his second 3-pointer of the quarter to make it a 52-47 contest with still 4:40 remaining.

Kaden Krieger and Spencer Decker traded baskets to keep the margin at

five before the Badgers pulled away, scoring the next 11 points — capped with field goals by Clay and Cole Martin — for a 65-49 lead.

The Outlaws opened the game on fire. Salim scored six in the opening period and Dylan Jennings had a pair of field goals less than a minute apart that gave Enterprise its largest lead at 13-9 with about 2:20 to play in the first.

The Badgers scored the next seven points, capped by a Reece Dixon layup, for a 16-13 lead after one.

Enterprise never led again, and trailed by as much as 12 points in the second quarter before going into the half down 35-23.

The lead stayed between nine and 12 points most of the third until the Badgers' late run, though the Outlaws hung around long enough to give Powder Valley a scare in the fourth.

Krieger led all scorers with 21 points, and Clay Martin had 18 for the Badgers.

In addition to Salim's 16-point day, both Decker brothers scored nine points — combining for 15 in the fourth quarter — and Jennings netted eight points.

The Outlaws (3-7 overall) wrap up the season Wednesday when they host Crane.

Joseph boys add four more to win column

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The Joseph boys basketball team added four more wins to the docket, taking down Pine Eagle, Ontario, Enterprise and Grant Union as they move into the final week of the regular season.

On Tuesday, June 8, the Eagles rolled over the Spartans on the road, 51-34, behind a 19-point performance from Chase Murray.

Joseph used a big second quarter to build a 10-point halftime lead at 23-13, and added on in the second half.

Mason Ferre added 15 points.

On Wednesday, the Eagles crushed Ontario on the road, 64-35.

Ferre scored 22 points to lead Joseph, and had all 16 of the team's points in the second quarter as the Eagles built a 30-12 halftime lead. Ferre had all his points by the end of the third.

Murray added nine points, and 10 players scored on the night for Joseph.

On Thursday, Ferre went off again, scoring 28 points in the Eagles 75-44 home win over Enterprise.

He had 11 in the opening quarter and 16 by halftime as Joseph took a 36-25 lead at the break, then scored 10 more points in the third as the lead swelled to 57-37.

Murray added nine points as nine players scored.

The Eagles followed with another blowout win Monday, topping Grant Union on the road, 60-30.

Ferre again was the leading scorer with 20 points, but Murray was right on his tail with 19 points. Joseph broke the game open by halftime, when it led 31-11, and stretched the lead to 25 after three.

Joseph (9-1 overall) hosts Crane Wednesday and Powder Valley Thursday.

Enterprise boys earn three wins

After a rough start, the Enterprise boys basketball team got into the win column last week, earning vic-

tories over Imbler, Pine Eagle and Wallowa.

The week started with a tough home loss against Union on Tuesday, June 8, 72-41.

Gideon Gray was the leading scorer against the Bobcats with 10 points.

On Wednesday, June 9, Enterprise got into the win column for the first time, taking down Imbler on the road, 60-54.

Jackson Decker led the way with 20 points, while Dylan Jennings added 14 points.

On Thursday, the Outlaws played their third game in as many nights, and fell on the road in Joseph, 75-44.

Gray again was the leading scorer with 14 points.

On Saturday, June 12, the Outlaws won two home contests, first beating Pine Eagle 56-45.

Gray was the leading scorer yet again for Enterprise, finishing with 20 points. Jackson Decker added 13 points and Spencer Decker put in 12 points.

A few hours later, the Outlaws took down Wallowa, 57-37.

Jackson Decker had 13 points in the victory, and Jennings scored 10 points.

Wallowa boys wrap up season

The shorthanded Wallowa boys finished the season last week with a pair of tough losses to Union, 59-22, and to Enterprise, 57-37.

The Cougars hung close early against the Bobcats on Friday, June 11, trailing 19-13 after one, but Wallowa netted just nine points the rest of the contest as Union pulled away.

Zeb Hermens scored 13 points, and Tristin Bales had seven points.

On Saturday, Wallowa stayed with the Outlaws until halftime, when Enterprise pulled away to turn a two-point lead into a 38-27 margin and added on from there.

Bales had 17 points, and

Hermens scored eight points.

Wallowa finishes with a record of 1-6 overall.

Enterprise girls win twice

The Enterprise girls earned two victories in the last week, upping their win total to five as they enter the final week of the season.

On Tuesday, June 8, Union pulled away from the Outlaws in the first half on the way to a 50-32 win in Enterprise.

Claire Farwell had 11 points in the loss, including seven in the second half.

On Wednesday, the Outlaws broke open their game against Imbler in the second quarter on the way to a 49-24 win. They outpaced the Panthers 18-6 in the second to take a 26-9 lead at the half.

Rylin Kirkland scored 12 points as nine players scored, with Farwell, Asiya Salim and Madison Wigen all adding six points.

Saturday, the Outlaws pulled away from Wallowa for a 38-22 win, breaking the game open to take a 17-7 halftime lead and a 28-11 lead through three quarters.

Salim scored a game-high 13 points, and Maci Marr added 10 points.

Joseph girls grab three wins

The Joseph girls picked up three victories as they move into the final week of the regular season.

On Tuesday, June 8, the Eagles won a low-scoring battle in Echo, topping the Cougars 30-15.

Joseph led 13-8 at halftime, then shut the Cougars out in the third to extend the lead to 26-8. The Eagles held Echo to just five field goals on the night.

Joseph had a balanced scoring attack, getting 10 points from Sabrina Albee and seven from Cooper Nave to lead the way.

One night later, Albee scored 24 points as the Eagles pulled away from Ontario for a 52-33 road

victory.

A big third quarter again secured the victory for Joseph. The Eagles held just a 20-14 halftime lead, then went off for 22 points in the third to go ahead 42-21. Albee had nine in the period, and 14 in the second half.

Nave added 12 points for the Eagles in the win.

On Monday, Joseph held on for a close 56-51 road win against Grant Union.

The Eagles (7-2 overall) host Crane Wednesday afternoon and host Powder Valley Thursday.

Season ends for Wallowa girls

The Wallowa girls basketball team saw the season end with a pair of losses to Union and Enterprise.

On Friday, June 11, Union quickly built up an insurmountable lead on the way to a 50-20 road victory.

On Saturday, Enterprise broke the game open in the second quarter to take a 17-7 halftime lead, led 28-11 after three quarters and coasted in the fourth.

Zoe Hermens scored nine points — all in the fourth quarter — for the Cougars, who finish with a record of 1-5.

Evans wins at Pine Eagle

Trace Evans won all three of his matches to take the 152-pound weight class at the Pine Eagle Invitational Saturday, June 12.

Evans won by an 11-8 decision over Culver's Wyatt Corwin, and an 8-2 decision over Gabe Hasbell of Elgin. He also had a third win by injury default.

Tegan Evans went 1-3 at 145, including a win by fall over Heppner's Edward Ellsworth.

Kale Ferguson (182) had the lone win for Joseph with a pin of Culver's Abel Huizer to take third in the weight class.

Both teams are back in action Thursday at the 2A/1A district meet in Culver.

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coaching the Crane boys program — have face the Outlaws under Crawford, though the teams didn't meet until two years ago. They played early in the 2018-19 season in Enterprise, and again in the 2019-20 season in Crane, with the Mustangs winning both contests — 53-44 in the initial contest, and 49-29 the following year.

The two have a longer history coaching in summer camps, and met years ago at the Pine Eagle basketball camp.

Travis said the work Crawford does outside of the regular season is a big part of the success he has had.

"He does a lot of stuff in the offseason," Travis said of Crawford. "I remember when I first started going up there to (the camp at) Pine Eagle, the number of kids he would bring, he was bringing 30 kids or more up there. He had a great turnout every year. I was amazed how many kids he would bring up to camp. That is a big part of his success. He has built a good program and had

great turnout each year, and commitment for his players."

Crawford said that like himself, Travis has had a good run with athletes, but has a group currently that has grown a lot.

"He had a young group, this group he has right now, that showed some moxie," Crawford said of the Mustangs in 2018-19. "Up tempo, aggressive defense (and it's) always good to have a big girl in the middle. Seeing him one year later and the distance they had come ... I knew they would be a tough beat for anybody."

Off the court, the two share interests, too.

"Stub is a really level-headed, down-to-earth guy," Crawford said. "I like to hunt and fish, he likes to hunt and fish. We hit it off for the first time I met him."

Neither is too focused on their career win totals, but both will be working hard to steer their teams to another in Wednesday's once-in-a-generation matchup.

"It's rare. There is no doubt," Crawford said. "Stub and I both barely broke the 500 mark, so to have it happen is pretty unique."

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Badger girls rally in fourth to clip Outlaws

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ENTERPRISE — The Enterprise girls basketball team seemed to be in control Monday, June 14, when it used a 16-0 run to take a double-digit lead, and was up 10 entering the final quarter.

But Powder Valley had the final say.

Belle Blair scored 10 of her 18 points in the fourth quarter and had the winning basket with 1:26 to go as the Badgers rallied from 13 points down to slip by the Outlaws, 39-37, at Quinn Court.

Powder Valley entered the fourth quarter trailing by 10, but methodically chipped away at the deficit, with Blair doing the majority of the work. She had a put-

back, a short jumper in the lane and a drive to the hoop in the first 3 minutes of the fourth to shave the margin to 34-30. A putback by Dallee Bingham inched the Badgers closer, and they eventually took a 36-35 lead after putbacks by Blair and Ayla Bingham.

Claire Farwell, who scored a game-high 21 points, hit two free throws for a 37-36 Outlaw lead with 2:01 to go. Dallee Bingham tied the game with a free throw on the other end, and on the ensuing possession, Blair collected a steal and went coast-to-coast for what ended up being the winning basket with 1:26 to play.

The Outlaws came up empty on the next possession, and the Badgers managed to burn the remaining

time off the clock for the win.

The fourth was a stark contrast from earlier in the game, when the Outlaws went on a torrid run in the second quarter to build a 26-13 halftime lead.

Farwell had 11 points in the period, many of them on breakaway layups after a teammate grabbed a steal and found the senior open on the other end. That happened twice in a minute when Rylin Kirkland and, later, Asiya Salim, connected with Farwell for baskets to give Enterprise a 17-13 lead.

Farwell also got creative in scoring a basket with 2:08 to play in the half. An inbound pass under the hoop bounded off Blair, and Farwell scooped it up, scored and drew the foul, with the 3-point play making it 20-13.

She followed with a hoop off a loose ball, and after Kirkland went coast-to-coast for a layup, Salim found Farwell one more time after a steal, with Farwell's hoop capping the run and giving Enterprise the 13-point halftime lead.

The teams jockeyed for the lead early, with two Madison Wigen free throws and a Farwell layup giving the Outlaws an 8-6 lead after one.

The teams jockeyed for the lead in the second until Grace Collins' 3-pointer tied the score at 13-13 with 4:21 to play in the half and triggered the 16-0 run.

Collins and Kirkland both finished with 5 points for the Outlaws (5-4 overall), who host Crane on Wednesday to wrap up the season.

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