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six-man football, losing to Prairie City/Burnt River on the road Thursday, Oct. 21, 66-12.

The Eagles (4-3 overall) travel to face Powers in the six-man quarterfinals on Saturday, Oct. 30. Kickoff for the game is slated for 1 p.m., per the OSAA website.

Cougars routed by Huskies

Wallowa's injury-plagued season ended on a rough note with the Cougars getting beaten at home by Elgin, Friday, Oct. 22, by a score of 66-0.

The Cougars also had to forfeit their lone win against Union (and four other contests, though they were defeats) for having played an ineligible player during five games.

The loss wraps up Wallowa's season with a final record of 0-6 overall.

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record of the early 90s was better, back-to-back state championships is hard to trump.

Enterprise Outlaws

There is no discussion here. The 1980s were prime time for Enterprise, then known as the Savages. The dominance really started in 1979 with Enterprise reaching its first state championship game, though the previously unbeaten Savages were decimated by St. Mary's that day, 40-0.

It began a playoff rivalry between the schools. Enterprise returned to the title game in 1982 with a lockdown defense that had shut out its previous three playoff opponents. The Savages held St. Mary's to just three points in the rematch of the 1979 game, but missed out on a title,

falling 3-0 despite allowing an average of 0.75 points per game in the postseason.

A year later, St. Mary's, seemingly having Enterprise's number, stopped a previously unbeaten squad led by Chuck Corak again, this time in the semifinals, and again via shutout, 13-0.

Then came 1984. The year that the Red and Black finally broke through. The Savages went 13-0, shut out their first two playoff opponents, edged Colton 16-6 in the semifinals, and held Yoncalla — who was averaging nearly 50 points per game in the playoffs — to just two touchdowns as they won what is the program's only state championship, 17-14.

Only once since — in 1998 — has Enterprise returned to the championship game, a 15-6 loss to Amity.

For the 1980s, the Savages posted a record of 96-17, six times winning 10 or more games. In the

playoffs, they were 14-7, reaching the postseason eight times in the 10 years, winning at least one game seven times, reaching the semifinals four times and the championship game thrice.

An argument could be made that this was the best decade among the three schools, though that is for another day.

Joseph Eagles

Joseph, a dominant force on the girls basketball court, has had a rough time on the gridiron. The Eagles reached the playoffs in 1958, but went one and done, and were left on the outside looking in until 2005, when Rusty Eschler guided them to the state semifinals and a 10-2 record in their first year in eight-man football. Three years later, they returned to the semifinals, then went one step further and played for a state title, falling to Imbler, 48-36, to finish 11-2, their only losses that season coming to the Panthers.

Success then eluded Joseph until 2018 and an OSAA trial run of six-man football, which it hadn't played since the 1950s.

The Eagles dropped down to the pilot and in 2018 rolled every opponent on the way to a 7-0 record and a de-facto state title, a 64-31 win over McKenzie. A year later, they were undefeated again and back in the championship before South Wasco County — the only team to stay close to them the first two seasons — did the unthinkable and stopped the Eagles' offense for a 19-6 win.

With just two decades to consider, the 2000s and the 2010s, this is a tougher call. On one hand, it seems an easy argument to say the 2010s, given the state title. But it was in a pilot season, and the team had limited success prior. The 2000s saw them win multiple playoff games (which is unprecedented in prior history), going 5-3 and playing for a sanctioned OSAA championship.

But there is something to be said about beating who is across from you, and the Eagles did that to close the decade — going 13-1 and outscoring teams by an average of 55-7, and an average of 58.8-6.2 in the 13 wins. Call it recency bias, but we'll by a hair give it to the 2010s.

Wallowa council sets up complaint procedure

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WALLOWA — A resolution establishing the procedure for the investigation of complaints against the city or its employees was approved by the Wallowa City Council at its meeting Tuesday, Oct. 19.

Carolyn Harshfield, city administrator, said the previous week that the resolution was crafted by city attorney Roland Johnson upon the request of Mayor Gary Hulse after a city resident complained about a comment a city employee made in public. Harshfield said the comment was not derogatory nor was it made during working hours, but the mayor believed a resolution governing such a situation was warranted.

In another matter during last week's brief meeting, city resident Jean Foster discussed with the council his concerns over the pending closure of Community Bank in Wallowa. He said some elderly people had expressed concerns about the closure, Harshfield said Monday, Oct. 25.

She said the city owns the building that the bank is vacating, and anyone is welcome to lease it. A potential tenant would need to bring a proposal to the city.

The council also approved a request for a minor partition of Bernice Bernotat's property at 303 S. Alder abutting Pine Street. Bernotat recently purchased the house there and it has a pasture behind it. She wishes to partition the property so it can more easily be sold, Harshfield said.

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COOPER NAVE

Cooper Nave had a day to remember during the Old Oregon League district tournament Saturday, Oct. 23, in Baker City. In helping Joseph claim the district title, Nave had 32 kills and 48 digs in two wins over Imbler and Powder Valley. That included a 19-kill, 40-dig effort in the five-set win over the Badgers in the championship match.

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