

## Girls:

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Saturday, Dec. 18, in the third-place game of the Union Christmas Classic against the host Bobcats.

But Union got the last say, rallying from a 10-point half-time deficit to earn a 45-36 victory in a matchup that served as a Blue Mountain Conference preview for both teams.

"I thought we really came to play against Union," head coach Mike Crawford said. "We played a really good first half, and we didn't get enough attempts and we turned it over too much in the second half."

Both Emily Love — who finished with a team-high nine points — and Rilyn Kirkland had seven first-half points, and Maci Marr scored six points in the first half, and Enterprise extended a three-point lead after one to 27-17 at the half.

But the Bobcats rallied, and the Outlaws struggled to score in the second half. Callie Glenn, who had 21 points for Union, had six points in the third as the teams played to a 32-32 tie after three quarters. Glenn scored seven more in the fourth.

The Outlaws were within



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**Wallowa's Abby Straight shoots during the Cougars' game at Enterprise on Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021.**

three points in the final minutes, Crawford said, before Union salted away the win.

Marr finished with eight points for Enterprise.

"We're 4-5, but we've played Crane (twice, and that Powder Valley team (we played Thursday) is coming on right now. They're young and improving," Crawford said. "I'm happy about what I'm seeing out of my team. We got so much basketball in such a short span."

With their game at Nixy-aawii canceled Monday

because of road conditions, the Outlaws (4-5 overall) next host Imbler Wednesday in their final game before starting BMC play.

**Faith Bible 71, Joseph 35:** The Joseph girls basketball fell behind by double digits early Saturday, Dec. 18, but unlike Friday was unable to rally against a strong Faith Bible team, falling 71-35 in the Eagles' final game at the 13 Mile Shootout.

"Faith Bible is very good," head coach Lance Homan said. "They're very, very good. Very athletic, solid 1-5. ... We learned a lot from that game."

Joseph was behind 19-8 after one, but by halftime the margin grew to 21 at 34-13. Faith Bible outscored Joseph in all but the third quarter.

Aimee Meyers turned in her second strong game of

the weekend, finishing with 19 points, including 16 in the second half. Cooper Nave also reached double figures and finished with 13 points. The two combined for all 22 of Joseph's points in the second half.

The loss dropped Joseph to 2-5 overall, but Homan noted the team has played several stout opponents so far in its nonconference slate.

"It's been an extremely difficult preseason as far as the teams we've played," he said. "We've learned a lot."

Joseph is off until Dec. 28 when it visits Ione/Arlington.

### Friday

**Joseph 40, Prairie City 36:** Aimee Meyers scored 22 points, including 12 in the second half, to help rally the Joseph girls basketball team from a double-digit deficit

to earn a 40-36 road victory over Prairie City Friday, Dec. 17, at the 13 Mile Shootout, for their second win of the season.

"A lot of good things happened in that game that allowed us to come back and get the win," head coach Lance Homan said.

The Panthers built a 12-point lead after one quarter, but the Eagles chipped away to cut the margin to 25-20 by halftime, and took a 31-27 lead through three quarters. Meyers had seven points in the third quarter alone.

Meyers was joined in double figures by Cooper Nave, who scored 10 points. Between them, Nave and Meyers scored all but two of the team's 20 points in the second half.

**Crane 53, Enterprise 28:** It was closer than the first time the teams met up, but the Enterprise Outlaws dropped a second matchup to 1A powerhouse Crane Friday, Dec. 17, falling to the Mustangs 53-28 at the Union Christmas Classic.

The Outlaws fell behind by nine after one quarter, but held their own to stay in the game as they trailed 27-16 at the break. Crane, though, broke the game open with a 14-2 third-quarter run to build an insurmountable lead.

Rilyn Kirkland scored nine of her team-high 11 points in the first half, and Maci Marr added five points.

**Wallowa 43, Umatilla JV 8:** The Wallowa girls basketball team coasted to an easy win in their first game of the Helix Basketball Tournament Friday, Dec. 17, as the Cou-

gars routed the Umatilla JV, 43-8.

The Cougars never trailed, opening up a 13-0 lead after one quarter and rolling to a 27-2 advantage by halftime as they secured their third win.

Eight Wallowa players scored, with Libby Fisher netting a game-high eight points to lead the way. Zoe Hermens added seven points and three players — Karly Baremore, Haley Brockamp and Abby Straight — had six points.

### Thursday

**Enterprise 43, Powder Valley 40:** The Enterprise girls rallied in the fourth quarter to open the Union Christmas Classic with a win Thursday, Dec. 16, slipping by Powder Valley in North Powder, 43-40.

The Outlaws trailed 31-30 entering the final quarter, but got just enough in the fourth to collect their fourth victory.

"The games that I've played against North Powder over the years have always been tight," head coach Mike Crawford said. "They're always competitive with us."

Rilyn Kirkland, who had a team-high 14 points, scored six in the fourth quarter. Madi Wigen added four points in the final quarter and finished with six points, and Jada Gray and Emily Love also had six points apiece.

Neither team had a major lead throughout the contest. Enterprise held two-point margins at the end of both the first and second quarters, 10-8 and 22-20, before Powder Valley inched ahead for their one-point margin after three.

**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**

**AIMEE MEYERS**

Aimee Meyers turned in two strong scoring performances for the Joseph girls basketball team last week, pouring in a season-high 22 points in a win over Prairie City Friday, Dec. 17, and following with 19 points in a loss to Faith Bible Saturday, Dec. 18. The sophomore is off to a strong start this season, as in seven games she leads the Eagles with 13.3 points per game and has been the team's top scorer five times.

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the 13 Mile Shootout.

The Eagles trailed 18-2 after one quarter, getting just a field goal from Kane Johnson.

They slowly chipped away, fueled by a huge night from James Burney. The margin was down

to 27-13 at halftime, and 46-36 after three quarters.

Head coach Olan Fulfer said Joseph actually pulled ahead in the fourth, but lost momentum after losing Chase Homan to a concussion and Hayden Hite to foul trouble. Joseph's rally ultimately stalled despite the team scoring 45 points in the second half.

Still, he was pleased with the effort after the huge early deficit.

"It was 20-something to 2 by the time we got battling," Fulfer said. "I was really proud of my team for staying in it, not (losing) your heads, and showing a ton of resilience and fight. That shows we can be a really good team."

Burney scored 23 points — all after the first quarter — and had 17 in the second half, including nine in the fourth. He connected on five 3-pointers in the game, and as a team Joseph hit 11 treys, including five in the fourth quarter.

"He hit big shots (and) attacked well," Fulfer said.

Blade Suto added 11 points for the Eagles and

Johnson scored eight points.

**Cove 59, Enterprise 43:** A day after an encouraging offensive performance, the Enterprise boys basketball team reverted back to some of its prior offensive struggles in a 59-43 loss to Cove on Friday, Dec. 17, at the Union Christmas Classic.

Jackson Decker had 14 points to lead the offense, and both Spencer Decker and Gideon Gray added eight points.

But the Outlaws fell behind early and couldn't rally. They trailed by nine after one quarter and were down 32-19 at the break. The lead grew to 19 by the end of the third quarter.

"They just kind of out-muscled us," head coach Kyle Crawford said. "They had a big guy that was super talented. We struggled ... to stop them."

Patrick Frisch had 23 points for Cove in the win.

### Thursday

**Powder Valley 79, Enterprise 62:** The Enterprise boys basketball team opened the Union Christ-

mas Classic on Thursday, Dec. 16, with its best offensive performance of the season, as it traded blows with high-powered Powder Valley before the Badgers pulled away for a 79-62 victory.

The Outlaws were within 20-17 after a quarter, but the Badgers dropped 25 points in the second and took a sizable 45-28 lead at the half. The teams were deadlocked in the second half in scoring.

"I felt like our offense finally showed up for the first time all year," head coach Kyle Crawford said. "Our shooting percentage was a lot better. They're extremely talented. I felt like we held our own against a really good team. It was an offensive performance I was proud of and something to build off of."

Jackson Decker had the hot hand on offense, and finished with 19 points. He also connected on three 3-pointers in the game. Gideon Gray joined him in double figures, scoring seven points in each half to finish with 14 points.

## Wrestling:

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Russell went 1-2 to take fourth, with a loss by fall to Elgin's Gabe Hasbell, a win

by 9-2 decision over Baker's Ben Coburn, and a loss by fall to Elgin's Gen Wintersteen in the third-place match.

And Clary went 0-2 with two losses by fall at 182.

Joseph was 11th with seven points.

Enterprise is back in action Dec. 22 at the Rollin Schimmel Memorial Tournament in Pendleton, and both teams then wrestle Dec. 30 — the Outlaws at Riverside, and the Eagles at Pomeroy, Washington.

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