



Ronald Bond/Wallowa County Chieftain, File
Joseph quarterback Trace Collier tries to elude a Wheeler County defender Friday, Oct. 15, 2021, in Joseph. The OSAA football ad hoc committee is fully supportive of adding an official state championship for six-man football beginning this fall.

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It is considering adding a week to the beginning of the season or to the end, making the season 10 weeks for nine games to be played. It says the consideration would help with odd-numbered leagues, help officials whose ranks are stretched thin and help with transportation issues, among others. Two possibilities are

being looked at: one would add a week to the start of the season, moving the first practice this fall to Aug. 8 and the earliest first game to Aug. 25, as opposed to Aug. 15 and Sept. 1. The other option would move the season ending a week later, with the cutoff date Nov. 5 instead of Oct. 29, and the championship games for 1A through 5A on Dec. 3 instead of Nov. 26.

The next ad hoc committee meeting is slated for Wednesday, Feb. 2.

Outlaw grapplers compete at John Day

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JOHN DAY — Five Enterprise wrestlers took to the mat at the Grant Union Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 22, and three of them had success.

Gabby Delapena, Will Ogden, and Gunnar McDowell all went undefeated in their wrestling pods to lead the Outlaws' effort.

Delapena, wrestling in the 125-pound girls bracket, won all three matches by fall.

It was a similar day for Ogden at 195, who went 2-0 with two wins by fall, and for McDowell at 220, who went 4-0 and won all his matches by fall.

Pearce Schnetzky went 1-3 at 138 pounds, and Tegan Evans dropped four matches at 145.

The Outlaws return to the mat Thursday, Jan. 27, at Baker City and Saturday, Jan. 29 at Caldwell.

COVID keeps Joseph off the mat

The Joseph wrestling team did not compete this week due to COVID-19.

The Eagles are slated to return to the mat Saturday, Jan. 29, in Irrigon.



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Enterprise's Will Ogden, right, wrestles during the Jo-Hi Wrestling Tournament Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022.

CLAYTON PERRY
Clayton Perry wasn't in position to win the Eagle Cap Extreme when he came to the final checkpoint, but took a chance, made a move with his team and ended up winning the return of the race at about 2:38 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 22. Perry finished in 38 hours, 31 minutes. He and his team of dogs (which was down to seven by the end of the race) are this week's athletes of the week.
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ally added on in the second half to seal the victory.

Libby Fisher added seven points, and Moeller finished with six points.

Wallowa (9-6 overall, 3-2 Old Oregon League) hosts Imbler Jan. 28 and visits Pine Eagle Jan. 29.

"We have a tough stretch coming up the next two weeks, and it will tell us a lot," Oveson said.

Wednesday, Jan. 19

Joseph 45, Pine Eagle 31: Aimee Meyers went off for 15 of her game-high 22 points in the second half, and the Joseph girls basketball team opened an early double-digit lead and coasted to a 45-31 road win against Pine Eagle Wednesday, Jan. 19, in Old Oregon League play.

A balanced effort helped the Eagles break out to a quick lead, as they charged ahead 14-1 after one quarter and maintained the double-digit margin at the half, 24-10. Meyers had seven points in the opening 16 minutes, and Molly Curry had all eight of her points in the opening half to lead all scorers.

Then Meyers took over, scoring all 11 of Joseph's points in the third quarter to help the Eagles extend the lead to 35-18. She had seven of the team's nine field goals after the break.

Sarah Orr added six points in the win for Joseph.

"We were able to get all 12 girls in the game for significant minutes," head coach Lance Homan said. "It was fun to see."



Ellen Morris Bishop/For the Wallowa County Chieftain
Joseph's Molly Curry (5) shoots over a pair of Nixyaawii defenders Friday, Jan. 21, 2022.

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the stretch. When the teams met on Jan. 10, Stanfield ran away with a 70-41 victory.

On Jan. 22, Enterprise grabbed a first-quarter lead and, despite giving up 23 second-quarter points, was

down just seven at the half at 34-27.

The teams combined for just 12 points in the third, with the lead reaching nine by the end of three. Enterprise found a rhythm on offense again in the fourth, with Spencer Decker scoring 10 in the period to spark the offense, but the rally fell short.

Decker finished with 20 points, a game-high, putting in 12 in the second half. Jackson Decker added 10 points and Roan Flynn had seven points, all from the free-throw line.

Enterprise (2-13 overall, 0-5 BMC) visited Hep-pner Jan. 25, then hosts Pilot Rock Jan. 26 and travels to Union on Jan. 29.

I sincerely want to thank all of Wallowa County! The business owners and our community have been very supportive of my journey in helping me become 2022 Miss Teen Rodeo Oregon! Coronation was a huge success because of the love and support of our community!
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