

# Boys:

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Enterprise (2-16 overall, 0-8 Blue Mountain Conference) hosts Heppner on Feb. 4 and Grant Union on Feb. 5.

**Pine Eagle 37, Wallowa 28:** The Cougars hung with Pine Eagle throughout the afternoon Saturday, Jan. 29, but the Spartans got the last say in a 37-28 Old Oregon League victory in Halfway.

The teams were tied after one quarter, but a rough second put the Cougars in a hole as they trailed at the break, 21-14. Wallowa responded with a good third quarter to get back in the game. Gabe Nobles had seven of his team-high 11 points in the third as the Cougars made it a one-possession game after three, 28-25.

But Wallowa scored just three points in the fourth, two on a Kellen Knifong field goal, and saw their rally fall short.

Willie Gibbs added



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**Wallowa's Gabe Nobles passes the ball during an Old Oregon League game Friday, Jan. 28, 2022.**

seven points in the loss for Wallowa.

**Jan. 28**

**Joseph 39, Elgin 33:** The final score may have been closer than most would have expected, but Joseph largely played its junior var-

sity players in a 39-33 victory over Elgin on Friday, Jan. 28.

In all, nine players got into the scorebook for the Eagles. Kane Johnson led the way with nine points, and three players — Jesse Larison, Matthew Hoppel

and Rhyson Collier — each scored six points. Joseph's typical starting five all took the night off against an Elgin team that starts five freshmen and has just six players on the roster.

It was a much closer game as a result. Joseph led

16-11 at the half, and the teams played an even second half, with Joseph outscoring Elgin after the break 23-22.

**Jan. 26**

**Pilot Rock 52, Enterprise 50:** The Enterprise boys basketball team was on the cusp of its first Blue Mountain Conference victory of the season.

Rylen Bronson of Pilot Rock, though, had other ideas.

Bronson scored 13 points in the fourth quarter and hit the winning 3-pointer in the closing moments as the Rockets pulled out a 52-50 road victory over the Outlaws on Wednesday, Jan. 26.

The freshman guard scored 21 points to lead all scorers, and, with his team down 50-49 with less than 5 seconds remaining, hit his second 3 of the quarter to help the Rockets escape.

The Rockets led much of the first half, and were ahead 16-12 at the break, but never could break away from the

Outlaws. Enterprise, in fact, heated up in the third, scoring 20 points to take a 32-31 lead into the fourth and position themselves to possibly get off the schneid in BMC action. Jackson Decker had 11 of his 12 points in the fourth and hit three 3-pointers, but it wasn't enough.




Spencer Decker also scored 12 points for the Outlaws, while James Lunzmann had 10 for the Rockets.



**Jan. 25**

**Heppner 67, Enterprise 26:** The BMC-leading Heppner Mustangs didn't allow Enterprise to hang around as they quickly broke things open in a 67-26 rout at home.

Heppner opened up an 11-point first quarter lead, then held the Outlaws to one second-quarter field goal as it took a 39-14 lead at the half. By the end of three, the lead had reached 37 points.

Jackson Decker scored 10 points in the loss, but no other player for Enterprise had more than four points.






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