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Enterprise head coach Mike Crawford speaks with his players during a timeout in the second half. The Union Bobcats defeated the Enterprise Outlaws 46-30 on Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022, to win the Blue Mountain Conference district title at the Pendleton Convention Center in Pendleton.

Outlaws:

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going into the district championship it was going to be a tough game and it was going to be a good matchup. Personally, I couldn't stop thinking about the game."

Enterprise stayed in range after dealing with the early Union run, and twice got within eight in the second quarter — once on a scoop shot by Alex Rowley and once on a putback by Emily Love that made it 24-16 — before Union took a 26-16 lead to the half.

Union pushed the lead back to 12 midway through the third quarter before Glenn went off again and put the game away.

She was fouled on a 3-pointer, and made two free throws for a 32-18 lead with 3:16 to play in the third. Less than two minutes later, she grabbed a steal, and though she missed a layup the Bobcats regained possession and worked the ball back to Glenn, who stepped back to bury a corner 3-pointer. She connected on another trey — her fifth of the night — with 48 seconds remaining in the period for a 38-18 lead. A short Kaelyn Shoemaker jumper just before the buzzer sounded extended the lead to 22, the Bobcats' largest of the game.

"All three times we played them (before) we had 20 turnovers plus, low shooting percentages, so tonight — we were aware of those things all week in practice — we made that a point (of emphasis) tonight that we'd take care of the ball and it showed," Union head coach Jordan Klebaum-Johnston said. "When my senior shows up and knocks down 26 points, that's pretty unstoppable."

The Outlaws cut the margin to 16 in the fourth, but were unable to make a serious run.

"We definitely didn't have one of our best games," EHS senior Jada Gray said. "We were kind of off, our defense and offense. We just didn't have a great night."

Glenn was the only player on either side in double figures. Kaylin Nowak added seven points for Union.

Love scored eight points in the loss for Enterprise, and put in the team's first and last points of the game.

Enterprise (15-10) hits the road to visit Gervais at 4 p.m. Feb. 26.

"We don't get a choice on who we play, so we'll just go in with the best we got and try to get a win," Crawford said. "We really don't have a clear idea about how we match up but I believe we can play with them."

The winner heads to Pendleton for the state quarterfinals beginning March 3.

Cougars:

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time off the clock. Our girls were patient on offense, especially in the second half. They really looked for good shots, we got them and we started making them."

But Joseph, which caught fire and scored 18 points in the fourth after managing just 16 through three quarters, responded each time. Cooper Nave countered Hermens' trey with one of her own, and Orr connected from the corner after the lead again reached seven.

Wallowa turned it over with 1:49 to play and just a three-point lead before Hermens cashed in a key play. She collected a steal, found Sophie Moeller for a layup attempt that missed, but then grabbed a rebound and put it back home for a 32-27 lead with just about 1:40 to play. The teams traded free throws on ensuing possessions, with two from Aimee Meyers making it 34-31,



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Wallowa head coach Greg Oveson talks with his team late in the fourth quarter of the Old Oregon League third-place game Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022. Wallowa defeated Joseph, 35-34, to advance to the state playoffs.

but the Eagles got no closer until Orr's last-second shot.

"You always need more time when you're on the end we're on," Joseph head coach Lance Homan said. "The effort was great. The outcome is what it is. They didn't give up."

The game was much more like the team's first matchup, a 43-42 Joseph win in Wallowa, than the Feb. 11 rematch, which the Cougars won on the road, 30-17.

Both teams struggled offensively during the first half, though at different stages.

Nave scored the game's first five points in a span of 2:13, but Wallowa took the lead by the end of the first, 7-5, as the Eagles struggled through an 11-minute scoring drought. The Cougar lead reached 11-5 on a layup by Lyvvie Throne, but a Meyers 3-pointer ended the drought, and her steal and layup just before

the half sent the teams into the break tied at 11-11.

Wallowa grabbed the lead early in the third and never gave it up. The margin stayed between 1-3 points throughout the quarter until two Moeller free throws gave Wallowa a 20-16 edge headed to the final quarter.

Joseph sees its season end at 12-11, but Homan returns four starters on what is still a relatively young squad.

"They're a ton of fun. They learned a lot, they got better as we went on...there was never an easy game, so they fought for everything," Homan said.

Wallowa, which improved to 16-8, will take its young squad on the road for a first-round game at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at Jordan Valley.

"I'm not going to sugar coat it. We got our work cut out for us," Oveson said. "With that being said, we got a lot of young kids, and the experience will be good to get down there and play another good team again."

Wrestling:

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those to make it at 195.

Tegan Evans qualified in the same manner, taking third at 145. He reached the semifinals with a pin of Imbler's Krager Muilenburg, but lost by fall in the semifinals to Elgin's Reece McConnell. After pinning Cohen Simpson of Pine Eagle, Evans eked out a 2-1 decision over Jack Strong to secure third place. McConnell earned second due to the earlier victory, but Evans received one of the three at-large bids.

And reaching as an alternate was Gabby Delapena

at 113. She took fourth in her weight class, dropping matches by fall to Deben Sanabria and Joseph's Jett Peterson, the latter being the third-place match.

However, there were not enough third-place wrestlers from the other districts, so Delapena was tapped as an alternate to help fill out the bracket.

Peterson was the county's fifth state qualifier, and the lone one from Joseph, taking third at 113. He lost in the semifinals by fall to Culver's Aiden Guest before the aforementioned win in the third-place match. Guest, on the earlier win, took second, while Peterson was third.

Also for Enterprise, Cody Fent took fourth at 182.

After a semifinal loss by fall to Union/Cove's David Creech, he pinned Culver's Lonny Hernandez to reach the third-place match. There, though, he dropped a 9-3 decision to Heppner/Ione's Conor Brosnan.

Pearce Schnetzky dropped two matches by fall at 138, and Alex Albanez forfeited two matches at 138.

For Joseph, Gavin Russell went 3-2 to take fifth at 152. He dropped a quarterfinal match to Justin Hodge of Grant Union by fall, and after a win by forfeit, pinned Edward Ellsworth of Heppner/Ione. Isaiah Lemmon earned a pin of Russell in the consolation semifinals, but Russell recovered to finish his season with a win in the fifth-place match, a pin of Culver's Rigoberto Gonzalez-Felix.

Dylan Rogers went 1-2 at 126, with a loss to Pine Eagle's Giovanni Cartwright by fall and then a win by fall over Hayden Hurst of Echo/Stamfield before an injury ended his match against Jacob Jones of Union/Cove.

And Jayden McNall went winless in three matches at 120. As a team, Joseph finished 12th.

The five state qualifiers will compete at Culver High School in the 2A/1A state tournament Saturday, Feb. 26. Matches begin at 9 a.m., with the finals scheduled for 7 p.m.

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Michael has come home and brought his years of experience with him to share with Wallowa County!

Michael has owned and operated several prestigious salons in his career beginning with Michaels on Main, Pumpkins Ridge Hair Design, Salon Zen-Do, Salon Borealis, Bleach Blonde Hair Design and now from beginning to end, Michaels on Main in Enterprise Oregon across from the Court House!

Michael's career also included the Northwest Women's Show for 5 years, 2 community theaters in Portland, the Lake Oswego Community Theatre and Hillsboro Actors Repertory Theater where he not only performed but also did sets, makeup and.... you guessed it! **HAIR!**

