

Sports

DISTRICT 7-1A BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS AT BAKER HIGH SCHOOL

GIRLS

Wallowa, Cove advance

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Wallowa and Cove took different routes Thursday to reach the semifinal round at the District 7-1A girls basketball tournament at Baker High School.

Wallowa built an early big lead and rolled past Imbler 46-26. Cove edged Nixyaawii 51-48 to advance.

Wallowa stormed out to a 17-1 lead in the first quarter and never looked back.

Riley Ferre led the way with seven points, Jamie Johnston added six.

Wallowa led 26-9 at half-time. Imbler finally broke double digits with 5:44 left

in the third quarter, trailing 30-10.

Johnston led Wallowa with 18 points. Caysie McGinness led Imbler with 22 points.

IMBLER (26)

Birkmeyer, Hicks 1 0-0 3, Barry 0 1-2 1, Fisher, Smith, McDonald, McKarg, McGinness 4 12-14 22, Goodman, Treat. Totals 5 13-17 26.

WALLOWA (46)

Tillery 2 9-11 13, Hafer 1 0-0 2, Brockamp, Hook, Young 1 0-0 2, Wrightman 1 0-0 2, Johnston 9 0-4 18, Pendarvis, Ferre 4 1-1 9. Totals 18 10-16 46.

Imbler 5 4 8 9 — 26

Wallowa 17 9 10 10 — 46

Three-point baskets — Hicks, McGinness

2. Fouled out — Barry. Total fouls — Imbler 16,

Wallowa 18. Technicals — none.

Leading 49-48, Cove's Rebekah Farrell and Austin Kendall each hit a free throw in the final 8.8 seconds to seal the win against Nixyaawii.

Cove led 36-33 entering

the fourth quarter. Nixyaawii then cut the deficit to two points five times, and to one point twice.

Raegan DUBY led Cove with 11 points.

Erma Butler led Nixyaawii with 15 points.

Wallowa plays Powder Valley today at 1 p.m. Cove plays Joseph at 6:30 p.m.

NIXYAAWII (48)

Tanasket, Hart, Maddern 1 1-2 3, Looney 1 0-0 2, Moses 4 1-2 12, Van Pelt 2 0-0 4, Star, Butler 3 3-4 15, Melton 4 1-2 12. Totals 18 5-10 48.

COVE (51)

Moore 4 0-1 8, Harvey, Hince-Dunlap 1 2-2 4, DUBY 3 2-5 11, Kendall 2 1-5 5, Farrell 2 5-11 9, Folsom, Perry 1 2-2 4, Frisch 3 4-6 10. Totals 16 16-32 51.

Nixyaawii 10 13 10 16 — 48

Cove 10 7 19 15 — 51

Three-point baskets — Moses 3, Melton 3, DUBY 3. Fouled out — Van Pelt, Melton. Total fouls — Nixyaawii 25, Cove 11. Technicals — none.

BOYS

Elgin, Joseph win close ones

By Gerry Steele
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Elgin and Joseph won a couple of nail-biters Thursday in District 7-1A boys basketball play at Baker High School.

Joseph nipped Imbler 35-34 and Elgin topped Cove 45-40 to advance to today's semifinals.

Joseph took its final lead with 4.8 seconds remaining on a basket by Chase Murray.

Then, after a timeout, Joseph fouled Imbler's Grant Slater on a three-point attempt with 1.3 seconds left.

Slater then missed all three free throws with Joseph grabbing the final rebound and the

win.

Joseph opened the game with a 16-8 edge only to have Imbler battle back to build leads as large as seven points early in the final quarter.

Joseph then went on a 9-1 spurt to take a 33-32 lead with 2:30 left in the game.

Murray led Joseph with 15 points. Will Coston led Imbler with 11.

IMBLER (34)

Burnette 4 0-1 8, Patterson 1 2-4 4, Herron, Slater 2 2-7 6, Whitaker, Coston 4 0-0 11, B. Frost, W. Frost 1 1-2 3, McDonald 1 0-0 2. Totals 13 4-12 34.

JOSEPH (35)

Murray 6 1-2 15, Milner 1 0-0 2, Klgore 2 0-0 4, Wandschneider 2 1-2 5, Ferre 1 0-0 3, Homan 2 2-2 6, Grote. Totals 14 4-6 35.

Imbler 8 11 8 7 — 34

Joseph 16 5 3 11 — 35

Three-point baskets — Patterson, Coston 3, Murray 2, Ferre. Fouled out — none. Total fouls — Imbler 11, Joseph 11. Technicals — none.

Elgin broke a 40-40 tie with 1:25 left in the game, scoring the final five points of the game.

Neither team could build more than a 6-point lead.

Tristan Simpson led Elgin with 15 points. Blake Witten topped Cove with 15.

Elgin plays Nixyaawii at 2:30 p.m. today, and Joseph plays Powder Valley at 8 p.m.

COVE (40)

Moore 3 0-0 6, Patton 0 0-2 0, Dillman 3 1-2 8, Tennis 2 0-0 4, Gaertner 3 1-2 7, Witten 5 3-6 15. Totals 16 5-12 40.

ELGIN (45)

McKay 5 2-2 13, Halgarth 1 0-2 2, Simpson 6 2-3 15, Palmer, Wilhelm, Caldwell 0 1-2 1, McClure 3 0-1 7, Adams 3 1-3 7, Ousley. Totals 18 6-13 45.

Cove 12 12 6 10 — 40

Elgin 13 12 8 12 — 45

Three-point baskets — Dillman, Witten 2, McKay, Simpson, McClure. Fouled out — none. Total fouls — Cove 15, Elgin 9. Technicals — none.



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Wallowa's Riley Ferre, 23, and Grace Pendarvis, left, work offense around the key while trying to squeeze out Imbler's Gracey Smith, 12.

Blazers race past Warriors

By Anne M. Peterson
AP Sports Writer

PORTLAND — With a drama-filled victory over the Warriors that included the ejection of Golden State coach Steve Kerr, the Portland Trail Blazers got a confidence boost heading into the All-Star break.

Damian Lillard scored 29 points and the Blazers snapped Golden State's five-game winning streak with a 129-107 win Wednesday night. Jake Layman added 17 points off the bench for the Blazers, who rebounded after a two-game skid.

"It's really important when you can collect yourself and come home against the best team in the league right now, and just get it done," Lillard said. "I thought that said a lot about our team, our growth."

Kevin Durant and Stephen Curry each had 32 points for the Warriors, who rested DeMarcus Cousins following a victory at home over Utah the night before. Despite the

loss, which ended an 11-game winning streak on the road, Golden State still goes into the break with the best record in the Western Conference.

After a tight three quarters, Layman's long jumper gave Portland a 104-101 lead in the final period before Zach Collins blocked Damion Lee's layup on the other end.

Collins and Klay Thompson exchanged words, and the frustration spilled over to players from both sides. The two players were given offsetting technical fouls.

Portland led 110-103 before Draymond Green was called for a flagrant foul on Collins with 3:54 left. Kerr reacted angrily, throwing his clipboard to the court and yelling at the officials before he was ejected.

Lillard made the three technical shots and Collins made his free throws to give Portland a 115-103 lead. Layman added a 3-pointer to all but seal the win. The Warriors finished with just 12 points in the final quarter.

Green praised Kerr for standing up for him: "That was amazing, he was great. I enjoyed that."

Kerr said he was shocked when officials looked at the replay and determined it was a flagrant.

"We'll obviously get an explanation from the league, but I just thought it was a good, hard foul," Kerr said. "I guess I was wrong."

In addition to Cousins, the Warriors rested guard Shaun Livingston and forward Andre Iguodala. Kerr said before the game that Cousins and Livingston got the night off because of the back-to-back games, and Iguodala was additionally a "little banged up."

The Warriors started Kevon Looney in Cousins' place.

Durant led all scorers with 16 points in the first quarter, and Golden State led 33-31. Durant played just five minutes of the second quarter as the Warriors turned to their bench and finished the half with 20 points.

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PAC-12 MEN'S HOOPS

Utah holds off Arizona

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Parker Van Dyke may not start but he picked up right where he left off.

One game after capping a 23-point second-half comeback with a buzzer-beater at UCLA, Van Dyke made seven 3-pointers and scored a career-high 23 points and Jayce Johnson also set a career-best with 17 points to help Utah beat Arizona 83-76 on Thursday night.

Sedrick Barefield had 15 points and six assists and Timmy Allen scored 14 for the Utes (14-10 overall, 8-4 Pac-12), who have won three in a row and are in second place in the conference.

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