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Rimrock rolls to another title

Raiders' seniors stretch conference
winning streak to 73 games

The girls basketball team from Rimrock High School is close to running the table for another 1A Western Idaho Conference season.

The Raiders ran their conference winning streak to 73 games and clinched another regular-season championship with three victories last week.

The key win last week came Jan. 16 with a 43-32 victory over host Greenleaf Friends Academy.

"We knew this would be the game that mattered," veteran Rimrock coach Bob Delle said after the Raiders beat the Grizzlies.

Delle's immovable force took a perfect 18-0 overall record into Monday's conference game against Notus. Rimrock was 12-0 in league prior to that road game. The regular season ends Thursday in Bruneau against visiting Idaho City.

Even with a conference winning streak that is several seasons long, even with a group of seniors who have never lost a league contest, Delle had some concerns after the Raiders beat their only conference competition — Greenleaf (14-4, 10-2) — behind 13 points, seven rebounds, five assists and four steals from Alex Thomas.

"We can't throw the ball away 23 times and compete at the level we want to be competing," Delle said.

That type of drive for perfection has helped Rimrock win 91 of its past 96 games.

It also helped Rimrock handle the Grizzlies, whose only league

loss this season before the Jan. 16 showdown was an emotional 72-27 defeat on the Raiders' home floor.

Delle said an off-the-court crisis hampered Greenleaf's ability to compete in the first meeting, and that last week's effort was more in line with the Grizzlies who have won 10 of 12 conference games in 2005-06.

"We knew coming in that they would be a way better team," Delle said.

Rimrock came out fast against Greenleaf to grab a 26-15 halftime lead. The Raiders led by as many as 13 points when Melanie Simper hit a layup in the second quarter.

Simper and Emily Chandler spearheaded a quick-handed pressure defense that Rimrock used to rack up 23 steals. All but one of Greenleaf's 24 turnovers were created by Raiders defenders. Shannon Hipwell led the charge with nine steals, while Simper had three and Chandler racked up two.

Chandler's last steal came at midcourt, when she jumped to intercept a pass then got the ball to Alex Thomas on the fast break. Thomas returned the ball to Chandler, who laid it in for part of her six points and a 33-19 lead with 1 minute, 40 seconds left in the third. Thomas, who also scored 13 points, had a co-team-high five assists.

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Easy two

Rimrock High School senior Robynn Ridley, left, coasts in for a layup just ahead of Greenleaf Friends Academy defender Crystal Patrick during the Raiders' road victory on Jan. 16.

Big victory puts JV girls in tie atop OOL

by Jake Adams
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Cassia Trautman handled a big assignment well Saturday as the Jordan Valley High School girls basketball team knocked off Joseph to create a tie atop the Old Oregon League standings.

The Mustangs (14-1 overall, 7-1 OOL) edged Joseph 41-36 behind eight points, three blocked shots and four rebounds from Trautman and clutch free-throw shooting down the stretch.

"Trautman had an excellent game against Joseph's 6-foot-2 girl, Nicke Parks," Jordan Valley coach Jeremy Chamberlain said. "She blocked shots and got aggressive under the basket."

Parks scored 14 points against the Mustangs on Dec. 16 when host Joseph captured a 54-51 victory. Saturday night Jordan Valley, she was limited to four points as the Eagles saw a 14-game winning streak end.

The Mustangs, who have won nine consecutive games, prepared for Joseph (13-3, 7-1) by practicing their press defense and their press-break offense all week.

"We had a great defensive night," Chamberlain said. "We hit our shots when we needed to and kept in control even with a minute to go in the fourth quarter and it

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Trojans go deep to win another crown

All the hype has been about one wrestler this year at Homedale High School, but the Trojans served notice Saturday that there is more to their success than Jeremy Ensley.

While Ensley took the weekend off — and his pursuit of the school match victory record idled at 114 — the rest of the Trojans stepped up to win the team championship at the Ben Padilla Memorial on Saturday at Parma High School.

"The boys really put forth a great effort this weekend," Homedale coach Toby Johnson said. "Championships aren't won by the guys in the finals alone. The teammates in the consolation (brackets) will make you or break you."

Amador Cortinas won the consolation final at 275 pounds to help Homedale widen a precarious



Clutch

Homedale High School 215-pound wrestler Josh Jolley key victory for the championship helped the Trojans drive to a team title.

two-point lead in the latter stages of the tournament.

Jason Christoffersen collected two come-from-behind wins

in the 135-pound consolation competition, and Ricco Gonzalez

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Homedale girls break habit to beat Fruitland

The coach shrieked, and the Homedale High School girls basketball team streaked Friday against Fruitland.

First-year Trojans coach Mike Greeley filled the Grizzlies' gymnasium with pleas for performance and intensity, and his charges responded with a crucial 47-43 3A Snake River Valley conference victory.

"That's my job," Greeley said of his frequent outbursts. "I'm the motivator."

It worked.

Homedale scored the last seven points of the first half and kicked in an opportunistic defense to wear down the Grizzlies in the second half.

Fruitland had maintained

tenuous control of the game behind the efforts of 5-foot-9 freshman Kylee Nawahine, who scored seven of her 11 points on 7-for-8 foul shooting, and Bridgette Teunissen's eight points.

But the Trojans answered with defense. Faith Brasher made a steal and fed Hailee Garrett for a layup that gave the Trojans a 23-22 lead at the break.

"There were lots of big breaks," Greeley said. "Faith's steal at half-court was huge, and so were (Jessica) Mooney's steals in transition."

Mooney scored 10 points and snagged four defensive rebounds, and Brasher sank a couple free

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Sports



Lights, camera ... mat action
Homedale High School senior 119-pound wrestler Jeremy Ensley, right, is interviewed by Andrew Marden from KBCI Channel 2 in the Trojans' wrestling room last week.

Boise TV station spotlights Ensley

Jeremy Ensley has amassed a high school wrestling resume that includes three Idaho state championships and a 114-3 record in three seasons and change. You'd think someone would notice that.

Last Wednesday, the KBCI Channel 2 sports department did.

Andrew Marden, a sports anchor for the Boise CBS affiliate visited the Trojans' wrestling practice to get the low-down on Ensley's success and how it has affected Homedale's program.

"They wanted to get perspective from some of the wrestlers on what Jeremy is like as a wrestler and what he brings to the team with his talent," Homedale coach Toby Johnson said.

Marden got action footage of the state's top-ranked 3A 119-pounder during the Rollie Lane Invitational earlier this month, when the senior earned Outstanding Lower-weight Wrestler for the tournament.

"We're doing the story because the kid's a stud and he's about

to win an almost unprecedented fourth state title. (That's a) pretty rare feat," KBCI sports director Vince Trimboli said.

Trimboli wasn't sure when the feature on Ensley and the Homedale wrestling program would hit the airwaves, but he expected it in a newscast in the next couple weeks.

"It's one of those things that puts you on the map," Johnson said of the KBCI visit.

Johnson said Marden spent an hour at the practice, interviewing the coach, Ensley and teammates Stuart Miyasako and Tyler Christoffersen.

"We're a contender, and we're on the offense," Johnson said. "And having a guy like Jeremy just brings light to your program and makes us a little more visible throughout the state."

"But even more valuable than that is (the fact that) the experience and talent he brings to the room rubs off on everybody else."

— JB

Trojans suffer bitter loss despite 30 from Sweet

Garrett Sweet exploded for half of his team's points Jan. 17 in Payette, but the Homedale High School boys basketball team couldn't ride that surge to a victory.

Sweet hit 12 of 14 free throws and tossed in 18 points over the second and third quarters, but the Pirates were able to sneak away with a 65-60 3A Snake River Valley conference victory on the road.

Erik Corbett was shut out from the floor until the fourth quarter and finished with 10 points for the Trojans, who started a three-game week on a sour note.

By the end of the week, Homedale saw its conference losing streak stretch to five games and owned a 4-9 overall record.

Senior Van Hill tried to keep pace with Sweet, but he did on the outside. The Payette sharpshooter nailed five 3-pointers on the way to 23 points. He was perfect in six visits to the foul line. Collin Hershey and Mark McCarney added 10 points apiece as the Pirates fired in eight 3-pointers and connected on 23 of 26 free throws.



Homedale 50, Melba 48

Sweet was at it again Saturday, scoring 21 points in the Trojans' narrow non-conference road victory over the Mustangs.

Corbett scored seven of his eight points in the first half.

Trevor Krzesnik proved to be the difference, firing in a pair of treys in the third quarter as Homedale surged ahead 38-34 heading into the final period. The teams were deadlocked 24-24 at halftime.

Danny Beus, who missed the first game between the two teams with an injury, scored 15 points to back up Melba teammate Trey Miller's game-high 22 points.

Miller launched six successful 3-point shots as the Mustangs canned 10 overall.

One-handed attempt

Homedale High School junior Matt Holloway stretches high over Payette's Mark McCarney, right, for a shot Jan. 17 in a 3A Snake River Valley conference loss at home for the Trojans. Photo by Gregg Garrett

Weiser 72, Homedale 58

The trip up U.S. 95 wasn't a pleasant one Friday for coach Brad Hill's Trojans. Homedale was limited to just five first-quarter points and the Wolverines' Mikel Overgaard won the battle inside with 27 points.

Even balanced scoring couldn't save Homedale.

Matt Holloway scored 12 points to lead four players in double figures. Drew Bingham, who recently was promoted from the junior varsity squad, was one of three Trojans (Ryan Rupp and Sweet) to score 10 points each.

Bobby Hopkins tossed in 12 points for Weiser.

Wrestling

(171), Tyler Maxwell (160) and Brandian Sitko (140) all racked up key wins as the Trojans scored 191 points to win the tournament against the likes of Spring Creek, Nev. (second, 180 points), third-place Aberdeen and fourth-place Weiser, Homedale's arch nemesis in the 3A Snake River Valley conference.

The Wolverines tried to rack up as many points as possible by moving 3A's top-ranked 189-pounder, Jacob Scharbrough, to 215. Josh Jolley would have none of it, posting a 6-3 victory.

"Jolley wrestled a brilliant match in the 215 final against

(Scharbrough)," Johnson said.

Tyler Christoffersen wrestled in a championship match for the second straight week. He had to settle for second, but the road to the 145-pound final was exciting (or heart-stopping, if you're in Johnson's shoes).

Christoffersen faced a two-point loss with 20 seconds left in the semifinal match, but erupted with four points before the final whistle to qualify for the title match.

Frankie Obregon rode three impressive pins to the 125-pound championship, his second title of the season, and Stuart Miyasako (130) and Bryan Martinat (152) both had two pins and a technical fall on the way to championships.

Homedale 58, Fruitland 24

Jeremy Ensley cruised to a technical fall Thursday to run his record to 114-3. The senior 119-pounder stands just three victories away from tying Adam Duryee's school record for career wins.

Johnson recalculated Ensley's win streak, saying that while he hasn't won 114 straight, the streak is in triple digits.

Four Trojans pinned their opponents in less than a minute. Jolley had the most impressive pin, wiping out his opponent at 215 in 11 seconds. Obregon (125, :33), Tyler Christoffersen (145, :52), Maxwell (171, :39) all had sub-1-minute endings to their matches.

Homedale JV boys split pair

The Homedale High School junior varsity boys basketball team found firepower Saturday despite the fact that one of the Trojans' best players — Drew Bingham — has been promoted to the varsity.

David Liddell scored 22 points to lead Homedale (9-4 overall) to a 44-40 non-conference victory over Melba on the Mustangs' floor.

Coach Scott Bryant said junior point guard Kyle Miyasako played his position well during the march to victory.

Bryant expects Bingham to stick with the parent club.

Weiser 49 Homedale 46

The Trojans lost a heartbreaker Friday night as the Wolverines scored a basket in the waning seconds for a thrilling 3A Snake River Valley conference victory.

Homedale trailed by nine points at halftime, but clawed back to take a two-point lead in the fourth quarter.

Ryan Johnson canned five 3-point goals to lead Homedale with 15 points.

The Trojans play host to New Plymouth in a non-conference game Thursday.

Sports

Younger Trojan girls teams continue to win

The developmental teams in Homedale High School's girls basketball program continue to thrive against 3A Snake River Valley conference competition.

The junior varsity Trojans, coached by Jaime Freelove, took advantage of a slew of turnovers



Kendall Rupp

Friday to trounce host Fruitland 53-24 in a conference game.

Homedale (13-3 overall, 4-2 SRV) was paced by 15 points from freshman guard Kendall Rupp. Sophomore guard Taryn Corta added 12 points.

The Trojans were in control most of the game and always seemed to rebound after a short spurt by the Grizzlies.

After Rupp tossed in a layup

with 3 minutes left in the third quarter to give Homedale a 35-16 lead, Fruitland went on a brief 4-0 run.

But freshman Hannah Johnson fired in a 3-point goal 15 seconds before the end of the period to ignite a 15-2 rally for the Trojans. Corta also had a trey during that romp through the fourth quarter.

Michelle Meinie, a sophomore, led Fruitland with eight points.

Freshman

Homedale 39, Fruitland 28 Kelsey Martinat, a 5-foot-9 post, dominated with 15 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Trojans to their fifth SRV victory in six tries.

First-year coach Loma Bittick watched as the Trojans (11-3, 5-1) stayed ahead of the Grizzlies with the help of 10 points, four assists and three rebounds from guard Ashley Thomson.

Kara Walton scored eight points to pace Fruitland.

Huskies' ball-handling deteriorates again

Another rash of unforced errors decimated the Marsing High School girls basketball team's chances of beating Nyssa, Ore., in a non-conference game played Saturday in Idaho.

Poor passing decisions led to 36 turnovers as the Bulldogs bit the Huskies 51-21.

"We played a great first quarter. We were hustling great," Marsing coach Don Heller said. "And then in the second we had at least 18 unforced turnovers."

Nyssa owned a commanding 33-13 lead at the break.

Elisa Moreno scored seven

points for the Huskies.

Chelsey Ramos and Danielle Kurtz scored 15 points apiece for Nyssa.

Melba 50, Marsing 35

The Huskies fell victim to a slow start in a 2A Western Idaho Conference rout Thursday.

"We came out flat, and Melba took advantage," Heller said.

The Huskies owned a 5-4 lead, but Melba ran out of the gym with the final 15 points of the first quarter.

"The rest of the game, we hung right with them," Heller said.

Whittney Johnson scored 10 of her 16 points in the first quarter for Melba.

Marsing got 13 points and 10 rebounds from MJ Usabel.

Marsing 41, Payette 28

The Huskies started the week Jan. 16 with a ray of hope and an easy non-conference road win against the Pirates.

Moreno and Usabel scored 11 points apiece for the Huskies, who had doubled Payette's 11-point output at halftime.

Heidi Haus scored eight points to pace the Pirates.

Defense pays off for Adrian girls; boys split games

If Adrian High School girls basketball coach Gene Mills was a ship captain, last weekend he would have been spending time preparing the lifeboats and then kicking back on a beach somewhere.

The Antelopes got as diverse as possible in sweeping a pair of Old Oregon League games, needing

every ounce of energy to edge Cove 40-39 on Friday night then blasting host Wallowa 38-15 on Saturday.

"The played excellent defense both nights," Mills said of his team.

Paige Branstiter scored 11 points in the nail-biter against Cove. Sarah McPeak led the way

with 13 points against Wallowa.

Boys

On Saturday, Logan Branstiter scored 17 and Brett Buchholz 16 as the Antelopes edged Cove 77-71.

Chris Schumacher scored 15 points in a 44-34 loss to Wallowa on Friday.

MARSING HUSKIES

WRESTLING

Friday, Jan. 27, home vs. Parma, Nyssa, Ore., and Tri-Valley, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 28 at Garden Valley Duals

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Friday, Jan. 27 at New Plymouth, 4:45 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 28, junior varsity tournament, site and time TBA
Monday, Jan. 30, junior varsity tournament, site and time TBA
Note — Start time is for junior varsity B game. The junior varsity A game starts 15 minutes after the conclusion of the JV B game. The varsity game begins 15 minutes after the conclusion of the JV A game

BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Jan. 26, home vs. Melba, 4:45 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 28, home vs. New Plymouth, 4:45 p.m.
Note — Start time is for junior varsity B game. The junior varsity A game starts 15 minutes after the conclusion of the JV B game. The varsity game begins 15 minutes after the conclusion of the JV A game.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Varsity: Thursday, Jan. 26 at Payette, 4:45 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 28, home vs. Weiser, Senior Night, 4:45 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 31 at District III Tournament, site TBA
Junior varsity: Monday, Jan. 30 at District III Tournament, Weiser
Freshman: Monday, Jan. 30 at District III Tournament, Payette
Note — Start times on Jan. 26 and Jan. 28 are for freshman game. Junior varsity game starts 15 minutes after the conclusion of the freshman game, and the varsity plays 15 minutes after the end of the JV game.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Jan. 26, home vs. New Plymouth, 4:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 31 at Fruitland, 4:45 p.m.
Note — Start time is for freshman game. Junior varsity game starts 15 minutes after the conclusion of the freshman game, and the varsity plays 15 minutes after the end of the JV game.

WRESTLING

Thursday, Jan. 26 at Weiser, 6:30 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 30, home vs. Emmett, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 31 home vs. Vale, Ore., and Melba, Senior Night, 6:30 p.m.

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Sports

Young Adrian cowboy earns rodeo all-star status

Adrian, Ore., eighth-grader Bryan Reay recently was named to the National High School Rodeo Association Wrangler Rodeo Division All-Star Rodeo team.

Reay, a former Homedale resident who competed in the inaugural Wrangler Division national finals rodeo last year in New Mexico, earned a spot on the all-star squad based on his leadership qualities, academic eligibility and athletic achievements.

“We are excited this year

to expand Wrangler’s rodeo sponsorship program at the middle school level,” said Karl Stressman, special events manager for Wrangler Rodeo.

As a member of the all-star team, Reay receives official competition apparel such as a Wrangler Twenty X shirt with the team logo and a pair of competition jeans. All-star team members also receive an official team certificate signed by pro rodeo stars Jim Shoulders and Ty Murray.



Making the grade

Bryan Reay performs during a roping event at last year’s junior high national finals rodeo in New Mexico. Submitted photo

Marsing JV girls’ struggles continue

Only five players scored Thursday as Marsing High School’s junior varsity A team struggled in a 56-18 2A Western Idaho Conference loss to host Melba.

Cara Duckworth was 3-for-5 from the field in the first quarter and finished with 11 points for the Mustangs, who owned a 33-9 edge at the break.

“We had a very rough start and got into foul trouble early on in the game,” Marsing coach Jodette Lemos said in a press release. “Melba took advantage of our mistakes and controlled the tempo of the game from then on.”

Amanda Staudenmier scored five of her team’s nine points in the first half, but was silent after halftime. Kaite Kent had a 3-pointer as part of her five points.

Payette 41, Marsing 29
A slew of missed foul shots set the tone in the first quarter, as the Huskies managed just four points and had to play catch-up all night on the Pirates’ home floor during a Jan. 16 non-conference game.

Marsing was 2-for-9 from the foul line in the first eight minutes then hit just one of five charity shots in the second quarter. The Huskies finished 4-for-19 from the free-throw line.

Payette had a worse foul-shot showing (3-for-29), but made up for it with a flurry of field goals in the first half. Cassie Gross scored six of her game-high 11 points before halftime, and Pirates teammate Jordan Cazier scored four of her six points in the first period.

Marsing was paced by five points each from Kent and Maricruz Villa.

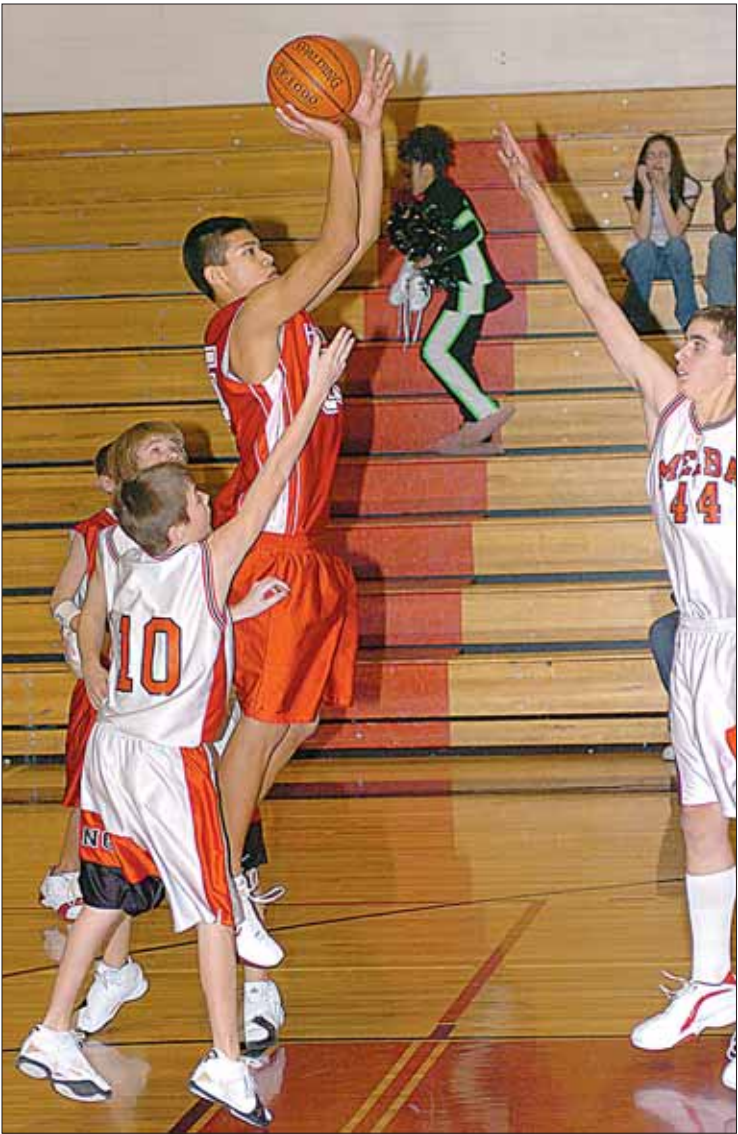
Parma 39, Marsing 23
This time around, the Huskies’ offense disappeared in the second half. Marsing scored just three field goals after halftime as the Panthers went on a 20-8 run to win a game they led 19-15 at break.

In the second quarter, Villa had four of her game-high six points. Miranda Clausen hauled down 11 rebounds for the Huskies but committed five of her team’s 35 turnovers.

B squad
Marsing 29
Nyssa, Ore., 23

Freshman Kaya Stahle scored nine points and snagged eight rebounds and eight steals to help coach Wendy Heller’s team edge its non-league visitor Saturday.

Amy Beagley, a sophomore, dazzled on defense with 10 of the Huskies’ 28 steals.



Shooting for a victory

Homedale High School’s Austin Emry shoots during the freshman boys’ 58-38 non-league rout of Melba. Photo by Gregg Garrett

✓ Raiders

“On our team, we always have someone who steps up and has a big night,” Delle said.

Although Delle was displeased with the amount of Rimrock turnovers, Greenleaf was unable to capitalize completely when the Raiders got sloppy in the final period.

Part of the problem for Greenleaf was a 27 percent showing from the field (14-for-51) and very few second-chance shots. Rimrock held a 39-24 rebounding edge,

including a 24-8 advantage on the Grizzlies’ glass.

Sam Caldwell, who led Greenleaf with 12 points, hit a jump shot with five minutes left in the game to get the Grizzlies within nine points at 37-28. But Greenleaf — which has Homedale residents BreAnne Graber and Megan Fox on its varsity roster — would get no closer.”

“The difference is we had the rebounds, and they didn’t rebound particularly well,” Delle said. “And we weren’t giving them second and third shots.”

— JB

Tough defense sends Rimrock girls to victories

To say that the Rimrock High School girls basketball team’s defense was stingy Thursday night would be like saying J.R. Simplot has a few bucks in the bank.

Liberty Charter of Nampa had a long trip home after going scoreless in the first quarter and suffering a 64-11 1A Western Idaho Conference loss in Bruneau.

The Patriots, who are in their first season as members of the 1A WIC, committed 35 turnovers — including a whopping 17 from Tanna Martin — and were victimized by 21 steals by the Raiders.

Emily Chandler swiped seven balls, dished eight assists, grabbed six offensive rebounds (seven total) and scored nine points for Rimrock.

There were a couple holes in the Raiders’ effort, though. Rimrock committed seven turnovers, and allowed Liberty Charter 11 defensive rebounds.

The Patriots suffered through a horrendous shooting night, nailing just five of 26 shots (19 percent). Liberty Charter trailed 33-6 at halftime and 49-8 after three quarters.

Shannon Hipwell and Robynn Ridley scored 14 points each for the Raiders. Alex Thomas threw in a double-double with 10 assists and 10 points.

Jessica Ellis, who had five points, was the only Patriot to score more than two points.

Rimrock 59, Gem State 14
In a game of few fouls, Rimrock found other ways to hold down the Jaguars from Caldwell.

Twenty-four steals triggered 30 Gem State turnovers and allowed the Jaguars only 32 shots in the 1A WIC game in Bruneau on Jan. 17.

Gem State never attempted a foul shot, while the Raiders were 3-for-4 from the line in a game that saw just five fouls.

Emily Chandler, the only Raider to pick up an infraction, scored 15 points.

Four Rimrock players were in double digits, including Ridley’s game-high 16 points, 14 points from Hipwell and 10 points by Melanie Simper. Simper hit five of her seven shots as Rimrock nailed 22 of 32 shots (68.8 percent) taken from inside the 3-point arc.

Gem State was led by four points each from Katrina Lawson, Danielle Lawson and Sofia Mellish.

Rimrock 47
Cole Valley 34

Rimrock withstood one of its stiffest challenges of the season Jan. 13 behind 13 points and 16 rebounds from Simper.

The Chargers held Rimrock to just eight points in the first quarter and trailed by only six points, 20-14, at halftime.

Cole Valley from Boise hung tough with the Raiders by shooting 52 percent from the field (13-for-25) to offset 42 turnovers.

Katie Sacht was perfect from the floor for 11 points, and Cole Valley teammate Sarah Bodes scored 10 points.

Simper’s rebounding performance (eight on each end of the floor) matched the Chargers’ team output. Cole Valley was outrebounded 15-3 on its backboard.

Emily Chandler led all scorers with 14 points for Rimrock.

Rimrock 91, Gem State 28
Four players scored in double figures, and the Raiders scored 24 or more points in each of the first three quarters to crush Gem State in a Jan. 9 1A WIC game in Bruneau.

Ridley scored 22 points and hit three of her team’s 10 3-point goals. Rimrock opened the game with a 27-point first quarter.

Thomas scored 14 points, including 4-for-6 accuracy from beyond the 3-point line. Emily Chandler scored 17, and Hipwell chipped in 15 points.

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Sports

√ Trojans

throws after one of Fruitland’s 33 turnovers to give Homedale a 40-38 lead with 5 minutes, 58 seconds left in the game.

But for all the big breaks Homedale got in a victory that — for the moment — kept them on the right side of the 3A District III tournament bracket (that is, away from an early round matchup against league juggernaut Middleton), it was a

pair of 3-point goals by Hailey Hall that pushed the Trojans over the top.

Homedale’s hopes to stay away from the Vikings may have taken a hit Saturday at home with a 56-26 loss to Middleton.

As the regular season winds down, Homedale has entered the most important part of its schedule, and a win against Fruitland was a good way to kick off a tough stretch.

“Weiser’s got to be a big win, too,” said Greeley of his team’s matchup

to cap off the regular season with Senior Night on Saturday.

“(Beating Fruitland is) a step to our goal, but it’s not the only team that counts,” Greeley said.

Against Fruitland, Hall drained her 3-pointers one minute apart in the final period to carry Homedale on a game-clinching 13-4 run.

The senior scored a team-high 12 points, but more importantly Hall was able to snap the Trojans’ tendency to sleep-walk through the third quarter this season.

“We haven’t been able to do that

(come back from a lull) in previous games,” Greeley said. “Faith and Mooney got us out of the lull, and Hailey Hall got us over the top.”

Fruitland hit five of its nine shots in the eight minutes after halftime for a 36-34 lead, but Homedale didn’t wilt.

“They were all clicking all together, and that made a difference,” Greeley said.

Mooney hit a jumper to open the fourth quarter, and Brasher drained foul shots to set up the back-to-back treys by Hall.

The Grizzlies still had some fight left in them, though. But Garrett’s quick hands on Fruitland’s inbound pass after a Homedale turnover with 37 seconds remaining all but nullified the impact of Teunnissen’s 3-pointer with 16 seconds left.

“Hailee contained them tonight,” Greeley said of his senior point guard, who racked up five thefts. “She totally contained Fruitland for us tonight.”

— JB

PREP RESULTS

Wrestling
Ben Padilla Memorial
(Friday-Saturday in Parma)
Team standings — 1. Homedale, 191; 2. Spring Creek, Nev., 180; 3. Aberdeen; 4. Weiser

Homedale results
119 — Martin Calderon (0-2)
125 — No. 3 seed Frankie Obregon, championship (3-0)
125 — Danny Zenor, top six (2-2)
130 — No. 2 Stuart Miyasako, championship (3-0)
135 — No. 5 Jason Christoffersen, third place (3-1)
140 — No. 5 Brandian Sitko, fourth (2-2)
145 — No. 2 Tyler Christoffersen, second (3-1); Kevin Abels (0-2)
152 — No. 1 Bryan Martinat, championship (3-0)
160 — No. 5 Tyler Maxwell, fourth (3-2)
171 — No. 4 Ricco Gonzalez, fourth (3-2)
189 — No. 6 Rowdy Lair (1-2)
215 — No. 2 Josh Jolley, championship (3-0); Wes Taggart (0-2)
275 — No. 3 Amador Cortinas, third (4-1)

Thursday’s dual meet
Homedale 58, Fruitland 24
103 — Villapondo (Fru) by forfeit
112 — Takahira (Fru) by forfeit
119 — Ensley (Hom) tech. fall Watkins, 17-2
125 — Obregon (Hom) p. Mackenzie, :33
130 — Miyasako (Hom) by forfeit
135 — J. Christoffersen (Hom) p. Smith, 5:04
140 — D. Bingham (Fru) p. Hyer, 5:25
145 — T. Christoffersen (Hom) p. Jensen, :52
152 — Martinat (Hom) p. Anderson, 1:24
160 — Gonzalez (Hom) tech. fall C. Bingham, 16-1
171 — Maxwell (Hom) p. Baxter, :39
189 — Fife (Fru) p. Lair, 5:03
215 — Jolley (Hom) p. Pfeifer, :11
275 — Cortinas (Hom) won by forfeit

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Homedale results
103 — No. 6 seed Trevor Meligan, sixth place (3-2)
119 — No. 1 Jeremy Ensley, championship (4-0)
125 — No. 3 Frankie Obregon, third (4-1)
125 — Danny Zenor (1-2)
130 — No. 3 Stuart Miyasako, championship (4-0); outstanding wrestler
135 — Jason Christoffersen, third (4-1)
140 — Rye Hyer, top eight (2-2)
145 — No. 3 Tyler Christoffersen, third (4-1)
152 — No. 2 Bryan Martinat, second (3-1)
160 — Ricco Gonzalez, third (5-1)
171 — No. 3 Tyler Maxwell, third (4-1)
215 — No. 1 Josh Jolley, championship (4-0)
275 — No. 4 Amador Cortinas,

championship (3-0)

Boys basketball
Saturday’s game
Homedale 50, Melba 48
HOMEDALE (50)
VanDerhoff 1 0-0 2, Holloway 1 3-4 5, Davey 0 0-0 0, I. Lootens 0 0-0 0, Bingham 1 0-0 2, Corbett 3 1-2 8, Krzesnik 2 0-0 6, Rupp 2 2-2 6, Sweet 9 3-7 21. Totals 19 9-15 50
MELBA (48)
Keeney 2 0-1 5, Allison 0 0-0 0, Wright 0 0-0 0, Evanow 0 0-0 0, Miller 7 2-2 22, Pyburn 0 0-0 0, Bangarter 1 0-2 2, Harris 1 2-2 4, Beus 6 0-0 15, Greenfield 0 0-0 0. Totals 17 4-7 48
Homedale 13 11 14 12 — 50
Melba 15 9 10 14 — 48
3-pointers — Hom: 3 (Krzesnik 2, Corbett). Melba: 9 (Miller 6, Beus 3). Total fouls — Hom 12, Melba 16. Fouled out — Harris. Technical fouls — None

Jan. 17 games
Nampa Chr. 53, Marsing 44
NAMPA CHRISTIAN (53)
Crane 2-6 0-0 6, Stuart 2-9 1-3 5, Buckendorf 4-13 1-3 10, Meservy 3-4 1-2 9, Arendse 4-6 0-0 8, Forrest 1-4 2-2 5, VanderWoude 0-0 0-0 0, Eckstrom 3-5 0-0 6, Heida 2-3 0-1 4. Totals 21-50 5-11 53
MARSING (44)
Smith 2-5 0-0 5, Marcial 0-0 0-0 0, M. Quebrado 0-0 0-0 0, S. Quebrado 3-7 2-4 8, Covey 1-2 1-2 3, McClellin 5-14 3-8 13, Dines 1-5 0-1 3, Salvass 4-9 0-0 8, Villa 0-0 0-0 0, Cossel 1-3 2-4 4. Totals 17-45 8-19 44
Nampa Chr. 12 11 16 14 — 53
Marsing 9 7 9 19 — 44
3-point shooting — NC: 6-12 (Crane 2-3, Meservy 2-3, Buckendorf 1-3, Forrest 1-1, Stuart 0-2). Mar: 2-13 (Dines 1-4, Smith 1-2, McClellin 0-6, S. Quebrado 0-1). Total fouls — NC 19, Mar 16. Fouled out — Meservy. Techical fouls — None

Payette 65, Homedale 60
PAYETTE (65)
Novotny 1 3-4 6, Hill 6 6-6 233, Mills 1 2-2 4, Hershey 4 0-0 10, Coats 0 1-2 1, Rodriguez 0 0-0 0, Nelson 1 0-0 2, McCarney 2 6-6 10. Totals 17 23-26 65
HOMEDALE (60)
VanDerhoff 0 3-4 3, Holloway 0 0-0 0, Davey 0 0-0 0, Bingham 3 2-3 8, Corbett 4 2-2 10, Krzesnik 1 0-0 3, Rupp 3 0-0 6, Sweet 9 12-14 30. Totals 20 19-23 60
Payette 12 20 10 23 — 65
Homedale 10 18 11 21 — 60
3-pointers — Pay: 8 (Hill 5, Hershey 2, Novotny). Hom: 1 (Krzesnik). Total fouls — Pay 19, Hom 22. Fouled out — Sweet. Technical foul — Payette coach

Jan. 14 game
Council 73, Marsing 32
MARSING (32)
Smith 1-5 1-3 3, Marcial 1-2 0-0 2, S. Quebrado 0-4 3-8 3, Covey 5-6 1-2 11, McClellin 2-8 0-0 4, Dines 1-5 0-1 2, Salvass 1-5 1-2 3, Villa 2-5 0-4 4, Cossel 0-2 0-2 0. Totals 13-42 6-22 32
COUNCIL (73)
Edmunson 5-9 5-6 17, C. Green 3-9 0-0 7, J. Green 1-1 0-1 2, Paradis 0-2 1-3 1, Schuck 5-9 1-2 13, McConnell 5-9 3-4 16, Hansen 6-11 0-3 12, B. Chadwell 0-5 0-0 0, A. Chadwell 1-7 3-4 5. Totals 26-62 13-23 73
Marsing 9 7 4 12 — 32
Council 22 22 18 11 — 73
3-point shooting — Mar: 0-9 (McClellin 0-3, Smith 0-2, S. Quebrado 0-2, Dines 0-2). Cou: 8-18 (McConnell 3-5, Edmunson 2-4, Schuck 2-3, C. Green 1-3, Paradis

0-1, Hansen 0-1, B. Chadwell 0-1). Total fouls — Mar 17, Cou 21. Fouled out — Edmunson. Technical foul — McClellin

Girls basketball
Saturday’s games
Nyssa, Ore., 51, Marsing 21
NYSSA (51)
H. Froerer 1-4 0-0 2, C. Ramos 6-8 3-3 15, Reece 0-1 2-2 2, S. Froerer 0-0 0-0 0, Anderson 2-5 0-0 4, Jasper 1-7 0-0 2, Wagstaff 1-5 2-2 4, Duboise 1-2 0-0 2, Spear 1-5 1-2 3, Kurtz 7-11 0-0 15, Zitte-reob 1-4 0-0 2, J. Ramos 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 21-53 8-9 51
MARSING (21)
Wilson 1-2 0-0 2, Nielsen 3-7 0-0 6, Remick 0-1 0-0 0, Moreno 2-9 3-4 7, Usabel 1-1 1-2 3, Staudenmier 0-0 0-0 0, Roeser 0-7 0-0 0, Heller 0-3 1-2 1, Zanardi 0-0 2-3 2, Clausen 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 7-30 7-11 21
Nyssa 12 21 10 18 — 51
Marsing 6 1 6 8 — 21
3-point shooting — Nyssa: 1-8 (Kurtz 1-1, Wagstaff 0-4, Jasper 0-3). Mar: 0-6 (Moreno 0-3, Nielsen 0-2, Remick 0-1). Total fouls — Nyssa 16, Mar 11. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — None

Friday’s game
Homedale 47, Fruitland 43
HOMEDALE (47)
Garrett 3-8 1-3 7, Warwick 0-5 0-0 0, Andrade 4-7 0-1 8, Uria 0-0 0-0 0, Rodriguez 0-1 0-0 0, Cline 0-1 0-0 0, Hall 5-10 0-0 12, Mooney 3-5 4-6 10, Brasher 3-5 4-4 10. Totals 18-42 9-14 47
FRUITLAND (43)
Farmer 0-0 1-2 1, Andersen 2-7 0-0 4, Teunissen 4-11 0-0 9, Rode 3-6 0-0 6, Manzo 1-3 0-0 2, Hutchinson 3-8 0-0 6, Olson 2-6 0-2 4, Mawahine 2-9 7-8 11. Totals 17-50 8-12 43
Homedale 8 15 13 11 — 47
Fruitland 7 15 14 7 — 43
3-point shooting — Hom: 2-7 (Hall 2-5, Rodriguez 0-1, Warwick 0-1). Fru: 1-1 (Teunissen 1-1). Total fouls — Hom 10, Fru 15. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — None. Rebounds — Hom 23 (Garrett 8), Fru 27 (Olson 7, Nawahine 7). Turnovers — Hom 26, Fru 33. Steals — Hom 12 (Garrett 5), Fru 7 (Andersen 2, Teunissen 2). Blocked shots — Hom 5 (Brasher 3), Fru 0.
JV score — Homedale 53, Fruitland 24
Freshman score — Homedale 39, Fruitland 28

Thursday’s games
Melba 50, Marsing 35
MARSING (35)
Wilson 0-6 0-2 0, Nielsen 2-9 0-0 6, Remick 0-0 0-0 0, Moreno 3-14 3-4 9, Usabel 5-10 3-7 13, Staudenmier 0-0 0-0 0, Roeser 0-6 3-4 3, Heller 1-7 1-2 3, Zanardi 0-0 0-0 0, Clausen 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 11-52 11-21 35
MELBA (50)
Johnson 6-11 4-6 16, K. Leavitt 4-12 1-1 9, Romero 1-8 0-0 2, Tiegs 3-6 1-1 7, N. Leavitt 2-6 0-0 4, Hiener 0-5 0-0 0, Duckworth 1-4 0-0 2, Harris 2-4 1-3 5, Woodall 2-7 1-2 5. Totals 21-63 8-13 50
Marsing 5 10 8 12 — 35
Melba 19 8 12 11 — 50
3-point shooting — Mar: 2-8 (Nielsen 2-3, Moreno 0-4, Heller 0-1). Melba: 0-3 (N. Leavitt 0-2, Heiner 0-1). Total fouls — Mar 12, Melba 16. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — None.

Rimrock 64
Liberty Charter 11
LIBERTY CHARTER (11)
Burton 1-13 0-0 2, Martin 0-3 0-0 0,

Washburn 1-1 0-0 2, Pieksma 0 0-0 0, Ellis 1-7 1-4 5, Floyd 1-1 0-0 2, Hernandez 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 5-26 1-4 11
RIMROCK (64)
Ridley 6-12 1-2 14, S. Chandler 2-3 0-0 5, Cantrell 1-6 0-0 2, Hipwell 7-15 0-0 14, E. Chandler 4-10 0-2 9, Thomas 4-9 0-0 10, Simper 3-6 0-2 6, Hegerhorst 2-3 0-0 4. 29-64 1-6 64
Liberty Charter 0 6 2 3 — 11
Rimrock 22 11 16 15 — 64
3-point shooting — LC: 0-7 (Burton 0-5, Martin 0-2). Rim: 5-14 (Thomas 2-5, Ridley 1-2, S. Chandler 1-2, E. Chandler 1-2, Hipwell 0-2, Cantrell 0-1). Total fouls — LC 9, Rim 10. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — None. Turnovers — LC 35, Rim 7. Rebounds — LC 18 (Ellis 8), Rim 31 (Simper 12). Assists — LC 3 (Martin, Pieksma, Ellis), Rim 25 (Thomas 10). Steals — LC 6 (Martin 2), Rim 21 (E. Chandler 7).

Jan. 17 game
Rimrock 59, Gem State 14
RIMROCK (59)
Ridley 6-7 1-2 16, S. Chandler 0-0 0-0 0, Hipwell 6-9 2-2 14, E. Chandler 7-12 0-0 15, Thomas 1-6 0-0 2, Simper 5-7 0-0 10, Hegerhorst 1-2 0-0 2, Roberson 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 26-49 3-4 59
GEM STATE ADVENTIST (14)
Bonson 0-2 0-0 0, Lang 0-0 0-0 0, Maine 0-1 0-0 0, K. Lawson 2-5 0-0 4, D. Lawson 2-6 0-0 4, James 1-15 0-0 2, Mellish 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 7-32 0-0 14
Rimrock 18 9 16 16 — 59
Gem State 2 2 4 6 — 14
3-point shooting — Rim: 4-17 (Ridley 3-4, E. Chandler 1-4, Thomas 0-4, Roberson 0-3, Hipwell 0-2). GSA: 0-3 (James 0-2, K. Lawson 0-1). Total fouls — Rim 1, GSA 4. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — None. Turnovers — Rim 18, GSA 30. Rebounds — Rim 30 (Hipwell 8), GSA 13 (Maine 5). Assists — Rim 22 (Thomas 8), GSA 5 (Bonson 2). Steals — Rim 24 (E. Chandler 7), GSA 11 (Bonson 2, Maine 2, D. Lawson 2, Mellish 2)

Jan. 16 game
Rimrock 43, Greenleaf 32
RIMROCK (43)
Ridley 3-8 1-2 7, Hipwell 1-6 3-4 6, E. Chandler 2-10 2-4 6, Thomas 5-14 1-2 13, Simper 3-8 1-2 7, Hegerhorst 1-1 0-0 2, Roberson 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 16-50 8-14 43
GREENLEAF (32)
Gooding 2-7 0-1 4, Myers 1-12 1-3 4, Fisk 2-6 1-3 5, Brown 1-1 0-0 2, Morse 0-1 0-0 0, Patrick 0-3 1-2 1, Okamura 2-6 0-3 4, Caldwell 6-15 0-0 12. Totals 14-51 3-12 32
Rimrock 15 7 11 10 — 43
Greenleaf 7 8 9 8 — 32
3-point shooting — Rim: 3-16 (Thomas 2-7, Hipwell 1-2, E. Chandler 0-6, Ridley 0-1). GFA: 1-11 (Myers 1-7, Fish 0-3, Patrick 0-1). Total fouls — Rim 13, GFA 13. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — None. Turnovers — Rim 23, GFA 24. Rebounds — Rim 39 (Hipwell 10), GFA 24 (Okamura 11). Steals — Rim 23 (Hipwell 9), GFA 9 (Fisk 4). Assists — Rim 18 (Thomas 5, Roberson 5), GFA 12 (Myers 4)

Jan. 13 games
Rimrock 47, Cole Valley 34
COLE VALLEY (34)
Hufford 0-1 0-2 0, Stewart 1-4 0-0 2, Sacht 4-4 2-4 11, Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, DeMers 2-4 0-0 4, J. Chandler 0-0 0-1 0, Bodes 4-7 2-4 10, Peterson 2-5 2-5 7. Totals 13-25 6-16 34
RIMROCK (47)
Ridley 1-7 1-8 3, Hipwell 1-4 4-6 6,

E. Chandler 6-13 1-4 14, Thomas 1-3 3-10 5, Simper 5-6 3-4 13, Hegerhorst 0-0 0-0 0, Roberson 2-7 0-0 6. Totals 16-40 12-32 47
Cole Valley 2 12 13 7 — 34
Rimrock 8 12 17 10 — 47
3-point shooting — CV: 2-3 (Sacht 1-1, Peterson 1-1, Stewart 0-1). Rim: 3-12 (Roberson 2-5, E. Chandler 1-3, Ridley 0-3, Thomas 0-1). Total fouls — CV 21, Rim 19. Fouled out — Hufford. Technical fouls — None. Turnovers — CV 42, Rim 25. Rebounds — CV 16 (Bodes 4), Rim 30 (Simper 16). Steals — CV 10 (Hufford 3, Sacht 3), Rim 19 (Thomas 7). Assists — CV 10 (Hufford 4), Rim 16 (Simper 5).

Homedale 50
McCall-Donnelly 29
HOMEDALE (50)
Garrett 2 0-0 4, Warwick 1 0-0 2, Andrade 4 1-1 9, Uria 0 0-0 0, Rodriguez 2 0-0 4, Tackett 2 0-0 4, Cline 2 0-0 4, Hall 6 2-4 15, Mooney 2 1-2 5, Brasher 1 1-2 3. Totals 22 5-9 50
MCCALL-DONNELLY (29)
Shipley 5 0-1 10, Virgin 1 0-0 2, Weeks 2 0-1 4, Swanson 1 0-0 2, Romero 0 3-4 3, Dimmerman 1 0-0 2, Hamilton 2 0-2 4, Hatrup 1 0-0 2. Totals 13 3-8 29
Homedale 14 6 15 12 — 50
McCall-Donnelly 4 14 5 6 — 29
3-point goals — Hom: 1 (Hall), M-D: None. Total fouls — Hom 13, M-D 10. Fouled out — None. Total fouls — None.

Jan. 10 game
Weiser 41, Homedale 38
HOMEDALE (38)
Garrett 2 1-2 5, Warwick 1 1-2 4, Andrade 2 1-2 6, Uria 0 0-0 0, Rodriguez 1 0-2 2, Cline 0 0-0 0, Hall 4 5-11 14, Mooney 0 1-2 1, Brasher 3 0-0 6. Totals 13 9-21 38
WEISER (41)
Bates 2 5-8 9, Robbins 3 2-4 8, Hafter 2 5-12 9, Overgaard 1 0-0 2, Saits 2 2-4 7, Tolma 0 0-0 0, Palma 3 0-1 6, Smith 0 0-0 0. Totals 13 14-29 41
Homedale 10 9 9 10 — 38
Weiser 8 8 7 18 — 41
3-point goals — Hom: 3 (Warwick, Andrade, Hall). Wei: 1 (Saits). Total fouls — Hom 21, Wei 16. Fouled out — Andrade. Technical fouls — None

Jan. 9 game
Rimrock 91, Gem State 28
GEM STATE ADVENTIST (28)
Michel 1-3 0-0 2, Bonson 2-6 0-2 4, Lang 0-0 0-0 0, Maine 2-6 2-4 6, D. Lawson 2-6 5-7 9, James 2-13 0-0 5, Mellish 1-9 0-2 2. Totals 10-46 7-15 28
RIMROCK (91)
Ridley 1-3 0-0 3, S. Chandler 1-3 0-0 3, Cantrell 1-2 1-2 3, Hipwell 7-13 1-2 15, E. Chandler 8-15 0-0 17, Thomas 5-9 0-0 14, Simper 1-5 2-5 4, Hegerhorst 2-3 0-0 4, Roberson 4-10 0-0 9. Totals 37-37 7-12 91
Gem State 11 7 6 4 — 28
Rimrock 27 25 24 15 — 91
3-point shooting — GSA: 1-8 (James 1-6, Mellish 0-2). Rim: 10-27 (Thomas 4-6, Ridley 3-5, E. Chandler 1-8, Roberson 1-5, S. Chandler 1-3). Total fouls — GSA 16, Rim 17. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — None. Turnovers — GSA 33, Rim 15. Rebounds — GSA 30 (Mellish 8), Rim 44 (Hipwell 11). Steals — GSA 8 (Maine 3), Rim 31 (Thomas 8). Assists — GSA 5 (D. Lawson 2, James 2), Rim 31 (Thomas 8).

Sports

Marsing 7th-graders start fast

Girls basketball team has been together 5 years

The athletes on the Marsing Middle School seventh-grade basketball team have been playing together for five years, and it shows.

The Huskies, coached by Brent Merritt and Mary Blackstock, have racked up two easy victories so far this season.

The first came on the road with a 46-6 shellacking of Melba.

Speedy Marsing used a zone defense and stifling press to shut down the Mustangs' scorers and create turnovers.

Andi Merritt led the way with 14 points, while Rebecca Cossel dominated the boards and chipped in eight points.

Candillia Leon scored 10 points with quick steals and layups.

Sandra Martinez, a newcomver to the team, fit right in as she ta tallied six points.

Marsing 33
Nyssa, Ore., 13

Despite a slow start attributed to a cold outbreak on the team, the Huskies used teamwork to cage the Bulldogs.

The zone defense kept Nyssa out on the perimeter, while rebounding from Cossel and Merritt prevented any followup shots.

Merritt, Kate Blackstock, Cossel and Leon scored six points apiece, while Tinisha Garza chimed in with five.

Scoreboard

From previous page

Old Oregon	Conf.		All	
	W	L	W	L
Imbler	8	0	11	3
Joseph	7	1	13	3
Powder Valley	5	2	10	6
Adrian	4	4	9	7
Pine Eagle	3	5	6	9
Wallowa	3	5	7	7
Cove	1	6	1	11
Jordan Valley	0	8	1	14

This week's games (Friday)

Imbler at Jordan Valley
Adrian at Powder Valley
Joseph at Cove
Wallowa at Pine Eagle

(Saturday)

Wallowa at Jordan Valley

Pine Eagle at Adrian
Imbler at Cove
Powder Valley at Joseph

Last week's scores

Powder Valley 48, Jordan Valley 40
Joseph 81, Jordan Valley 31
Adrian 77, Cove 71
Wallowa 44, Adrian 34
Joseph 76, Pine Eagle 46
Imbler 58, Wallowa 53

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Sports

Jordan Valley girls JV endure more close games

by Kelsey Prescott
and Shantel Gleason

The Jordan Valley High School girls basketball junior varsity team just can't get away from tough games this season. The Mustangs hosted half of a game against Powder Valley on

Friday and lost 16-15. Only two players scored for the Mustangs — Kelsey Prescott with 8 points and Elisa Eiguren with 7 — during a lackluster offensive display. The matchup against Joseph was a different story.

The Mustangs lost to Joseph when they went there in December, but on Saturday the Eagles had their feathers ruffled when they lost 41-38 in overtime in what some are calling one of the greatest games to be played in Jordan Valley in the past

decade. The frustrated and mistake-prone Mustangs found themselves clinging to a 26-20 lead heading into the fourth quarter. Joseph rallied to pull to ahead late in the fourth, but Kelsey Prescott hit a shot in the final

second of regulation to preserve the Mustangs' chances by forcing overtime. The Mustangs took overtime seriously and utilized all resources to rise to the top with a three-point advantage when the final buzzer sounded.

Mustangs boys fall to 0-8 in OOL

JV looks for first league win this weekend at home

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"It's not if you win or lose, it's how you play the game." This is a famous quote that Jordan Valley High School boys basketball fans have been hanging onto throughout the season. The young, short-in-numbers Mustangs have struggled to gain a win, but improvements on the court have been monumental. Jordan Valley (1-14 overall) remained winless in eight Old Oregon League outings after being swept last weekend. On Friday, Powder Valley visited the Mustangs, and the game was neck-and-neck for three quarters before the Badgers pulled away for a 53-39 victory. After trailing 14-5 after the first quarter, the Mustangs staged a furious rally and shut down the Badgers with defense. Jordan Valley was only

behind by three points, 21-18, at halftime. The Mustangs' top scorer was Koehl Trautman with 16 points, Zac Fillmore followed with 13 points, Jerry Wroten contributed six points and Tim Eiguren and Alek Quintero each put in two. The whole school was really pumped and cheered their boys all the way. They even put the Mustang suits on and paraded around the gym. This seemed to lift the boys spirits and their game.

Joseph 81
Jordan Valley 31
The Eagles, at 7-1 the second-place team in the OOL, visited on Saturday and outplayed the Mustangs in a 50-point victory. "Joseph is a good team, and I wouldn't be surprised to see them in the state championship game this year," Jordan Valley freshman Alek Quintero said. Joseph trails defending state champion Imbler by one game in the OOL. The Panthers (11-3, 8-0) visit Jordan Valley on Friday. Wallowa will be in town Saturday.



Muscling a shot
Jordan Valley's Alek Quintero tries to find a way around the defense of two Powder Valley players Friday night. Photo by Michelle Elsner

NC boys knock Marsing off-kilter

Marsing High School's boys basketball team kicked in its offense too late Jan. 17 in a 53-44 2A Western Idaho Conference loss to visiting Nampa Christian. The Huskies were limited to single-digit scoring in each of the first three quarters. Shea McClellin scored 11 of his game-high 13 points in the second half for Marsing. He racked up another double-double with 11 rebounds. Santiago Quebrado scored eight points, but took only one shot in the first half. Aaron Salvas added eight points, too. Nampa Christian used balanced scoring to beat the Huskies on their home floor. Geoff Buckendorf hit one of the Trojans' six 3-point goals on the way to a team-high 10 points. Matt Meservy nailed two treys as part of his nine points, and Matt Arndse scored in each quarter for eight points.



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was a one-point game. Hitting our free throws in the last moment of the game guaranteed us a win." Bailey Kershner had 12 points, 1 assist, 2 offensive, and 3 defensive rebounds, Breann Hipwell had 1 offensive, and 1 defensive rebounds, Michelle Elsner had 5 points, 3 assists, and 1 defensive rebound, Megan Mackenzie had 1 free throw, 2 offensive and 1 defensive rebound, Angela Larsen had 8 points, 1 assist, 1 offensive, and 4 defensive rebounds, Lauren Cuvelier had 7 points, 1 offensive, and 7 defensive rebounds. Jordan Valley set up the showdown with Joseph by beating Powder Valley 48-27 on Friday. "We played really well, even after playing a tough game the night before," said Bailey Kershner of the Joseph win. "And

we fought to stay ahead and in the end kept our heads in the closing seconds of the game." JV 48
Powder Valley 27
Bailey Kershner scored 15 points to lead the Mustangs to victory inside a packed Jordan Valley gymnasium. Angela Larsen dropped in 12 points, and Lauren Cuvelier added 10 for Jordan Valley in the excitement-filled game. "The Mustangs trampled the Badgers," junior Michelle Elsner said. "We played tight defense. Everyone played hard." The team played hard, stealing the ball and making the shots with excellent passing. The Mustangs, who played non-league foe McDermitt, Nev., on Tuesday, resume OOL this weekend with home games against Imbler (Friday) and Wallowa (Saturday).

Jordan Valley sweeps Marsing in middle school boys hoops

On Thursday, January 12 the Jordan Valley Middle School boys basketball team traveled to Marsing for its third game of the season. Jordan Valley came away with a 40-16 victory. "We expected a tough game against the Huskies for they seemed to have the size and number, but things went our way on both sides of the court," Jordan Valley coach Mike Quintero said. After a slow start in which the Colts only managed a three-point lead, Jordan Valley picked up its game with tight defense and quick scoring. Eighth-grader Dusty Easterday led the Colts with 13 points. Tad Jones followed with 10 points and Brandon Mackenzie had nine. Junior varsity Jordan Valley 15 Marsing 6
Nathan Easterday scored six points to lead the Mustangs to a victory in Idaho. "We did a real good job playing positions well, learning week to week," said coach Ben Williams. "All kids got to play and have a good time, making considerable improvements."

Council 73, Marsing 32
The Lumberjacks rained eight 3-pointers on the Huskies in an easy non-conference victory on Jan. 14 in Council. Four Council players scored in double figures, including Josh Edmunson (17 with two 3s), Sam McConnell (16, three treys), Aaron Schuck (13, two treys) and Chase Hansen (12 points). Marsing found itself in a 28-point hole, 44-16, at halftime, and things only got worse in the third quarter. Only David Marcial and McClellin scored as Council mounted a 42-point lead, 62-20, heading into the final period. Saddled with foul trouble, McClellin was scoreless in the fourth quarter and finished with just four points. Chris Covey had six of his team-best 11 points in the fourth.