

Tourney puts Huskies in holiday spirit

Call it Marsing Madness. The annual Marsing High School Holiday Classic basketball tournament kicks off Thursday with four brackets under two roofs. And, as if that weren't enough to satisfy the hoops junkies in the

area, organizers also plan contests for free-throw shooting and accuracy from 3-point range. The tournament will feature boys and girls varsity action at the high school gymnasium. Over at the middle school, junior varsity tournaments will be held.

Marsing girls coach Don Heller will get a chance to scout one of his team's 2A Western Idaho Conference opponents without leaving the comfort of his own arena as Parma joins Old Oregon League power Jordan Valley and Wapiti League team Vale, Ore.,

in the field for the varsity girls tournament. The varsity boys tournament features Jordan Valley and 1A WIC teams Idaho City and Wilder. On the JV side, the boys classic features Marsing, Vale, Jordan

Valley and Parma. The Huskies join fellow 2A WIC team New Plymouth, Idaho City, and Wilder in the girls field. A free-throw shooting contest will be held Thursday between

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2005 The year in review



SEPTEMBER
Homedale football whitewashes Parma for the Milk Jug at Deward Bell Stadium, Homedale



JULY
Dustin DeCaney wins Lions Demolition Derby at Owyhee County Fairgrounds, Homedale

Trojans trounce Melba boys

Andrew Vanderhoff and Trevor Krzesnik know what side their bread's buttered on, and the Homedale High School guards were more than happy to sate the appetite of their big teammates Dec. 20.

Quiet Ryan Rupp loudly devoured the guards' offerings and Melba's boys basketball team in a 57-43 non-conference victory on the Trojans' floor.

"I thought in the first half our guards did a real nice job of reversing the ball and getting the ball inside," Homedale coach Brad Hill said.

Rupp scored 16 points and turned in a strong bid to replace those mangy TV crows as a Windex spokesman with six key offensive rebounds.

"Ryan works his rear end off in practice, and it's nice to see him playing a little better," Hill said.

"He's actually finishing under the basket."

Rupp turned the Trojans' hardwood into his personal stage twice during the game. The prologue to his lengthy run came four minutes into the contest. His second effort resulted in a putback of his own missed shot. He was fouled and hit the free throw for a three-point play that ended a 7-0 run, established a 7-3 lead for Homedale and set the tone for the rest of the night.

"He's a quiet leader who plays extremely hard," Hill said. "You can always count on him getting the dirty work done."

Dirty work as in burying the other team.

His encore performance came

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New faces, old standards mark year



APRIL
Marsing's Khris Young attempts to clear the bar during the pole vault at Deward Bell track, Homedale

The year in sports was one of turmoil, triumph and titles in Owyhee County in 2005.

Athletes from Homedale and Marsing high schools both enjoyed state championships in the past year, but many Trojans were left wondering what would become of their sports after the athletic program nearly imploded in a flurry of resignations and non-renewals in the spring and summer.

By summer, though, there was enough glory to dim the glare from the fiery end to the high school sports season in Homedale.

The year began much like it will end, with the spotlight on basketball and wrestling.

The Homedale girls basketball team, coached by Mark Weekes, went two-and-out in the 3A District III tournament. Despite strong play by eventual Homedale female athlete of the year Jessica Stimmel, the

Trojans' season ended with a 57-32 loss to Fruitland.

By the end of the school year, Weekes would be out as coach. Only days before practice for the 2005-06 season, Mike Greeley was hired to fill the position.

While the girls made a quick exit from the tournament, Homedale's boys squad, coached by Randy Potter, used a strong start to the season to finish at 16-4 with the No. 3 seed into the 3A District III tourney. District player of the year Nick Williams, who would earn All-State honors, and fellow all-district player Luis Escutia and junior Brett Hopkins led the Trojans to a 17-7 record. The season ended with a 60-43 loss to Payette in the district tournament at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore.

But Potter's days with the program were numbered. He resigned

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Sports

Rimrock girls survive battle of unbeaten teams

Raiders halt Garden Valley's winning streak, extend their own

Rimrock High School's girls basketball winning streak was in serious peril Wednesday night before the Raiders strung together a patented bit of teamwork to down previously unbeaten Garden Valley, 39-37, in a non-conference game in Bruneau.

But what else would you expect from the two best 1A teams in the state?

The Wolverines brought their own season-opening victory streak into the game, having won eight straight before running head-on into Rimrock.

"It was a close game all the way," Rimrock coach Bob Delle said.

"We were up five with just over a minute to play."

With the score tied 37-37 and the Raiders' season-opening nine-game winning streak on the line, guard Kaeloni Roberson — one of seven seniors on Delle's nine-player roster — fed Robynn Ridley for the game-winning lay-in with 2 seconds remaining.

The Raiders' 83rd victory in their past 88 contests was sealed when a desperation 75-footer from Garden Valley junior Layne Tucker banged off the backboard.

The Raiders had built a 30-26 lead by holding Garden Valley to just four points in the third quarter. The 37 points was the lowest point total for the Wolverines this season. Garden Valley routinely puts at least three players in double-figure scoring and beat Council 103-16 on Dec. 9 behind a school-record 40 points from Tucker.

The Wolverines' first three wins of the season came against 5A Borah and Capital and 4A Caldwell in which Garden Valley held each opponent to fewer than

20 points. In fact, Garden Valley has allowed 20 or fewer points in six games this season.

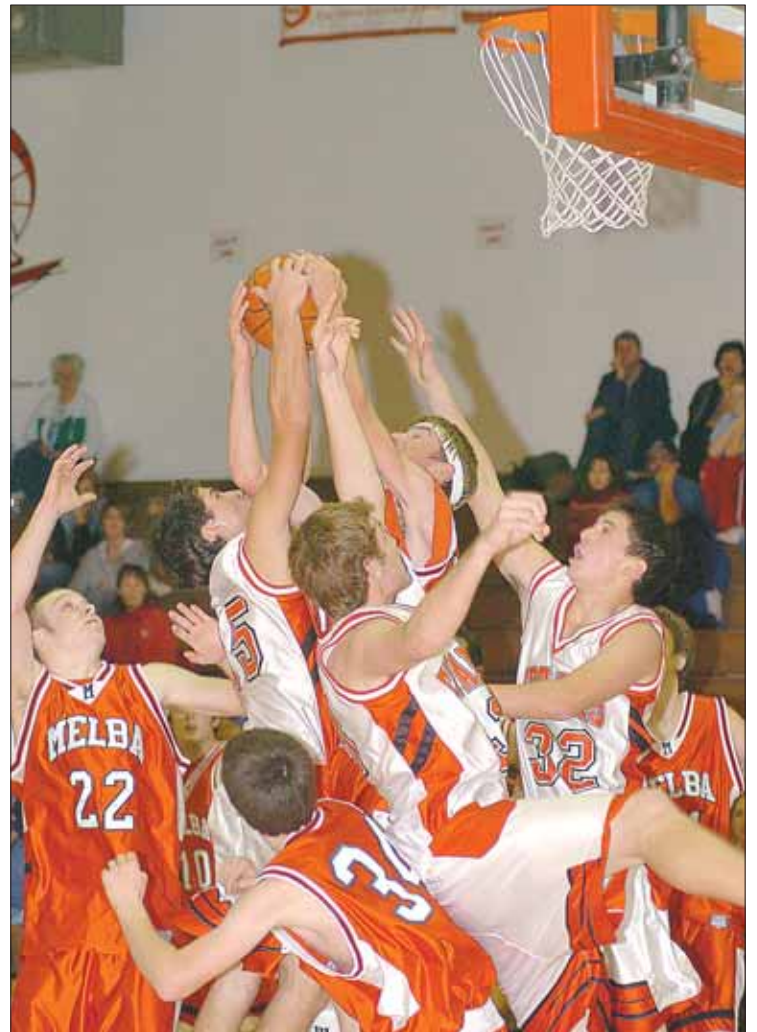
Rimrock has won 10 straight to open the season, and are back in action Monday when the Raiders take a perfect 5-0 1A Western Idaho Conference record into a road game against Idaho City (0-3 in 1A WIC).

Tucker facilitated Ridley's clutch basket when she made one of Garden Valley's 19 steals and was fouled going to the hoop. She dropped in both free throws with 30 seconds left to tie the score 37-37.

Tucker finished with a game-high 17 points for the Wolverines.

Lexi Rinfro knocked down her second 3-point goal of the game to begin the Grizzlies' late-game comeback.

Ridley led the Raiders with 13 points. Roberson added eight, including a pair of 3-pointers. Emily Chandler dished nine assists for Rimrock before fouling out.



Battle for the rebound

Homedale High School boys basketball player (center, left) and Melba's Lewt Greenfield fight for a rebound during last week's non-conference game in Homedale. Also in the action, from left to right, are Trey Miller (22) and Aaron Young (34) and Homedale's Garrett Sweet and Ian Lootens (32). Photo by Gregg Garrett

√ Trojans

in the final 1 minute, 52 seconds of the contest when the Mustangs used the Trojans' turnovers and tendency to foul to whittle Homedale's 50-35 lead down to nine points.

"I felt like at times we played really well and at times our inexperience — especially at guard — really showed because we didn't take our time with plays and tried to force it," Hill said.

But after 6-foot-3 senior forward Lewt Greenfield hit a pair of free throws to pull Melba within nine points, 50-41, Rupp arrived on the scene. He scored seven straight points, including converting his own rebound and pulling off a sweet leaner for a layup that drew a foul (and another successful free throw).

The 6-3 senior forward took advantage of the absence of Melba's 6-5 sophomore forward Doug Beus by putting in back-to-back offensive rebounds in the third quarter.

"We were missing our 6-5 kid, and he certainly could have helped us on the boards," Melba coach Bob Lenz said.

Homedale owned a 38-18 edge

in rebounding. You wouldn't guess it by Melba's horrific 16-for-59 shooting (27.1 percent), but the Mustangs weren't allowed many second-chance shots. Miller clanged his first 11 attempts and wound up hitting just five of 22 shots for his team-high 13 points. Guard Cameron Keeney was 1-for-10 from the field.

Rupp had nine rebounds, but six of those were on the offensive glass. All five of Erik Corbett's boards were on Melba's backboard as Homedale enjoyed a 25-10 advantage in that category (14-3 after halftime).

"We knew coming in that rebounding would be the key to the game for us," Lenz said.

Rupp grabbed a rebound off a rare Garrett Sweet miss and stuck it back in the basket for his second consecutive score in the midst of a 9-0 Homedale third-quarter charge that would eventually give the Trojans a 34-18 advantage.

Sweet, who led all scorers with 22 points on 9-for-12 shooting, also was a big part of that rally, legitimizing Lenz's worries.

"We knew coming in that we would have to take care of the Sweet kid," the veteran coach said.

— JB

TROJAN WINTER SPORTS

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Jan. 3, home vs. Payette, 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.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Jan. 5 at McCall-Donnelly, 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

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Sports

Huskies boys fall short again

Brian Thompson could have a monster on his hands if Marsing High School's boys basketball team ever puts together a 32-minute game.

The Huskies' coach claims his club didn't play the first half last Wednesday against gunslinging Cole Valley from Boise. Still, Marsing lost by only four points, 54-50, to their non-conference opponent from the 1A ranks.

"We've got to put a whole game together. We had spurts throughout the game," Thompson said. "And we've got to put it all together. Full-speed, everyone, every minute."

"Once we figure that out ..."

When Marsing did try to control the game by running the floor and taking the ball to the basket, the Chargers from Boise could do little to stop the Huskies.

But the surges never turned into full waves of momentum.

"We've got to get our guys to learn how to take the momentum and keep going with it," Thompson said. "We seem to get relaxed once we get going. We've got to keep getting aggressive and keep the excitement going."

Senior point guard Santiago Quebrado had his coach excited and jumping off the bench with encouragement in the fourth quarter as Marsing took yet another run at the Chargers.

Quebrado showed fresh legs, outrunning Cole Valley's defense for a layup with 5 minutes, 1 second remaining and then draining two free throws nine

seconds later.

"He may not have scored a lot of points, but he did a lot of other things defensively," Thompson said of Quebrado. "He made them travel four or five times just by him jumping out on them."

"He handled the ball really well tonight and was, by far, our best player tonight."

Although Cole Valley merely had to sit back and protect its lead through the fourth quarter, the Chargers seemed to get caught up in the frenzy of the moment when Quebrado's feet began to fly, rushing their offense and burping up shots.

And Marsing was able to control the Cole Valley glass when those shots began going awry. Aaron Salvas, who finished with nine rebounds, was fouled while grabbing one of his seven defensive boards and sank both shots to get Marsing within a point, 46-45.

Salvas scored six points, while Quebrado finished with 11 points, which was second-highest for the Huskies behind Shea McClellin's 16 points.

It was McClellin's off-balance layup that capped the 6-0 run started by Quebrado and put Marsing within a point, 44-43. The junior forward had to corral a Salvas baseball pass that soared above three-quarters of the court before having just enough time to throw the ball in the basket.

McClellin was a key figure in the third quarter when the Huskies launched a 12-2 spurt, drawing within two points on

Brian Smith's 3-pointer with 2:48 left in the period. McClellin had what would have been a game-tying jump shot negated when he was whistled for charging 36 seconds later.

Cole Valley junior guard Matt Jones canned a 3-pointer with 2:12 left in the third to spark a pivotal 6-0 run that snuffed out whatever momentum Marsing had. It was the only shot Jones sank, and snapped the 6-footer's 0-for-8 start to the game.

Jones' wasn't a lone gunner, though. The Chargers let the 3-pointer fly at will early and launched 15 in the game. Nate Beery and Alex Canfield drained four in a row in the second quarter when both teams fired from the perimeter during a four-minute stretch that also saw McClellin and Quebrado slam home bombs from beyond the arc.

As cold as Jones was from the field, Marsing was even more timid in driving to the basket during the first half.

There were only three fouls called in the first 16 minutes, and Marsing's players seemed unwilling to get inside to draw fouls. In fact, when McClellin missed two free throws 4:41 before halftime, it marked the first time either team had been to the foul line.

"We've got to be aggressive," Thompson said. "We've got to take the ball to the basket, and try to use our height to our advantage, and we forgot that in the first half."

—JB



Long-range shot

Marsing High School guard Brian Smith lets fly with a jumper during the Huskies' non-conference loss to Cole Valley on Wednesday.

Greenleaf Friends powers past Antelopes' boys and girls teams

Adrian High School's boys basketball team committed 31 fouls Thursday night, and non-league visitor Greenleaf Friends Academy took full advantage in a 77-71 victory.

The Grizzlies (5-1) connected on 25 of their 40 free throws, while the Antelopes (4-4 overall) scored only 12 points from the charity stripe.

"We just played poor defensively and fouled way too much," Adrian coach Gene Mills said. "We were just out of position and had poor technique on defense."

Coach Gene Mills' Adrian squad compiled a 43-36 halftime lead and held a 2-to-1 edge in rebounding, but the personal fouls were too much for the Antelopes to bear.

Greenleaf took the lead in the

third quarter.

Three key players — Brett Buchholz, Logan Branstiter and Paul Vallejo — fouled out of the game for Adrian. The trio combined for 52 points for the Antelopes, with Buchholz leading the way with 18.

"It hurt us to have our kids on the bench," Mills said.

Mat Lorinczy added 11 points for Adrian, while Vallejo chipped in 15 and Branstiter scored nine.

In all, six players were disqualified with five fouls each.

Adrian had its other non-league game against Notus postponed last week because of inclement weather.

The Antelopes (1-1 OOL) play host to Harper at 6:30 tonight then travels to meet Old Oregon League co-leader Joseph (7-2, 2-0 OOL) at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Girls

GFA 58, Adrian 52

Greenleaf (8-3) earned its margin of victory in the first

quarter when the Grizzlies held the Antelopes to just five points.

"The girls played really well, but they just didn't score at the pace we needed to and kind of stayed behind," Mills said.

"It was a heck of a game. I'm real proud of our girls to step up to that level."

Sarah McPeak scored 15 points for the Antelopes (5-4 overall), who also received 10 points from 5-foot-7 junior bench player Amanda Simpson.

Sophomore Paige Branstiter chimed in with nine points.

Adrian (1-1 OOL), which is also coached by Mills, entertains Harper at 5 p.m. today then hits the road for a 6 p.m. game against OOL co-leader Joseph (7-2, 2-0) on Thursday.



Brett Buchholz



Amanda Simpson

MARSING HUSKIES

WRESTLING

Tuesday, Jan. 10 at Melba, 5:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Dec. 29, home vs. Vale, Ore., Marsing Holiday Classic, 4:30 p.m.

Junior varsity — Thursday, Dec. 29, home vs. Vale, Ore., Marsing Holiday Classic, 1 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 30, home vs. Jordan Valley, Marsing Holiday Classic, 6:15 p.m.

Junior varsity — Friday, Dec. 30, home vs. Jordan Valley, Marsing Holiday Classic, 2:45 p.m.

Note — Junior varsity games will be played at Marsing Middle School gymnasium

BOYS BASKETBALL

Varsity — Thursday, Dec. 29, home vs. Idaho City, Marsing Holiday Classic, 6:15 p.m.

Junior varsity — Thursday, Dec. 29, home vs. Idaho City, Marsing Holiday Classic, 2:45 p.m.

Varsity — Friday, Dec. 30, home vs. Wilder, Marsing Holiday Classic, 4:30 p.m.

Junior varsity — Friday, Dec. 30, home vs. Wilder, Marsing Holiday Classic, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 2 at Glens Ferry, 4:45 p.m.

Notes — Dec. 29-30 JV games played at Marsing Middle School. Jan. 2 time is for the 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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Sports

Homedale boys drop two games

Parma erupts in final period; NC wins from beyond the arc

A 25-point fourth quarter on Dec. 17 helped Parma High School pull away and post a 69-57 non-conference boys basketball victory over visiting Homedale.

Twelve of the Panthers' points in the final eight minutes came from the foul line. The Trojans were whistled for 22 fouls in the game and lost guard Andrew Vanderhoff and forward Erik Corbett to five-foul disqualifications.

Tony Olivo nailed five of six free throws in the fourth quarter and finished with 19 points for Parma. Brian Merrick, who went quiet in the final period, led all scorers with 20 points for the Panthers. He scored 10 of his team's points as both squads played even at 15-15 in the third quarter.

Homedale trailed 29-26 at halftime behind 11 of Ryan Rupp's 15 points. Garrett Sweet, who finished with four fouls, scored 10 points for the Trojans, as did Trevor Krzesnik.

Krzesnik, a junior guard, drained two 3-point goals as part of his contribution.

Trent Timmons hit two treys on his way to 12 points for Parma.

NC 61, Homedale 55

Homedale High School's boys basketball team found itself in a shootout Dec. 15 against host Nampa Christian.

Unfortunately for coach Brad Hill's team, it was Nampa Christian that had enough ammunition to post a 61-55 non-conference victory.

Nampa Christian widened a two-point lead by outscoring Homedale 16-12 in the fourth quarter despite Homedale hitting the last of its seven 3-point goals in the game.

Shooting from beyond the arc that turned the game into a free-for-all during the first half. Nampa Christian owned a 38-29 halftime lead after canning five of its six treys in the first 16 minutes of the game.

Meanwhile, Homedale guard Andrew Vanderhoff single-handedly tried to keep up with the aerial attack by draining three 3-pointers in the first half for all nine of his points. Although playing with just one foul, Vanderhoff fell silent in the second half. Trevor Krzesnik also had three treys for Homedale and scored 11 points.

Garrett Sweet was held below his season average by the Nampa Christian defense. He scored 12 points.

Ryan Rupp scored five of his seven points, and Krzesnik added another five points, in the third quarter as Homedale climbed back into the game with a 14-7 showing.

Greg Forrest led all scorers with 18 points for Nampa Christian, which had four players score in double figures. Forrest scored all but six of his points in the first half.

Eric Stuart canned a pair of treys as part of his 12-point outing, while John Boeder scored 11 points and Geoff Buckendorf added 10.



League champions ... again

Homedale Middle School wrestling coach Toby Johnson (top row, far left) poses with his wrestlers and the trophy they received for winning the Snake River Valley conference championship again in 2005. Submitted photo

Middleton girls trample Trojans

The Homedale High School girls basketball team found out first-hand Dec. 16 why Middleton is gearing up for a move to the 4A division next school year.

The Vikings put three players in double figures and owned a 15-point lead after the first quarter en route to a 64-33 3A Snake River Valley conference shellacking of the Trojans.

"The game went about as we expected," Homedale first-year coach Mike Greeley said. "We gave up more points than I wanted."

But, Greeley's points out, Homedale did hold a slim edge in rebounding, winning that category 19-17. Senior Hailey Hall led the

way with three rebounds — all on Middleton's end of the floor.

However, winning the battle of the boards may have cost the Trojans in the long run.

"We got tired in the fourth quarter and gave them some easy baskets," Greeley said.

Middleton outscored Homedale by just two points, 9-7, in the final period, but the Vikings rolled with



Hailee Garrett

a 22-6 streak immediately after halftime to take a 55-26 edge into the final eight minutes. Homedale committed 16 turnovers in the second half after giving the ball away only seven times in the first 16 minutes.

Hall connected on eight of nine free throws and led Homedale with 15 points. Hailee Garrett was perfect from the foul line in the first half and chipped in eight points.

Middleton, which notched its 10th consecutive win, was led by 18 points from Samantha Simmons. Courtney Johnson, a 6-foot-3 junior center, was 8-for-12 from the floor for 16 points. Senior guard Donnae Carrell added 12 points.

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sessions at both tournaments. Friday's intermission features a 3-point shot contest. The extra-curricular activities are scheduled for 4 p.m. each day.

Coach Brian Thompson's boys varsity team caps the action Thursday with a 6:15 p.m. game against unbeaten Idaho City (6-0) in what will be the third of four straight games against 1A schools for the Huskies. After winning three consecutive games and the Pine Eagle Tournament championship, Marsing has lost two straight to Council and Cole Valley.

Heller's girls, who fell to 3-7 with last week's 61-41 non-conference loss to Nyssa, Ore., meet Vale at 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

The Vikings bring a 4-4 record into the tournament. Defensively, Vale likes to bring the pressure, much like Marsing. The Vikings

have beaten 3A Snake River Valley conference top dog Fruitland twice this season, including a 20-point victory on the Grizzlies' floor on Dec. 1.

Vale also has handed New Plymouth (10-2) one of its losses.

The Lady Huskies will take the marquee time slot Friday night against Jordan Valley for a 6:15 tipoff. Led by Lauren Cuvelier, the Mustangs (6-1) began the season with a five-game winning streak before dropping their OOL season opener Dec. 16 to Joseph, 54-51.

Marsing's boys take on another tough 1A squad in Wilder (4-1) at 4:30 Friday.

Marsing's JV boys team meets Idaho City at 2:45 p.m. Thursday after the girls play Vale at 1 p.m. to start the action.

Friday's JV action sees the Wilder and Marsing boys facing off at 1 p.m., followed by the girls teams from Jordan Valley and Marsing at 2:45.

TOURNAMENT TIME

Marsing Holiday Classic At Marsing High School gym

Boys varsity tournament Thursday's games

Jordan Valley vs. Wilder, 2:45 p.m.
Idaho City vs. Marsing, 6:15 p.m.

Friday's games

Jordan Valley vs. Idaho City, 1 p.m.
Wilder vs. Marsing, 4:30 p.m.

Girls varsity tournament Thursday's games

Jordan Valley vs. Parma, 1 p.m.
Vale, Ore., vs. Marsing, 4:30 p.m.

Friday's games

Vale, Ore., vs. Parma, 2:45 p.m.
Jordan Valley vs. Marsing, 6:15 p.m.

Other events

4 p.m., Thursday — Free-throw contest
4 p.m., Friday — 3-point contest

The teams

Boys

Idaho City Wildcats
League: 1A Western Idaho Conf.
Record: 6-0

Coach: Bill Phillips

Jordan Valley Mustangs

League: 1A Old Oregon
Record: 1-6
Coach: Ted Doramus

Marsing Huskies

League: 2A WIC
Record: 3-3
Coach: Brian Thompson

Wilder Wildcats

League: 1A WIC
Record: 4-1
Coach: Daniel Abrego

Girls

Jordan Valley Mustangs

League: 1A Old Oregon
Record: 6-1
Coach: Jeremy Chamberlain

Marsing Huskies

League: 2A WIC
Record: 3-7
Coach: Don Heller

Parma Panthers

League: 2A WIC

Record: 5-4

Coach: Monique Jensen

Vale, Ore., Vikings

League: 2A Wapiti
Record: 4-4
Coach: Jason Johnson

At Marsing Middle School Boys junior varsity tournament Thursday's games

Idaho City vs. Marsing, 2:45 p.m.
New Plymouth vs. Wilder, 6:15 p.m.

Friday's games

Wilder vs. Marsing, 1 p.m.
Idaho City vs. New Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.

Girls junior varsity tournament Thursday's games

Vale, Ore., vs. Marsing, 1 p.m.
Jordan Valley vs. Parma, 4:30 p.m.

Friday's games

Jordan Valley vs. Marsing, 2:45 p.m.
Parma vs. Vale, Ore., 6:15 p.m.

Other events

4 p.m., Thursday — Free-throw contest
4 p.m., Friday — 3-point contest

Sports

Deaf Melba player excels at basketball's fast pace

Melba High School basketball player Lewt Greenfield had the same amount of pressures as any other athlete during last week's 57-43 non-conference loss to Homedale High School.

Each time down the floor, Greenfield had an incredible checklist of things to do: Find out what the other team is doing defensively, figure out where his teammates are on the hardwood.

But for Greenfield there was one other key activity: Glance over at Sheila Robertson on the Mustangs' bench.

Robertson isn't a cheerleader. She and Natalie Kelly are sign-language interpreters, and Greenfield is deaf.

"Any dead ball, you see him looking over (at the Melba bench)," Homedale first-year coach Brad Hill said. "And I think (Mustangs' coach Bob Lenz has) done a great job in the situation."

Robertson and Kelly are fixtures at practices, too, to help Greenfield communicate with coach Bob Lenz and the rest of his Melba teammates. The Mustangs play Marsing in 2A Western Idaho Conference games on Jan. 26 (in Marsing) and Feb. 10 (in Melba).

Greenfield, who has played basketball in the Melba program for four years, scored six points and grabbed five rebounds on Dec. 20 during a non-conference game in Homedale.

He had an increased number of minutes because Melba was without sophomore post Doug Beus, and because Greenfield was playing well despite carrying three fouls.

"We carry nine players, but I have a philosophy," Lenz said. "You get in, get your shot and you play well, and you'll get your minutes."

Lenz said Greenfield was instrumental in the Mustangs' 51-49 non-conference road victory over Glens Ferry on Dec. 13, and the veteran coach had good things to say about his charge after the Homedale match.

"He played pretty well tonight, and he hustled pretty well tonight," Lenz said of the 6-foot-3 post player who connected on two of his four field-goal attempts.

The unique nature of Greenfield's style of basketball is probably lost on most casual observers. During last week's game against Homedale, he battled hard for rebounds and never seemed lost in the situation on the court.

"We have the signer," Lenz said. "But the hard thing is when teams switch from man to zone (defenses). If he doesn't pick it



Looking for help
Melba High School senior post Lewt Greenfield, right, looks for an outlet option against the defense of Homedale's Andrew Davey last week on the Trojans' home floor. Photo by Gregg Garrett

up on his own, he has to look at his signer.

"Basketball has to be the toughest for him."

Greenfield, who also runs cross country and plays baseball for the Mustangs, is a lifelong resident of Melba, and he has grown up with the athletes he now calls teammates in the Melba athletic program.

That bond and the communication that comes from it may have helped the post player on the court, according to Ken Anderson.

Anderson, an assistant boys basketball coach at Orofino's Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind, says there's more to Greenfield's success than relying on his basketball instinct or studying his interpreters' rapid-fire instructions.

"The four other players have to communicate with him and have to come up with some type of hand signals (for situations and defenses)," said Anderson, who is deaf and played at Gooding High School as a senior after transferring from ISD. Anderson, a first-year coach at ISD, also played at Ricks College in Rexburg.

Anderson made it clear that Greenfield's success also is

contingent on his skill level on the court. But Greenfield is an all-around athlete at Melba. He runs cross country in the fall and pitches for the baseball team in the spring.

He split time between the junior varsity and varsity basketball teams as a junior and usually sees action in two or three quarters a night, his coach said.

"He's a sharp kid. No question about that," said Lenz, who has coached Melba's hoops team for eight years.

And, Hill says, in a lot of ways, Greenfield's challenges are no different than any other basketball player.

"In basketball, you have a lot of hand signals of what you want to run," Hill said. "So I don't think it's that much of a difference."

"At a place like Duke, the players can't hear the coach anyway because of the crowd noise."

Nonetheless, Anderson was impressed when he heard about Greenfield's contribution at Melba.

"Good for him," the coach said. "He should take advantage of that."

— JB

Trojans' JV, freshman boys teams stay perfect

David Liddell averaged 20.5 points per game on Dec. 17 and Dec. 20 as the Homedale High School junior varsity boys basketball continued its season-opening winning streak.

Liddell scored 19 points as the Trojans beat non-conference foe Melba 53-35 at home Dec. 20 to win their sixth consecutive game. Drew Bingham scored 12 points for coach Scott Bryant's team, while John Bittick added five.

Melba was led by 13 points from David Cole.

Liddell led all scorers again on Dec. 17 in a 63-47 win over Parma on the road. The junior guard/forward scored 22 points, while Bingham chimed in with 17.

Bryant Timmons scored 14 points for Parma.

Homedale's freshman team, coached by Thomas Thomas, also has begun the season with a 6-0 record.

PREP BASKETBALL RESULTS

Girls basketball Wednesday's game

Rimrock 39, Garden Valley 37

GARDEN VALLEY (37)
Breish 1-8 0-2 2, L. Coburn 0-1 0-0 0, Tucker 6-20 5-7 17, Ward 1-6 0-0 2, Rinfo 2-14 1-2 7, Jones 3-7 0-0 6, A. Coburn 1-6 1-2 3. Totals 14-62 7-13 37

RIMROCK (39)

Ridley 5-6 3-4 13, Hipwell 2-6 1-1 5, E. Chandler 2-7 1-2 5, Thomas 1-3 0-0 2, Simper 3-8 0-2 6, Hegerhorst 0-0 0-0 0, Roberson 3-7 0-0 8. Totals 16-37 5-9 39

Garden Valley 8 14 4 11—37

Rimrock 7 14 9 9—39

3-point shooting — GV: 2-16 (Rinfo 2-7, Tucker 0-3, Jones 0-3, Breish 0-2, Ward 0-1). Rim: 2-8 (Roberson 2-4, E. Chandler 0-2, Thomas 0-2). Total fouls — GV 12, Rim 16. Fouled out — E. Chandler. Turnovers — GV 16, Rim 19. Rebounds — GV 28 (Tucker 8, A. Coburn 8), Rim 33 (Hipwell 10). Assists — GV 5 (Tucker 3), Rim 17 (E. Chandler 9). Steals — GV 19 (Breish 6), Rim 5 (E. Chandler 2, Simper 2).

Dec. 16 game

Middleton 64, Homedale 33

MIDDLETON (64)
Garrett 2-10 4-4 8, Warwick 1-6 0-2 3, Andrade 0-5 0-2 0, Uria 0-0 0-0 0, Rodriguez 0-0 0-0 0, Tackett 0-1 0-0 0, Cline 0-1 0-0 0, Hall 3-11 8-9 15, Mooney 2-4 0-0 4, Brasher 1-4 1-2 3. Totals 9-42 13-19 33

MIDDLETON (64)

K. Jenks 0-3 0-0 0, R. Jenks 0-1 0-0 0, Tulluck 0-1 0-0 0, Silva 0-2 0-0 0, Cotterell 3-5 0-2 8, Slutz 1-4 3-4 5, Johnson 8-12 0-3 16, Carrell 6-9 0-0 12, Simmons 7-15 4-7 18, Gabica 2-3 1-2 5. Totals 27-55 8-18 64

Homedale 3 17 6 7—33

Middleton 18 15 22 9—64

3-point shooting — Hom: 2-6 (Warwick 1-2, Hall 1-2, Garrett 0-2). Midd: 2-3 (Cotterell 2-2, K. Jenks 0-1). Total fouls — Hom 12, Midd 15. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — None.

Boys basketball Wednesday's game

Cole Valley 54, Marsing 50

COLE VALLEY (54)
Hansen 0-0 0-2 0, Jones 1-9 0-0 3, Mayer 1-2 0-0 2, Beery 2-5 1-2 7, McGraw 3-4 0-0 6, Crow 2-3 1-1 5, Canfield 6-8 2-2 16, Ben Smith 1-1 0-0 2, Golder 0-1 0-0 0, Akkerman 5-11 0-0 10, Arnold 1-3 1-2 3. Totals 22-47 5-9 54

MARSING (50)

Brian Smith 3-12 0-0 7, S. Quebrado 4-11 2-2 11, Covey 1-4 0-0 2, McClellin 7-15 1-3 16, Dines 2-2 0-0 6, Salvias 2-7 2-2 6, Villa 0-3 0-0 0, Cossell 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 20-55 5-7 50

Cole Valley 6 18 16 14—54

Marsing 8 10 14 18—50

3-point shooting — CV: 5-15 (Beery 2-4, Canfield 2-3, Jones 1-6, Golder 0-1, Crow 0-1). Mar: 5-14 (Dines 2-2, Brian Smith 1-3, S. Quebrado 1-5, McClellin 1-3, Villa 0-1). Total fouls — CV 7, Mar 10. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — None. Rebounds — CV 21 (McGraw 5, Crow 5), Mar 21 (Salvias 9). Turnovers — CV 20, Mar 17. Steals — CV 2 (Jones, Mayer), Mar 4 (McClellin 2). Blocked shots — CV 2 (Golder 2), Mar

4 (Salvas 2).
Junior varsity A score — Cole Valley 54, Marsing 51

Wednesday's game

Homedale 57, Melba 43

MELBA (43)
Keeney 1-10 2-3 4, Allison 0-1 0-0 0, Wright 4-10 0-1 9, Miller 5-22 1-2 13, Bangerter 2-4 0-0 5, Young 2-6 1-2 6, Harris 0-2 0-0 0, Greenfield 2-4 2-4 6. Totals 16-59 6-12 43

HOMEDALE (57)

Vanderhoff 2-6 4-4 10, Holloway 0-5 0-0 0, Davey 0-2 0-0 0, Z. Lootens 0-0 2-2 2, I. Lootens 0-1 1-2 1, Corbett 3-5 0-0 6, Krzesnik 1-6 0-0 2, Rupp 6-9 4-4 16, Sweet 8-12 4-4 20, Brockett 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 20-46 15-16 57

Melba 5 11 14 13—43

Homedale 12 13 14 18—57

3-point shooting — Melba: 5-24 (Miller 2-10, Young 1-3, Wright 1-1, Bangerter 1-2, Keeney 0-6, Allison 0-1, Harris 0-1). Hom: 2-5 (Vanderhoff 2-2, Holloway 0-1, Krzesnik 0-1). Total fouls — Melba 15, Hom 16. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — None. Turnovers — Melba 12, Hom 24. Rebounds — Melba 18 (Greenfield 5), Homedale 38 (Sweet 12). Steals — Melba 8 (Miller 3, Wright 3), Hom 5 (Vanderhoff 2, Sweet 2). Blocked shots — Melba 0, Hom 4 (Corbett 2).

Junior varsity score — Homedale 53, Melba 35

Dec. 17 game

Parma 69, Homedale 57

HOMEDALE (57)
Vanderhoff 1 5-6 7, Holloway 3 0-0 6, Davey 0 2-6 2, Corbett 1 2-2 4, Krzesnik 4 0-0 10, Rupp 6 3-4 15, Sweet 5 0-0 10, Brockett 1 1-1 3. Totals 21 13-19 57

PARMA (69)

Weber 1 0-0 2, T. Timmons 3 4-8 12, Weilmunster 2 0-0 4, Olivo 6 5-7 19, Chaney 1 6-8 9, Merrick 9 2-2 20, Tolmie 1 0-0 2, Fisher 0 1-2 1. Totals 23 18-27 69

Homedale 12 14 15 16—57

Parma 15 14 15 25—69

3-pointers — Hom: Krzesnik 2. Parma: T. Timmons 2, Olivo 2, Chaney. Total fouls — Hom 22, Parma 16. Fouled out — Vanderhoff, Corbett. Technical fouls — None.

Junior varsity score — Homedale 63, Parma 47

Dec. 15 game

Nampa Christian 61, Homedale 55

HOMEDALE (55)
Vanderhoff 3 0-0 9, Holloway 3 0-0 7, Davey 0 3-4 3, Z. Lootens 0 0-0 0, I. Lootens 0 0-0 0, Corbett 3 0-1 6, Krzesnik 4 0-0 11, Rupp 2 3-5 7, Sweet 6 0-1 12, Brockett 0 0-0 0. Totals 21 6-11 55

NAMPA CHRISTIAN (61)

Crane 0 0-0 0, Stuart 5 0-0 12, Buckendorf 3 3-5 10, Meservy 0 0-0 0, Arendse 1 0-2 2, Boeder 4 3-4 11, Forrest 5 5-9 18, Vander Woude 1 0-0 2, Eckstrom 2 2-2 6. Totals 21 13-22 61

Homedale 17 12 14 12—55

Nampa Chr. 17 21 7 16—61

3-pointers — Hom: Vanderhoff 3, Krzesnik 3, Holloway. NC: Forrest 3, Stuart 2, Buckendorf. Total fouls — Hom 18, NC 15. Fouled out — Rupp, Stuart. Technical fouls — None.

Sports

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL STATISTICS

Homedale Trojans							
Scoring	G	2FG	3FG	FTM-FTA	Pct.	Points	PPG
Hall	12	29	9	30-46	.652	115	9.6
Andrade	12	32	1	26-39	.667	93	7.8
Garrett	12	15	6	14-24	.583	62	5.2
Brasher	12	19	0	11-30	.367	49	4.1
Mooney	12	20	0	5-11	.455	45	3.8
Warwick	12	11	6	2-6	.333	42	3.5
Uria	8	3	3	0-0	.000	15	1.9
Tackett	5	1	0	2-2	1.000	4	0.8
Cline	12	1	3	0-3	.000	11	0.9
Rodriguez	12	0	1	0-1	.000	3	0.3
Cahill	5	2	0	0-0	.000	4	0.8
Totals	12	133	29	90-162	.556	443	36.9

Other stats	G	OReb.	DReb.	RPG	Blocks	Steals
Hall	12	20	43	5.3	8	9
Andrade	12	19	31	3.3	1	7
Mooney	12	10	42	4.3	5	17
Brasher	12	15	20	2.9	2	7
Garrett	12	6	15	1.8	1	28
Warwick	12	4	15	1.6	0	3
Tackett	5	2	4	1.2	0	1
Cahill	5	0	5	1.0	0	1
Uria	8	3	1	0.5	0	2
Cline	12	2	1	0.3	2	0
Rodriguez	12	0	1	0.1	0	5
Totals	12	81	178	21.6	19	80

Marsing Huskies

Scoring	G	2FG	3FG	FTM-FTA	Pct.	Points	PPG
Usabel	9	29	0	27-56	.482	85	9.4
Moreno	9	20	6	4-11	.364	62	6.9
Nielsen	9	18	4	4-7	.571	52	5.8
Heller	9	19	0	9-23	.391	47	5.2
Martinez	9	18	0	11-23	.478	47	5.2
Wilson	9	13	0	19-32	.594	45	5.0
Chenoweth	7	7	1	5-8	.625	22	3.1
Roeser	9	0	0	2-4	.500	2	0.2
Zanardi	2	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0.0
Staudenmier	2	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0.0
Clausen	1	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0.0
Totals	9	124	11	81-164	.493	362	40.2

Other stats	G	OReb.	DReb.	RPG	Blocks	Steals
Usabel	9	19	57	8.4	1	30
Heller	9	11	20	3.4	0	10
Nielsen	9	10	12	2.4	1	17
Martinez	9	19	18	4.1	0	22
Wilson	9	10	16	2.9	0	8
Chenoweth	7	2	12	2.0	0	7
Moreno	9	11	10	2.3	0	18
Roeser	9	2	10	1.3	0	8
Zanardi	2	0	0	0.0	0	0
Staudenmier	2	0	0	0.0	0	0
Clausen	1	0	1	0.0	0	0
Totals	9	84	156	26.7	2	120

Rimrock Raiders

Scoring	G	2FG	3FG	FTM-FTA	Pct.	Points	PPG
E. Chandler	10	39	10	8-29	.276	116	11.6
Ridley	10	30	8	28-44	.636	112	11.2
Simper	10	39	0	11-26	.423	89	8.9
Thomas	10	20	14	4-7	.571	86	8.6
Hipwell	10	27	2	16-29	.552	76	7.6
Roberson	10	10	13	2-9	.222	61	6.1
Hegerhorst	10	9	0	4-9	.444	22	2.2
S. Chandler	8	3	1	1-2	.500	10	1.3
Cantrell	8	3	0	1-3	.333	7	0.9
Totals	10	180	48	75-158	.475	579	57.9

Other stats	G	OReb.	DReb.	RPG	Assists	Steals
Hipwell	10	39	38	7.7	16	14
Simper	10	31	38	6.9	19	29
Ridley	10	26	35	6.1	27	25
E. Chandler	10	32	22	5.4	48	42
Hegerhorst	10	19	22	4.1	2	6
Thomas	10	10	16	2.6	35	24
Roberson	10	8	15	2.3	35	28
Cantrell	8	5	8	1.6	11	3
S. Chandler	8	0	3	0.4	3	2
Totals	10	170	197	36.7	196	173

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL STATISTICS

Homedale Trojans							
Scoring	G	2FG	3FG	FTM-FTA	Pct.	Points	PPG
Sweet	6	36	0	22-32	.710	94	15.7
Rupp	6	24	0	21-27	.818	69	11.5
Corbett	6	17	0	8-12	.727	42	7.0
Vanderhoff	6	4	5	9-15	.600	32	5.3
Krzesnik	6	4	6	2-2	1.000	28	4.7
Holloway	6	7	1	4-6	.667	21	3.5
Davey	6	1	0	6-12	.500	8	1.3
Z. Lootens	3	0	0	2-2	1.000	2	0.7
I. Lootens	5	1	0	1-2	.500	3	0.6
Brockett	6	1	0	1-3	.333	3	0.5
Uria	1	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0.0
Totals	6	95	12	76-113	.673	302	50.3

Other stats	G	OReb.	DReb.	RPG	Blocks	Steals
Sweet	2	8	9	8.5	3	2
Rupp	2	6	9	7.5	1	0
Corbett	2	6	8	7.0	2	1
Vanderhoff	2	2	7	4.5	0	2
Brockett	2	0	4	2.0	0	0
Holloway	2	0	4	2.0	0	0
Davey	2	0	1	0.5	0	2
Krzesnik	2	1	0	0.5	1	0
I. Lootens	2	0	1	0.5	0	0
Z. Lootens	1	1	0	0.5	0	0
Uria	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Totals	2	23	43	33.0	7	7

Note — Rebounds, blocks, steals incomplete (Parma, Dec. 1; Nampa Christian, Dec. 8 and Dec. 15; New Plymouth, Dec. 10)

Marsing Huskies

Scoring	G	2FG	3FG	FTM-FTA	Pct.	Points	PPG
McClellin	6	36	3	17-34	.500	98	16.3
Smith	7	9	12	3-7	.429	57	8.1
S. Quebrado	7	11	7	10-14	.714	53	7.6
Covey	6	17	0	5-9	.556	39	6.5
Salvas	7	17	0	11-18	.611	45	6.4
Dines	7	4	5	10-12	.833	33	4.7
Marcial	2	0	1	2-2	1.000	5	2.5
Cossel	7	6	0	3-7	.429	15	2.1
M. Quebrado	6	1	1	1-2	.500	6	1.0
Villa	7	1	1	2-3	.667	7	1.0
Totals	7	102	30	64-108	.593	358	51.1

Other stats	G	OReb.	DReb.	RPG	Assists	Steals
McClellin	4	21	28	12.3	12	10
Covey	5	17	24	8.2	1	4
Salvas	5	9	20	5.8	5	1
Dines	5	9	4	2.6	6	11
Smith	5	3	7	2.0	6	6
Cossel	5	1	10	2.2	1	4
Villa	5	3	3	1.2	1	3
M. Quebrado	5	2	2	0.8	2	4
Marcial	2	1	1	1.0	0	1
S. Quebrado	5	2	3	1.0	16	13
Totals	5	68	102	34.0	50	57

Note — Rebounds, assists, steals incomplete (Council, Cole Valley)

PREP STANDINGS

Girls basketball				
3A SRV	Conf.		All	
	W	L	W	L
Fruitland	3	0	7	5
Middleton	3	0	10	0
Homedale	1	2	3	9
Weiser	0	1	3	4
McCall-Donnelly	0	2	2	5
Payette	0	2	0	7

This week's games (Tuesday)
Payette at Homedale
Middleton at Fruitland
McCall-Donnelly at Weiser

Last week's scores
Melba 36, Fruitland 31
Nampa Christian 49, McCall 34

2A WIC	Conf.		All	
	W	L	W	L
New Plymouth	1	0	10	2
Nampa Christian	2	1	6	4
Melba	1	1	5	6
Parma	1	2	5	4
Marsing	1	2	3	7

This week's games (Thursday)
Marsing Holiday Classic
Jordan Valley vs. Parma, 1 p.m.

Vale, Ore., at Marsing, 4:30 p.m. (Friday)
Marsing Holiday Classic
Vale, Ore., vs. Parma, 2:45 p.m.
Jordan Valley at Marsing, 6:15 p.m. (Tuesday)
Nampa Christian at New Plymouth
Parma at Glens Ferry

Last week's scores
Nyssa, Ore., 61, Marsing 41
Melba 36, Fruitland 31
Nampa Christian 49, McCall-Donnelly 34
Vale, Ore., 50, New Plymouth 40

1A WIC	Conf.		All	
	W	L	W	L
Rimrock	5	0	10	0
Greenleaf	4	1	8	3
Cole Valley	5	2	7	5
Liberty Charter	2	3	2	3
Wilder	2	4	5	5
Gem State	1	3	3	7
Notus	1	4	2	7
Idaho City	0	3	1	4

This week's games (Monday)
Rimrock at Idaho City
Gem State Adventist at Wilder
Cole Valley at Notus

Last week's scores
Rimrock 39, Garden Valley 37
Greenleaf Friends Academy 58, Adrian 52
Liberty Charter 43, Wilder 42

Old Oregon	Conf.		All	
	W	L	W	L
Powder Valley	2	0	7	0
Joseph	2	0	7	2
Adrian	1	1	5	4
Imbler	1	1	4	3
Jordan Valley	1	1	5	2
Pine Eagle	1	1	2	3
Cove	0	2	2	4
Wallowa	0	2	1	5

This week's games (Today)
Harper at Adrian
Helix Tournament
Imbler entered
Baker JV Tournament
Powder Valley, Pine Eagle entered
Wallowa Tournament
Wallowa hosting (Thursday)
Marsing Holiday Classic
Jordan Valley vs. Parma, 1 p.m.
Helix Tournament
Imbler entered
Baker JV Tournament
Powder Valley, Pine Eagle entered
Wallowa Tournament
Wallowa hosting
Other games
Adrian at Joseph
Cove at Echo (Friday)
Marsing Holiday Classic
Jordan Valley at Marsing, 6:15 p.m.
Other game
Elgin at Joseph

Last week's scores
Greenleaf Friends Academy 58, Adrian 52
Enterprise 52, Wallowa 41
Joseph 51, Elgin 30
Joseph 45, Enterprise 30

Boys basketball

3A SRV	Conf.		All	
	W	L	W	L
Fruitland	0	0	5	1
Homedale	0	0	2	4
McCall-Donnelly	0	0	3	3
Middleton	0	0	1	5
Payette	0	0	2	2
Weiser	0	0	2	2

This week's games (Thursday)
Fruitland Christmas Tournament
Fruitland hosting (Friday)
Fruitland Christmas Tournament
Fruitland hosting (Tuesday)
Weiser at Baker, Ore.
McCall-Donnelly at Council
Payette at Ontario, Ore.
Last week's scores
Homedale 57, Melba 43
Middleton 28, Filer 19
Ontario, Ore. 66, Weiser 62 (OT)
Buhl 57, Middleton 43

2A WIC	Conf.		All	
	W	L	W	L
Marsing	0	0	3	4
Melba	0	0	2	5
Nampa Christian	0	0	1	5
New Plymouth	0	0	2	3
Parma	0	0	5	1

This week's games (Today)
Melba Christmas Tournament
Melba entered (Thursday)
Marsing Holiday Classic
Idaho City at Marsing, 6:15 p.m.
Melba Christmas Tournament
Melba entered
Fruitland Christmas Tournament
Parma entered (Friday)
Marsing Holiday Classic
Wilder at Marsing, 4:30 p.m.
Fruitland Christmas Tournament
Parma entered (Monday)
Marsing at Glens Ferry
Last week's scores
Cole Valley 54, Marsing 50
Homedale 57, Melba 43

1A WIC	Conf.		All	
	W	L	W	L
Idaho City	2	0	4	0

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Sports

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Notus	2	0	5	0
Cole Valley	1	0	1	4
Wilder	3	1	4	1
Gem State	0	0	2	2
Greenleaf	0	1	5	1
Rimrock	0	2	2	5
Liberty Charter	0	4	1	4

This week's games (Thursday)

Marsing Holiday Classic
Jordan Valley vs. Wilder, 2:45 p.m.
Idaho City at Marsing, 6:15 p.m.

(Friday)

Marsing Holiday Classic
Jordan Valley vs. Idaho City, 1 p.m.
Wilder at Marsing, 4:30 p.m.

Other game

Notus at Cambridge

(Tuesday)

Rimrock vs. Greenleaf Friends Academy
Gem State Adventist at Liberty Charter

ter

Idaho City at Notus
Cole Valley at Wilder
Last week's scores
Notus at Adrian, Ore., ppd., weather
Rimrock 53, Garden Valley 42
Greenleaf Friends Academy 77, Adrian 71
Cole Valley 54, Marsing 50

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

This week's games (Today)

Harper at Adrian
Helix Tournament

Imbler entered

Baker JV Tournament
Powder Valley, Pine Eagle entered
(Thursday)

Marsing Holiday Classic
Jordan Valley vs. Wilder, 2:45 p.m.

Other games

Adrian at Joseph

Cove at Echo

(Friday)

Marsing Holiday Classic
Jordan Valley vs. Idaho City, 1 p.m.

Other game

Elgin at Joseph

Last week's scores

Notus at Adrian, Ore., ppd.
Greenleaf Friends Academy 77, Adrian 71
Nixyaawii 55, Imbler 46
Union 50, Powder Valley 48
Wallowa 54, Enterprise 44
Joseph 58, Elgin 43
Powder Valley 60, Cambridge 51
Joseph 57, Enterprise 41

Drought dooms Marsing JV girls

Two free throws were all Marsing High School's junior varsity A girls basketball team could muster in the first quarter a 57-29 non-conference loss to Nyssa, Ore., on Dec. 20.

CC Zanardi dropped in two foul shots as part of her four points during the game played in Oregon, but the Huskies were outscored 17-2 in the first frame. Marsing was 0-for-8 from the field in the quarter and managed just five shots in the final eight minutes of the first half.

Genniel Wagstaff scored seven

of her game-high 18 points in the first quarter for the Bulldogs. Teammate Belinda Escobedo added 12 points, seven of which came in the fourth quarter.

Rose Remick led Marsing with seven points. She hit a 3-point goal during the Huskies' 13-point third quarter. Amanda Staudenmier was 3-for-4 from the field for six points, while Miranda Clausen scored five points.

The Huskies are back in action at 1 p.m. Thursday against Vale, Ore., in the opener of the Husky Holiday Classic at Marsing Middle School.

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2005

The year in review

Review

his post after it became clear the Homedale School Board wouldn't renew his contract as athletic director.

Former Kuna girls coach Brad Hill was hired to take over the boys basketball team, and Dave Hart from Fernley, Nev., was tabbed as the Trojans' new athletic director.

Tim Fulwood also was a winner in his final days as the Trojans' junior varsity boys basketball coach. Homedale won the 3A Snake River Valley conference championship with a 7-3 mark. Scott Bryant took over the JV squad this season.

The Marsing boys basketball team qualified for last season's 2A District III tournament and beat Melba in the opening round.

Coach Don Heller's Marsing girls team also picked up a first-round victory in the district tournament. The Huskies beat Parma 48-37 before losing two consecutive games.

Jordan Valley's basketball program placed two athletes on the all-state team in Oregon -- Paul Elsner and Pat Anderson from the boys team that finished fourth at district, and Laura Cuvelier, whose girls squad finished fifth at district.

It was more of the same for the Homedale wrestling program.

A baker's dozen of wrestlers from coach Toby Johnson's team made the 3A state tournament at the Idaho Center in Nampa. Jeremy Ensley won his 98th consecutive match to claim the 119-pound state championship, his third straight state title. He recorded three pins to reach the state final against American Falls' Tyson Curry, whom Ensley beat 4-2.

Trevor Christoffersen was one of five Trojans to reach the championship round. He finished third at 135 pounds.

Ensley, Christoffersen and heavyweight Erik Garcia all won district titles.

Marsing wrestlers Chris Wright (135), R.J. Crossland (189) and Michael Tuckness (215) also reached the 1A/2A state tournament.

Spring

Once the fields thawed, Marsing's softball program heated up. The Huskies garnered the district's No. 3 seed into the 2A state tournament, but the team's stay in Pocatello was a short one after losses to Potlatch and Malad.

Homedale's JV baseball team cruised through the season with an 18-3 record. The squad won nine games in a row at one point

and beat Middleton 9-3 for the SRV championship. That was the only game in town for Homedale baseball fans because coach Tim Fulwood was forced to cancel the varsity season because of a lack of participation.

The Trojans' state championships continued as the boys golf and tennis teams both won the 3A Academic State Championships. The golf squad had a 3.448 grade-point average, while the tennis team carried a 3.422 GPA.

Both teams would lose their coaches before the 2005-06 school year began. Jim Smythe's last hurrah in a long and successful run as tennis coach was leading the Trojans' girls team to a third-place finish in the state tournament. Caity Jones won the girls single state championship, while Hopkins lost in the boys singles championship match.

Marsing hung a state championship from the spring when senior Cody Heller won a the shot put crown at the 2A state track meet. He finished second in the discus, and Breanna Chadez was runner-up in the high jump.

Homedale sent four athletes to the track and field's state meet. Stimmel qualified in four events after winning district titles in the 100- and 200-meter sprints and the triple jump. She was second in the long jump. At State, Stimmel was runner-up in the 100 and triple jump.

Stimmel later earned a \$200 scholarship from the Idaho Coaches Association. She received the check from her coach, Troy Sullivan, who would leave his longtime post before the next school year.

Cheyenne Andrade capped her junior year with a third-place showing in the discus.

On the boys side, freshman Terrance Thomas qualified for State after a third-place finish in the district discus contest, and Mark Vance reached the state meet in the triple jump.

Homedale Middle School showed off the depth of the town's athletic ability as seventh-grader Katie Holloway captured the district title in the 100 meters to help the Trojans win the team championship.

Other titles for the middle school included district crowns for the eighth-graders in girls basketball and volleyball. The seventh-grade football won a league championship.

New Homedale High cross country coach Nick Schamber established a middle school program in the fall, and that squad finished second in the SRV.

Rodeo

The championships kept rolling with the high school rodeo season. Homedale's

AUGUST



Cameron Brooks rides ranch-hand bronc during the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Owyhee County Fairgrounds, Homedale

Gloria King captured the District II all-around crown while bringing home the breakaway roping crown. Marsing's Scott Roeser was the boys all-around champ and won the team-roping title with partner Brady Black from Bishop Kelly.

Bryan Reay of Homedale and Brandon Mackenzie from Jordan Valley joined forces to finish eighth in team roping at the first-ever Wrangler Junior High School National Finals rodeo in Gallup, N.M.

Bryan Martinat, who had completed his junior year at Homedale, won the novice saddle bronc title at the Owyhee County Rodeo, and Sammy Mackenzie won the saddle bronc crown. Scotti Fuller of Lewiston was all-around champion for the rodeo.

Other summer championships went to Dusten DeCaney of Payette in the 23rd annual Homedale Lions Demolition Derby on the Fourth of July, and the Panzeri Livestock team captured another title in the Percifield Memorial Softball Tournament in Marsing.

Fall

As is the case every year, the sports came full circle back to high school in the fall.

Coach Thomas Thomas' Homedale football team held on to a piece of first place in the SRV until Weiser plastered the Trojans

Rimrock High School's football team got a new coach in Jim Clark and ended an 11-game losing streak, but the Raiders still finished with a 1-7 record.

Adrian's football team won its first five games and eventually reached the state playoffs for the first time since 1990. The Antelopes' volleyball team made its first trip to the 1A state tournament in five years, while Jordan Valley's volleyball squad finished second in the 1A state tourney in the Mustangs' first trip since 1999. Jordan Valley's only loss came in the title match against Dufur.

The Trojans' volleyball squad played its first season under the direction of new coach Maleta Henry.

Homedale's cross country team put three athletes in the state meet. All three — Tyler Gibson, Scott Thatcher and Belen Vega — were all first-year cross country runners. Vega finished 16th in the girls championship race.

The Trojans' boys soccer team collected a victory in the district tournament as David Liddell, Erik Padilla, Andres Vasquez and Cory Uria all earned all-district honors.

As the curtain came down on 2005, basketball and wrestling re-emerged from hibernation.

The Homedale boys and girls basketball teams began seasons under new coaches.

Ensley ran his winning streak on the mat to 101 matches as Homedale brought home the team title at the Mac-Hi Christmas Tournament in Milton-Freewater, Ore.

Marsing's boys basketball team found a moment of clarity in an otherwise murky beginning by winning the Pine Eagle Tournament in Halfway, Ore.

— JB

OCTOBER



Chelicy Payne and Jordan Valley High School volleyball steam toward second-place state finish Springfield, Ore.