

Outlaw Invitational produces season bests

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The Outlaw girls cross-country team made the most of home-course advantage as they vaulted into relevance at the 4A level with a sweeping victory at the Outlaw Invitational held at the fields and forests behind Sisters High School on Saturday, September 26.

Placing all seven girls among the top fourteen resulted in a dominating win over the rest of the field with just 30 points.

Sophie Borders once again paced the Outlaws, this time with a second-place finish in a personal best of 20:42. Anna Bartlett placed fifth (21:24), Megan Calarco was sixth (21:31), Macadia Calavan eighth (21:45) and Serena Salisbury ninth (21:46) as scorers for Sisters. Mary Stewart (21:55) and Amy Hills (22:37) were close behind in 12th and 14th place respectively.

Central, which is a 5A school, scored 59 points for second place, while Ridgeview placed third with 77. Burns finished fourth with 93 and Mountain View's junior varsity placed fifth with 106 points.

The fast times and

tightness of the Outlaw group has caught the attention of other 4A coaches who now view Sisters as a team to contend with for the second half of the season, according to Head Coach Josh Nordell.

The boys are a week or two away from being at full strength as Dyut Fetrow and Izaak Kanzig have been thwarted by minor injuries, according Nordell. Nonetheless, he was pleased with the team's performance.

T.J. Hooks lead the Outlaws to fourth place among the seven teams with a third-place finish behind a pair of 5A runners, which included the winner, Albert Hesse of Ridgeview, who clocked 16:35 for the 5,000-meter course. Hooks (17:16) and Jordan Pollard, who placed fifth (17:35), have been a solid 1-2 punch for the Outlaws. Kanzig finished in 19:02, while Cole Pade (19:32) and Patrick Krevi (19:58) completed the scoring for the Outlaws. Cody Martin (20:41) and Jack Berg (20:42) also ran varsity for Sisters.

Mountain View took the team honors with 42 points, followed by Ridgeview (62) and Central (71). Sisters also scored 71 points, but lost on the tiebreaker based on the



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Anna Bartlett leads the Outlaws girls at the Outlaw Invitational Saturday.

placement of the sixth runner. Other scores included Burns (128), Lakeview (149), and Paisley (187).

The Outlaws run again this week in Central Oregon at the Oxford Classic set for Friday, October 2 at Drake Park. The meet features 37 schools from throughout Oregon as well as three from Idaho, one from California and even one runner from Shanghai, China.

There are junior varsity

placements at 1 and 1:30 p.m., followed by the varsity girls at 2 p.m. and varsity boys at 2:30 p.m.

"Oxford will help us know how we stack up against some great teams, including the reigning 4A team champions for both girls (Phoenix) and boys (Valley Catholic)," said Nordell.

Horse in eastern Ore. killed by elk, not wolf

PENDLETON (AP) — Authorities say a horse believed to have been killed by wolves in rural Wallowa County was actually gored by a bull elk.

The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife says the horse, found dead Sept. 18 in a pasture along the upper Imnaha River, had wounds matching the size and space of elk antlers. The animal had no wolf bite marks. Officials also said they identified elk tracks near where the horse was found, but no wolf tracks.

When the horse turned up dead, wolves were the primary target of the investigation.

The *East Oregonian* reports local ranchers disagree with the announcement and still blame wolves for the horse's death.

District wildlife biologist Mike Hansens said elk bulls are aggressive this time of the year, because it's breeding season.

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