

Volleyball squad participates in Clearwater Classic

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The Lady Outlaws took on top teams from around the state in the Clearwater Classic held in Bend on Saturday, October 10.

Sisters swept their opponents in pool play. The Outlaws defeated Ridgeview 25-11, 25-15, topped South Salem 25-14, 25-12, and finished with a 25-15, 25-20 win over South Eugene.

The Outlaws played faster and faster during pool play, and were very prepared for their match against Summit. Sisters defeated the Storm 25-16, and 25-20.

Libero Jessie Brigham was just “lights-out” digging the ball; she tallied 16 digs in the match. She was all over anything that came her way.

Allie Spear, Ashlynn Cantwell, and Brigham did an incredible job on serve-receive. The trio did not give

Summit any easy place to serve the ball. The Storm passed great balls for the Outlaws’ setters to do whatever they wanted with them.

Setters Hawley Harrer and Alex Hartford did an outstanding job placing sets and keeping the speed of the game in the Outlaws’ favor. Spear and Harrer peppered the ball and brought power to the court. Middles Brooke Knirk and Peytan Zanck ran their hitting assignments perfectly, and froze Summit’s blocks. They also hit some strategic places, and forced Summit’s middles to resort to tips and hard angles.

Spear recorded 11 kills in the match, tallied 13 digs, and went nine-for-ten from the service line with three aces. Cantwell and Harrer both posted seven digs.

Hartford went 10/12 from the line, dished out 11 assists, and recorded three digs. Brigham was 12/13 from the line with one ace, and led the

team with 16 digs.

“Summit is always a tough competitor, and the game could always go either way,” said Myhre. “It is becoming a very friendly rivalry and we just happened to get the games swinging our way this year. They are tough, and our players respect their competitiveness.”

Sisters advanced and took on No. 2-ranked 6A Central Catholic. The Outlaws fell 26-24, 25-20, in an incredible, high-intensity, well-played match.

The Outlaws were not intimidated by the top-ranked team, and came out strong and took a lead. Sisters hitters pounded the ball, and the squad moved to a tempo that seemed to keep Central Catholic (CC) on their heels. Middle hitters Zanck and Knirk really forced CC hitters to hit line most of the time, and Harrer would cover that lane, which forced a lot of hitting errors for CC.

Sisters’ serve-receive did an outstanding job throughout the set. They picked up the serving strength of CC, and kept the team in tempo.

Toward the end of the set, CC proved why they ranked No. 2 in 6A. The Lady Rams adjusted to the Outlaws’ speed, started to place some of their tips in tough places, picked up more of the Outlaws’ shots and pushed to tie the game. CC forced the Outlaws out of their tempo at the end of the set, and slowed the game down enough to take the win.

The Outlaws and CC fought hard in the second set, but the Rams were able to take the Outlaws out of tempo again, and frustrate their hitting assignments.

“We never really got too far behind the whole set, but by the time we reached our momentum shift it was a little too late and CC took the second set,” said Myhre.

“Central Catholic was an

amazing team that didn’t seem to have any weaknesses in their rotations,” said Myhre. “We showed that we are able to compete with the best teams in the state, no matter what level they are at. I’ve never been prouder of the team, and the way they played their game. It really came down to which team was going to blink and lose tempo. We blinked first, and were just edged out.”

Myhre told *The Nugget* the Outlaws entered the tournament determined to see how they would match up against teams from bigger schools, and they proved they could play right with them.

“This is a special team that just seems to pull out the fight when they need to, and they earned the respect of the CC coaches,” added Myhre. “They have nothing to hang their heads about. The success of this weekend first and foremost goes to the girls. They carried the weight, and carried it well.”

Help on tap for caregivers of children

Are you a grandparent raising your grandchildren, a single parent with little help, or a couple feeling at your wit’s end trying to solve parenting problems? If so, a support group is being developed specifically with you in mind.

Together For Children’s new “Caregivers Support” group is being launched at the Sisters Park & Recreation District building on Thursday, October 22, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The group is open to

anyone raising a child, from birth into the teens, who feels connecting with others in a similar situation could help relieve some of the stress that goes with the “job” of caregiver.

The eight-week program will run from October 22 to December 17, excluding the week of Thanksgiving.

Facilitated by Edie Jones, longtime Sisters resident and author of the award-winning book “Raising Kids With

Love, Honor and Respect; Recipes for Success,” along with other TFC staff, the group will tackle the subjects most important to those attending. Childcare will be provided as needed.

Together For Children has been in Sisters to help with

parenting for over 25 years, however this is the first time they have branched out of offering opportunities for families with young children. By widening their outreach they hope to bring assistance to a larger number of families.

The cost for attending is

\$50 for the entire eight weeks or \$7 per week.

Help provided by the community has made scholarships available for attending the program. To learn more about the program visit www.together-for-children.org or call Linda at 541-420-8110.



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