

Girls lacrosse packs in three games

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The girls lacrosse team split games in a double-header on Saturday, April 23. Sisters lost 12-6 to South Salem (SS) in the first match-up and then beat McNary 13-2. Earlier in the week, on Monday, April 18, the Outlaws lost 15-10 to Corvallis High School (CHS), in their hardest physical and emotional game of the season.

In the Outlaws game against South Salem on Saturday, both teams scored a goal within the first two minutes of the contest.

Sisters was only able to put in one more goal in the half, while Salem put in an additional six to hold a big 7-2 lead as the teams headed into halftime.

The Saxons had a unique strategy to their game, and Coach Mikaela Trott explained.

“On the draw they loaded their midfield on the defensive side (six players), and put two of their attack players on the circle, only leaving two attack players on the attack side,” said Trott. “This ensured that if we got the ball on the draw, they would have a really quick defensive stop on the ball. It created a wall we had difficulty breaking.”

South Salem scored within the first 30 seconds of the second half, and then twice more before the 10-minute mark.

Trott said the Outlaws got frustrated, but a few girls turned their frustration into solid defense.

Mia Cook, in particular, made a big difference. Cook fought hard, and was the missing link that the Outlaws needed. Sisters went on to hold the Saxons scoreless for the next 16 minutes.

Mia was able to connect to her sister Ellie with an assist, and Ellie scored the Outlaws’ first goal of the second half with just over 10 minutes left in the game.

Sisters continued their scrappy play, and with sheer determination held off the

Saxons until the final three minutes of the contest. SS put in their final three goals in the last three minutes of the game.

Trott said, “In many ways the freshmen crew kept the fight going. They all have a fierce competitiveness and an endless supply of endurance that pushes them to not give up, even when they are being pushed around on the field.

Makila Lajko stepped in as goalie for the Outlaws and had an incredible game. Lajko had 10 saves, which didn’t count all the shots on goal that the Saxons took. Makila made beautiful clears to the midfield, and was a key player in the game.

Trott told *The Nugget* that SS Coach Collis, whom the Outlaws greatly respect, spoke very positively of the Outlaws squad and was encouraging of how far they’d come as a club.

“He said that we’re always one of the hardest teams they face, especially given that we had no subs in the game,” said Trott.

The Outlaws came back and earned a win in their next game, which was against McNary.

Sisters had fun in this game, and were able to switch it up and let players try different positions due to the high number of goals.

Bree Papworth and Mia Cook each scored three goals, Sydney Head and Taylor Schneider each scored two, and Ellie Cook, Makila Lajko, and Sophia Bianchi (her first of the season) each added one.

“Overall, the Outlaws used this game as a learning opportunity to try out new plays on offense, to pressure greater on defense, and to switch to their non-dominant hands while running and cradling, and even shooting,” said Trott.

“I really appreciated Marissa Young stepping out of this game, as she wanted to give others more playing time,” added Trott. “And I want to recognize McKenna

Jones, who passed frequently, and had a few assists. She was very selfless with the ball.”

Monday’s game opened with Corvallis gaining a draw control and a goal within the first 15 seconds of the contest.

Approximately mid-way through the half the Spartans knocked in two more quick goals and went up 3-0.

Less than two minutes later, Sydney Head got a pass from Mia Cook off the draw and Head got a goal. Corvallis fired back with another goal and then Marissa Young scored her first goal with a little over 15 minutes left in the half.

Five minutes later, Katelyn Josten scored, but Corvallis responded immediately with one more.

The Outlaws were only able to put in one more goal in the final 10 minutes of the half, while Corvallis added four goals.

Sisters had a tough defensive position as the sun blared directly into the goalie’s eyes for the first half, and then dipped into the shadows to give the Corvallis goalie an advantage in the second half.

“We definitely had to step up communication on behalf of the goalie not being able to see,” said Trott. “Another difficulty we faced, in addition to the sun, was that there were two attack players from CHS that were both almost six feet tall. Since we don’t have a super-tall team, it

makes defending tall attack players difficult, especially if they get the ball in the critical scoring area. If they have control of the ball and don’t shoot through my defenders’ spheres it is a legal goal, which happened more than enough.”

At the half, the Outlaws trailed 9-4. In the second half, Sisters battled back, fought harder on defense, and switched from a man-to-man defense to a zone.

“The game got increasingly physical as CHS played a little rougher, especially against Marissa Young on the circle,” said Trott. “The referees had to tell them to settle down as she became a target with four more goals in the second half. Her opponents were pushing her out and throwing lots of elbows. Ellie Cook also got pushed to the ground a few times, but they were all resilient and never gave up.”

Sisters had a total of 14 draw controls and Corvallis had 11, but it still wasn’t enough for the Outlaws to earn the win.

New ski lift planned for Mt. Bachelor

BEND, Ore. (AP) — Mt. Bachelor plans to build its first ski lift to new terrain in two decades.

The Bulletin reports that the resort says the new Cloudchaser lift will climb 1,448 vertical feet, opening up 635 acres of skiable ground and 6.2 acres of groomed runs.

The resort said in a news release Thursday that the lift will make Mt. Bachelor the fifth-largest ski area in the country.

Interim General Manager John McLeod says construction will begin this summer. The resort hopes to have the lift ready for skiers and snowboarders by Christmas.

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