

Girls soccer notches league win

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The Lady Outlaws kicked off league play with a 2-1 victory at home over Sutherlin on Thursday, September 15. Two days earlier it was a completely different story, with the Outlaws on the short side of the stick in a 7-1 loss at home to the Henley Hornets.

Sisters was excited to record a win in their first league game of the season at home on Thursday against Sutherlin. It was a scoreless contest as teams headed into the half, but the Outlaws picked it up when they got back on the field.

The Bulldogs scored 15 minutes into the half, and Sisters answered with a goal from the 18-yard mark from Nika Chick off a Rylee Weber assist. Chick knocked in the Outlaws final goal from the 15-yard mark in the 74th minute to secure the win.

Sisters recorded 24 shots on goal, while Sutherlin only tallied 10.

Coach Jenna Pike said, “It is awesome to have a win going into league. The girls played really well. Their passing and scoring get better every game.”

Two days earlier, the Outlaws fell 1-7 at home against Henley

Sisters scored just five minutes into the contest, but then were held scoreless for the remainder of the game. The Outlaws’ lone goal came when Rylee Weber got fouled in the goal box. Nika Chick took the shot from the penalty kick line and scored.

Henley answered with three goals to take a 3-1 lead at the half. The Hornets tacked on four more goals in the second half and recorded the win.

Charlotte Barton played an amazing game for the Outlaws, and recorded over 20 saves in the box.

Coach Pike noted Olivia Hougham’s outstanding play.

“Olivia played amazing,” said Pike. “Throughout the game she would be double- and triple-teamed, and

still would outplay the girls around her. She never gave up and played really well.”

Pike said, “The team in general is learning really well how to turn the other team’s mistakes into awesome opportunities for us. Today they were able to play a decent two-touch game, and allowed us to keep the tempo of the game up. With

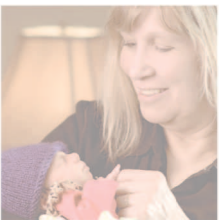
pre-season wrapped up, we are looking towards league. We’ve made some great developments as a team, and I think we will play really well this season.”

Sisters was to play at Sweet Home on Tuesday, September 20. The Lady Outlaws will play at home against Elmira on Thursday, September 22.



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Nika Chick with a header against Sutherland in the girls’ first win.



“ I didn’t want to be a patient anymore. I wanted to be an athlete again.”

~Geoff Babb,
brain stem
stroke survivor

In 2005, Geoff Babb had a brain stem stroke. A 30-year veteran wildland fire fighter, Geoff was very active before his stroke. After months of rehabilitation, he started riding at Healing Reins. In the beginning, two volunteers were required to hold him on the horse. Now Geoff’s new normal is that he is able to ride independently. “When I am on a horse, I feel a lot of freedom ... that I can move.”

Dita Keith, executive director of Healing Reins, said the partnership with St. Charles helps the equine therapy center accomplish its mission. “We are able to help people like Geoff realize their dreams,” she said.

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