Athletes take on Hoodoo Challenge

Outlaws host volleyball invitational tourney

By Rongi Yost Correspondent

Hawley Harrer had an outstanding day and was a dominant player for the Outlaws throughout the Sisters Invitational Volleyball Tournament held on Saturday, September 24. Harrer helped lead the Outlaws to a secondplace finish.

Sixteen of the best 4A teams were in attendance from all around the state.

Sisters beat all three of their opponents in pool play. The Outlaws started with wins over Stayton and North Bend and then went neckand-neck with Valley Catholic (VC) before pulling ahead to claim the victory.

Coach Rod Jones told *The Nugget* that the game against VC could easily have been a championship match.

In bracket play, the Outlaws started with a win over Henley in the quarterfinals. Sisters gave a few points away, but overall managed the match quite easily.

In the semifinals, Sisters defeated Vale, who had a couple of nice athletes on their squad. The first game was tight and competitive, but in the second set the Outlaws blew the game wide open.

Sisters faced VC in the championship match, and lost the contest 15-25, 19-25. In both games the score was tied

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15-15, but according to Jones the Outlaws quit passing and just couldn't get big swings. VC took advantage of Sisters' mistakes, won the match, and claimed the top spot.

Jones said, "The tournament went very well. It was very competitive and there were lots of good athletes and good volleyball all day long. We could easily see a lot of these teams at the state tournament.

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"We had a lot of good moments today, but those moments would be followed with sloppy play," added Jones. "We're still too inconsistent and we have to know how to turn it around when we get in a funk." Thirty-eight bold souls took the Hoodoo Challenge and ran or walked the 13.1 miles of a half-marathon at the local ski resort.

The event was sponsored by Sisters Kiwanis and served as a fundraiser for the club's many service endeavors in Sisters.

Following registration at the Hoodoo Ski Area parking lot, participants were shuttled to the race start at the Corbett Trailhead. The race course passed Island, Link and Sand lakes and was relatively flat with a few rolling hills until it hit the elevation gain of 1,035 feet to the summit of Hoodoo.

The overall winner was Nick Scalfone from Bend with a time of 1:29:20.1. Jason Adams placed second with a time of 1:41:46.6. Third overall was Ryan Singleton with a time of 1:44:56.7. The top female finisher was Bryn Singleton from Sisters with a time of 1:58:36.0.

An after-race barbecue was held in the Hoodoo parking lot where participants,



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Bryn Singleton of Sisters was the top women's finisher in the Hoodoo Challenge.

friends, family and the many Sisters Kiwanis volunteers were provided with food, drinks and beer from Three Creeks Brewing Company.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from the race will support the Sisters Kiwanis Club scholarships and community service projects.

The Hoodoo Challenge replaced last year's Black Butte Challenge. Sisters Kiwanis worked in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service, McKenzie River Ranger District and Sisters Ranger District.







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