

Outlaws advance to the big dance

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Sisters (ranked No. 2 statewide) came out strong, and quickly trounced No. 15-ranked Seaside in the play-in game held in Sisters on Saturday, October 29. The Outlaws won with scores of 25-14, 25-16, and 25-18.

The win gave Sisters their ticket to the big dance, which will be held at Forest Grove High School on Friday and Saturday, November 4-5, in the double-elimination state tournament.

The Lady Outlaws will be given an escort out of town on Thursday, November 3, and will make a special stop at Doernbecher Hospital in the afternoon. Coach Rod Jones told *The Nugget* that visiting the hospital is a great opportunity for the team to come together with a common purpose, and commit to give to someone else.

In Saturday's match with the Seagulls, the Outlaws worked together to tally the win.

Jones said, "Everybody played well. The kids took care of business and played very efficient. All the hitters swung very well. Alex (Hartford) is working hard running the offense, and when we pass her the ball it makes it more fun for all the hitters. Jessie (Brigham) played very, very consistent and passed the ball well at libero."

Jones told *The Nugget* that the Outlaws will need to be ready and sharp for state.

"We have to hone our competitive attitude, and fine-tune and clean up some things," said Jones. "Serve-receive will be critical. We have to be confident in those two aspects, and that will give opportunity to get the ball to a lot more hitters."

Of making it to state,



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Hawley Harrer led the Outlaws in a great game against Seaside.

senior Emma Houck stated, "It feels good to know we are in the final eight. I think we are ready to take a state title. We need to keep working hard in practice this week with our serve-receive and blocking."

Four days earlier, the Lady Outlaws took down top-ranked Bend High in an endowment game that went the distance. Sisters pulled out the win with scores of 18-25, 25-21, 14-25, 25-16 and 16-14.

The first two sets were very competitive. In the first set, scores were close until late in the game when Bend forged ahead with some great plays to tally the win. Sisters kept at it and earned the win in a close second-set.

Bend played very well in the third set. The Outlaws broke down and made some mistakes, which made it easier for Bend to earn the win. Sisters executed very well in the fourth set to even the sets at 2-2. Coach Jones told *The Nugget* that the team's serve-receive was very good, their touches were positive, and their mental attitude was

strong.

In the final set, the score bounced back-and-forth, and then Bend went up 12-9. Sisters scored a couple more but Bend held on and took a 14-12 advantage. The Outlaws served two straight points to pull out the win.

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"The girls played tough, didn't quit, and did the right thing late," said Jones. "It was just fun to be there and watch two good teams battle. Everybody played hard. There were no losers."

Hunters urged to help fight disease

Are you planning to hunt deer, elk, or moose in another state? Oregon State Police and ODFW want to remind you of import restrictions meant to keep Oregon free of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD).

It is illegal to bring any deer, elk, or moose part containing central nervous system tissue (such as whole heads or spinal columns) into Oregon from states or Canadian provinces with a documented case of CWD.

OSP has already seen several cases this year from Oregonians hunting out of state who are not following these regulations and bringing in parts with central nervous system tissue.

CWD is untreatable, damaging the brain of infected deer, elk, and moose and typically causing progressive loss of body condition. The disease is always fatal to these animals, and no state or province with documented cases of CWD has been able to eradicate it. The prions that cause CWD can last a long time in the environment. If the head and spinal column of an infected animal is disposed of in areas where Oregon's deer, elk, or moose could encounter the prions, the state's native wildlife could contract the disease.

The following states or provinces have reported documented case(s) of Chronic Wasting Disease: Alberta, Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma,

Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming and Saskatchewan.

Hunters who harvested an animal in these states or provinces need to follow the import restrictions and not bring in certain parts of their animal. Hunters bringing parts containing central nervous system tissues from these areas into Oregon may be subject to a citation, and illegal parts will be confiscated.

The following parts can be brought into Oregon from states and provinces with CWD:

- Meat that is cut and wrapped commercially or privately;
- Meat that has been boned out;
- Quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached;
- Hides and/or capes with no head attached;
- Skull plates with antlers attached that have been cleaned of all meat and brain tissue;
- Antlers with no tissue attached (Velvet antlers are allowed);
- Upper canine teeth (buglers, whistlers, ivories);
- Finished taxidermy heads.

Chronic Wasting Disease has never been detected in Oregon, but wildlife managers are on the lookout for the disease.

For more information on CWD, check the ODFW website at www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/health_program/chronic_wasting/

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