

Girls soccer names five to all-league

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The Lady Outlaws soccer squad had five players receive all-league recognition: Nika Chick, Rylee Weber, Olivia Hougham, Alexa Stewart and Charlotte Barton.

Senior Nika Chick was the lone Outlaw to earn first-team honors. Chick was a team captain and played at the midfield position. Nika averaged 11 shots on goal per game and scored the most goals for the Lady Outlaws this season. The biggest and best-remembered will be the 50-yard goal she made from a free kick.

“Nika is an outstanding player and will be missed next year,” said Coach Jenna Pike. “She led her team on and off the field. She was always aggressive on the field without playing dirty. If other girls played dirty, she would out-skill them with her soccer moves. She’s a very thoughtful player and always knew what her next move was on the field.”

Rylee Weber and Olivia Hougham earned second-team honors.

Weber (junior) played at the midfield position and was also a team captain. Rylee averaged six shots per game, and was one of the Outlaws’ top scorers.

“Rylee has led the team from the very beginning of the season,” said Pike. “She has an attitude that is contagious, and she also has a hard work-ethic and is a positive encouragement to her team. This is Rylee’s second year playing soccer, and she is an amazing young lady. She learns quickly and can



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Nika Chick scores for the Outlaws.

execute newly learned skills in a game.”

Olivia Hougham played defensive midfield and, as a freshman, was a second-team pick.

“Olivia is very quick, and could always stay on her feet, even against tough opponents,” said Pike. “As a freshman, I was shocked at what she could do in a game. She was able to help the defense by slowing down the opponent that had the ball. Her outstanding moment this season was when she was being triple-teamed and she out-skilled them all.”

Alexa Stewart and Charlotte Barton were honorable-mention.

Stewart (sophomore) was a team captain and played center defense for the Outlaws.

“Alexa always had an encouraging attitude that pushed her and her team to do their best,” said Pike. “As

one of our last line of defenders, she played smart and in control in the back, and did a great job preventing the other team from taking shots. I’m excited to see what she can do in the next couple of years.”

Barton (senior) was the Outlaws’ keeper. Charlotte had an average of eight saves per game, and was a leader in the back.

“Charlotte is aggressive and always goes for every ball,” said Pike. “This year was her first year on varsity, and she stepped up very well and played her best. She never gave up, and with every hard hit, she would get back up and keep on playing. She will be missed next year.”

Ore. DA says gag-order violates DA’s free speech

By Andrew Selsky
Associated Press

SALEM (AP) — A prosecutor said a judge’s gag-order in a murder case infringes on his ability to consult with the victim’s family members and on his rights to communicate with the citizens he was elected to represent.

Deschutes County District Attorney John Hummel is pushing back against Circuit Court Judge Michael Adler’s Aug. 18 order barring all parties in the case, including all lawyers and the DA’s office, from talking about the trial outside the courtroom.

The objection, obtained by The Associated Press via online court records, was filed on Monday by the Oregon Attorney General. It asks for a hearing on the matter or for the order to be vacated.

The gag order was issued in the case against a Redmond man, Edward Lara, who is charged with killing 23-year-old Kaylee Sawyer, of Bend. Lara was working as a security guard at Central Oregon Community College where Sawyer disappeared. Her body was found days later in a ravine near a rural highway.

Lara is also accused of shooting and wounding a man and carjacking a vehicle in Northern California. He was arrested by the California Highway Patrol and brought back to Bend.

The objection to Adler’s gag order said it “is over-broad as it prohibits protected speech under both the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution as well as Oregon’s Constitution.”

The Oregon Department of Justice is representing Hummel in his request, Kristina Edmunson, the attorney general’s communications director, told the AP. She said it is common for the justice department to represent district attorneys.

The motion asserted that Hummel has a right as an elected public official to account for the conduct of his office, and that if he decides to ask a jury to impose the death penalty on Lara if he is convicted, that “the citizens deserve more” than being informed about it after the trial.

Hummel said in a text message to the AP on Tuesday that he cannot comment further on the gag-order because the order prevents him from doing so.

In an interview with the AP on May 31, Hummel emphasized that he believes in openness.

“As a prosecutor, my goal is not just to convict people who are alleged to have committed a crime. My job is to do justice,” he said. “I want people in this community to have confidence in their justice system.”

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