

# Outlaws play with determination

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The young Outlaws lacrosse squad continues to hone their skills and improve their game, but it's been a battle all year long as they've faced big schools with strong programs and deep rosters.

Sisters fought with heart and determination and didn't give up in their games against Corvallis and Southridge this past week, but just didn't have the experience and manpower to pull off a win.

Sisters fell to Southridge 12-2 at home on Saturday, May 6. The Outlaws played without a couple of their key players due to injury, and younger players stepped up.

The Outlaws got off to a slow start, and at the half trailed 7-0. In the second half Gator Haken and Bennett Lewis were able to score for the Outlaws.

The Skyhawks won the ground ball battle with 45, while the Outlaws only had 25.

Coach Paul Patton noted Willie Stewart, who he said played a good game at the middle position, and the long stick defenders who got better as the game went on.

"Our younger players that are filling in are getting a trial by fire," said Patton. "The season is nearing its end, and we need to make the most of our few remaining practices and games to keep getting better."

Four days earlier, the Outlaws' game at Corvallis ended in a 10-4 loss. Although the scoreboard doesn't reflect it, the contest was actually a fairly even match-up.

Sisters gave up a couple of easy goals in the first quarter due to turnovers, which allowed the Spartans to build a 4-1 lead.

The Outlaws battled back in the second period. Sisters controlled the ball and scored two unanswered goals to close the Spartans' lead to 4-3 at the half.

In the third quarter, Corvallis executed some good offensive plays to score and extend their lead.

Coach Paul Patton said, "We actually continued to play well, but couldn't get any shots to go in. The difference in the game was probably them controlling more loose ground balls than us."

The Outlaws had one of their lowest turnover counts of the season, and won nine of 18 faceoffs. Trey Stadel scored two goals for the Outlaws, and Gabe Patton and Jared Richerson each recorded one. Casey Warburton made 14 nice saves in the goal.

"Like most of our games this year, the other team had more players and carried 16 seniors, where we have none," said Patton.

Sisters' defensive unit of Sam Mitchell, Ethan Kennedy and Spencer Morgan continued to improve their game and work together.



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Tyler Friend moves upfield for the Outlaws.

Cole Pade and Damien Wills gave great effort as the Outlaws' long-stick middies on faceoffs and on the defensive end of the field.

The Outlaws were to play their last regular game of the season on Tuesday, May 9, at home against Ridgeview. Sisters will finish with the SALI tournament, which will be held Saturday and Sunday, May 13 and 14.

# Sisters continues to seek to be "fire free"

Spring has finally sprung in Central Oregon and that means it's time to get ready for fire season. Across the state and in Deschutes County, fire departments and organizations are encouraging residents to learn about living in fire adapted communities and take steps to reduce the threat of wildfire destroying lives and homes.

This is the 20th year of FireFree in Central Oregon, and program managers report that all the action by local residents is moving the needle toward a safer Central Oregon. Central Oregon residents will get a jump on fire season by capitalizing on this campaign when they bring their flammable yard debris to area collection sites for free.

"Residents in Central Oregon are no strangers to wildfire and continue to show an increasing level of awareness by participating in FireFree recycling events," said Alison Green, program director of Project Wildfire.

To prepare for fire season, FireFree encourages residents to create and maintain their defensible space and take advantage of offers for free disposal of that yard debris.

The greatest risk of homes catching fire during a wildland fire event is from the advancing embers, or "fire brands," that reach your property long before an actual flame front.

With this in mind, FireFree reminds you to take a look around your property in the "home ignition zone" where glowing embers can ignite spot fires and vulnerable areas like decks, patios and fences that can spread flames to your home. And take advantage of upcoming FireFree recycling events to dispose of the debris for free. There will be a disposal event near Sisters at the Northwest Transfer Station (68200 Fryrear Rd.) on June 2 and 3, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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