

# Outlaws recognize seniors, close out season with losses

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Sisters High School's varsity softball team closed out the 2017 campaign by losing its final three games and saying farewell to its four seniors on Senior Day.

Playing without all-league pitcher Amanda Smith, the Outlaws lost 23-0 and 21-2 to Junction City and 14-0 to Sweet Home. Without Smith, who was on the mound for each of the Outlaws' seven victories this season, SHS struggled to keep opposing runners off the plate.

As a result, Coach Dave Smith called on junior Cassidy Ling-Scott and sophomore Mya St. Claire to replace the injured Smith in the circle.

"Cassidy had only pitching experience when she was a freshman, but she has a lot of potential to become a good pitcher if she works at it," said Smith. "If Mya puts the works in, I believe she as well can develop into a good pitcher in the circle."

Ling-Scott struck out four, but had 17 walks in four innings against Junction City in the 23-0 loss. And St. Clair, who pitched the fifth inning of the first game, struck out three, but also walked 17 and

hit seven batters, in the second game.

"They (Ling-Scott and St. Clair) gave it their all," said Smith, the second-year Outlaw coach.

Amanda Smith was one of four seniors honored on Senior Day. The others were Savannah Ryan, Kylie Steiner, and Brenda Isarraraz.

The losses to league champion Junction City and playoff-bound Sweet Home dropped the Outlaws to 4-11 in Sky-Em League play and 7-14 overall. Both marks are improvements over the 2016 season.

Sarah Hartford and St. Clair were the lone Outlaws to collect base hits in the first game of the double-header. In addition to Smith, the Outlaws were missing two other players due to injuries.

SHS hit the ball consistently in the second game, but the walks and 13 errors gave Junction City ample opportunities in the five-inning, run-rule game.

In the second game, the Outlaws got their runs in the first inning when St. Clair hit a line drive to right field allowing Sophia Affatati to score and in the fourth inning when Emma Ransom scored on a wild pitch.

Affatati had two hits and

St. Clair three in the second-game loss to Junction City. Also getting base hits were Ling-Scott, Hartford, Ryan, Ransom and Steiner.

Ling-Scott also pitched against Sweet Home before being relieved with two out in the fifth by Hartford, who struck out the lone batter she faced.

Smith said, "Hartford is an up and coming potential pitcher and catcher that we look forward to working with in the future."

The Outlaws struggled against Sweet Home pitcher Sanita Zanona, who struck out nine of the 19 batters she faced. She walked one. St. Clair was the lone SHS player to collect a base hit.

Junction City 14-1 (21-5 overall) won its first Sky-Em League title in 25 years and is ranked No. 10 by the Oregon School Activities Association. Defending Sky-Em champion



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Outlaws seniors were recognized at a game versus Junction City.

Elmira finished 12-3 (15-5) for second, followed by 9-6 Sweet Home (13-10). Sutherlin finished a game

ahead of the Outlaws at 5-10 and Cottage Grove was winless in 15 league games and for the 2017 season at 0-23.



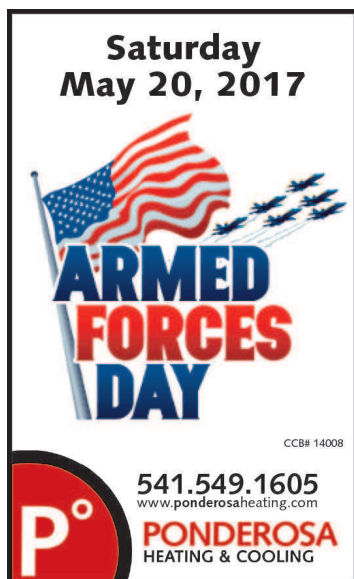
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