

Boys cross-country team coming together

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After a banner year last year that included a slew of freshmen on the varsity team that won a district title and competed at the state meet, this season's edition of Sisters High School's boys cross-country team faces a new league and perhaps the strongest 4A team competition in many years.

With Marist of Eugene dropping down to the 4A ranks and five of the top six teams from last year's state championships returning most of their runners, the Outlaws understand that every outing this season will be a challenge. According to Josh Nordell, head coach, the boys are up to the task.

At Thursday's Husky Invitational in Sweet Home Nordell got a glimpse of the hard work some of the boys put in this summer, including John Peckham, who placed second at the meet among 80 finishers in a time of 17:17. Jedaiah Wasson of 2A East Linn Christian pulled away

from Peckham in the last half-mile to win in 17:08.

Ethan Hosang also cracked the top 10, finishing ninth in 18:31 on the tough 5,000-meter course. Other finishers for the team included Sam May (19:24), Josh Liddell (20:04), Max Palanuk (20:53), and Austin Pade (21:56). Will Thorsett had to pull out of the race due to a leg injury.

“... I liked what I saw, especially considering we are truly training through these first couple of meets.”
— Josh Nordell

Oregon West rival Newport won the meet with 55 points, followed by South Albany (69), Philomath (88), Lebanon (112), Corvallis (123) and Sisters (123) among a total of 11 complete teams.

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Outlaws fall in physical contests

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The Lady Outlaws fell 1-5 in a road loss to Woodburn on Tuesday, September 11, and two days later lost 0-4 at home against Philomath.

On Tuesday, Sisters scored their lone goal of the contest at the 14-minute mark on an unassisted play. Gracen Sundstrom stripped the ball from a Bulldog defender at about 30 yards out, took one touch, and blasted in a shot from 25 yards out that went past the keeper's hands and tucked under the crossbar for the 1-0 lead.

Woodburn scored five minutes later, and again five minutes after that to go up 2-1. They were able to punch in one more goal and take a 3-1 lead at the half. The Bulldogs put two more away in the second half and posted the 5-1 win.

“The game was really physical, and there were lots of no-calls by the officials,” said Coach Jaron Jacobsen.

Senior forward Sofia Affatati said, “We played a hard game. Sydney Wilkins (freshman) stepped in as goalie for the game and



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The Outlaws girls soccer team is facing stiff competition.

showed she could play at the varsity level. The goalie position is not easy to play, and she did a great job.”

On Thursday, the Outlaws played in another very physical game against Philomath, and one Sisters player was forced to leave the field due to a concussion.

Philomath opened their scoring at the 15-minute

mark, and then scored again seven minutes later. At the half, the Outlaws trailed 0-3. The Warriors tacked on their final goal in the second half and recorded the victory.

Sisters was to travel to Stayton on Tuesday, September 18. The Outlaws will play at home against Sweet Home on Thursday.

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