

# Outlaws go toe-to-toe with Newport

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The No. 5 state-ranked Newport Cubs (4-0 record) waltzed into Sisters and found an unexpected dance partner in the Sisters Outlaws. The Outlaws battled the Cubs the entire game. In the end, Newport prevailed in a slim 21-20 victory.

Sisters defense hit the field fired up, and was determined to shut down the high-powered Newport offense. The first play of the game set the tone, as the Outlaws made a tackle for loss. They continued to shut down the Cubs, and forced them to punt.

The punt was short, which gave the Outlaws the ball on the Cubs' 37-yard line. Halfway through the first quarter, the home team scored on an 11-yard run by Gator Haken, which was set up by a pass from Taylor Fendall to Korbin Sharp, aided by a 15-yard penalty.

Newport was able to score on a long pass at the end of the first to even the score 7-7.

In the second quarter, Fendall threw a 21-yard pass to Trey Stadeli, and on the next play Haken wove through a host of defenders for a 38-yard run into the end-zone. The Outlaws defense was able to hold the Cubs in check for most of the quarter, but Newport was able to tie it up 14-14 as teams entered the half.

The second half was marked by miscues by both offenses, many of which were forced by tenacious defenses. The Outlaws needed a spark, and Dalton Ford, who doesn't start on either side of the ball, stepped up and delivered big-time. Late in the third, Dalton did just what the coach asked of him, and the result was one for the highlight reel. He blocked a punt, recovered the ball, and ran it into the end-zone for a score that brought the Outlaws to within one at 20-21.

The extra point was blocked and the Outlaws found themselves down by



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The Outlaws battled hard against Newport and came up just short.

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Of the play, Dalton said, "The coach just told me to run down and make sure the ball was kicked. When I got close enough I just stuck my arms out, blocked the ball, saw the ball was in front of me, and ran it in for the touchdown."

In the final quarter, the size and strength of the coastal team started to take its toll on the Outlaws. After two stalled drives by the Outlaws, the Cubs were able to grind out the win behind their bruising line, and a big running back that overpowered Sisters' undersized defense.

The Outlaws defensive line of Joel Miller, Dante Hanks, Anthony Randolph, and Trey Stadeli did an outstanding job throughout the contest. They persevered, and fought hard against the Cubs' much bigger and stronger defensive line.

Sisters' players put forth a

valiant effort, and many filled in at new positions. Trey Stadeli was one of those players and did an incredible job. Trey played defensive end at 165 pounds, and finished the night with seven tackles.

Miller had seven tackles, one for loss, and both Haken and Hayden Sharp tallied six tackles. Haken also had 13 rushes for 57 yards and two touchdowns.

"They (Cubs) were efficient and physical, and they weren't a good match-up for us, but I thought we outplayed them all night," Coach Neil Fendall said. "They got a couple of cheap, deep balls, and that hurt us in the first half, but I really thought at halftime that they were starting to chip and quit, but we just couldn't finalize it."

The Outlaws will travel to Cascade on Friday, October 5, for a match-up against the Cougars.



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# Land trust has new preserve on Metolius

The Deschutes Land Trust announced a new 30-acre preserve on the Metolius River. The Metolius River Preserve includes Metolius River frontage, mixed pine, cedar and spruce forest, and a rare fen, or wetland. The Land Trust received the Preserve from The Nature Conservancy, which was gifted the property in the early 1980s by the Erskine B. Wood family.

"The Land Trust has been working to conserve land in and around the Metolius River for 23 years. The Metolius River Preserve, with nearly a mile of Metolius River frontage and a unique fen, fits squarely within our conservation strategy and made this property a priority. The Land Trust is committed to permanently stewarding the Preserve to maintain its unique and diverse ecological values," said Brad Chalfant, Deschutes Land Trust executive director.

"The Nature Conservancy is pleased to be transferring this special property to such a strong local land trust. We've partnered with the Deschutes Land Trust in a variety of contexts and their professional and strategic approach, along with their existing Metolius projects, made them the obvious choice for the permanent stewardship of this important property," said Derek Johnson, The

Nature Conservancy Oregon Director of Protection and Stewardship.

The Metolius River Preserve is eight miles downstream from the headwaters of the Metolius River. It protects three-quarters of a mile of the Metolius River, two islands, mixed pine, cedar and spruce forest, an open riverside meadow, and a rare fen. A fen is a type of alkaline wetland that is fed from groundwater. Common along the coast or in subalpine regions, mid-elevation fens are found infrequently throughout Central Oregon.

“ The Land Trust is committed to permanently stewarding the Preserve to maintain its unique and diverse ecological values. — Brad Chalfant

The Land Trust is developing management plans for the Metolius River Preserve to guide the future stewardship of the land. Until those plans are complete, the Land Trust will be offering limited guided tours of the Preserve. For information on tours, visit [www.deschuteslandtrust.org/hikes](http://www.deschuteslandtrust.org/hikes).

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