

Girls soccer team takes bite out of Bulldogs

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The Lady Outlaws played a stellar game at home against the Woodburn Bulldogs on Thursday, October 4, and came out on top with a 2-1 victory. Two days earlier it was a different story, as Sisters took a devastating 1-2 loss at Cascade.

Woodburn struck first in Thursday's contest and scored on a free kick at the 27-minute mark, and teams battled back and forth in a very physical game. At the half the Bulldogs held a slim 1-0 advantage.

In the second half, the Outlaws worked harder, played faster, and tallied two goals. The first came in the 60th minute from approximately 25 yards out. Gracen Sundstrom blasted the ball past the keeper on a perfect free kick, and evened the score 1-1.

Fifteen minutes later, Sisters scored again on a counterattack. The ball was played up front to Hollie Lewis, who beat several Bulldog defenders and then the goalie, and booted a left-footed shot into the back lower corner of the net for the go-ahead goal.

The final five minutes of the contest were a scramble, but the Outlaws prevailed and posted the win.

Coach Jaron Jacobsen said, "We played tremendous. Woodburn works the ball well, and had some talented players, but our girls

played with grit and heart tonight. The win was a team effort, and they showed we can play the best!"

Tuesday's game against the Cougars went a different direction. In the 33rd minute of play, Olivia Hougham, thanks to an assist from Hallie Schwartz, had a sweet strike from about 25 yards out that curled around the goalies' outstretched hands.

The Cougars scored on a corner kick right before the half to tie it up at 1-1.

The Outlaws battled hard and out-possessed Cascade in the second half. They had several opportunities to score, but just couldn't find the back of the net.

Cascade scored with less than five minutes on the clock. A ball bounced around the box, and finally found its way into the back of the goal.

"It was such a heart-breaking loss for the girls today," said Coach Jacobsen. "They left everything on the field. We played with heart and passion today, and I'm extremely proud of the girls. We were the better team today, but just came up on the wrong side this afternoon."

Jacobsen added, "Hallie (Schwartz) had a monster game for us, and Alexa (Stewart) had a great game in the back line for us, and Olivia (Hougham) was our workhorse."

The Lady Outlaws will travel to Philomath for a game against the Warriors on Wednesday, October 10.

Volleyball team takes eighth in Bend

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The Lady Outlaws competed along with 24 top teams in the state at the Clearwater Classic, held in Bend on Saturday, October 6. Central Catholic took first and Bend High was runner-up. Sisters finished eighth.

Sisters faced three tough teams in morning pool play: 6A South Eugene (SE), 5A Redmond, and 6A Central Catholic (CC).

The Outlaws started their day against South Eugene and jumped to an early 12-2 lead. SE struggled with Sisters' strong serves and never found a rhythm on offense. Kendra Sitz, Greta Davis, and Sophie and Sam Silva all had a great offensive game. They all provided a strong attack and block at the net, and led the Outlaws to a 25-14 win.

In the second set, SE found their rhythm and it was a battle the entire way, with Sisters prevailing 26-24.

From there, Sisters took on Redmond, and cruised to a 25-7, 25-8 victory, thanks to strong serves that paved the way.

Sisters wrapped up pool play against 6A powerhouse Central Catholic, who are currently ranked No. 3 at the 6A level. Sisters battled hard against the Rams and tied the game at 12-12, before CC went on a seven-point service run. The Rams maintained the lead and the Outlaws fell 18-25.

Set two was very similar, and in the end Sisters took the 14-25 loss.

Unfortunately for the Outlaws, they were matched

up against Central Catholic to kick off bracket play.

Sisters wasn't able to pull it together, struggled to pass and find their offense, and lost the first set 9-25. In the second set, Ellie Rush got the Outlaws going and served up two aces to give them a bit of momentum. Teams battled point-for-point, and at one time the Outlaws held a three-point advantage. The Rams were rattled, which resulted in Coach Rick Lorenz receiving a yellow card. Sisters gave it their all, but couldn't hold on to the lead and lost the contest 20-25.

Coach Rory Rush said, "Although we may not have had the outcome we hoped for, we were happy with our play for the day. Playing



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Kendra Sitz goes up for a kill against Central Catholic.



tough competition was just what we needed to get ready for our last week of league play. We've grown so much as a team this year and pushed ourselves often, got quicker on defense, and we now hope to peak at just the right time."

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