

Outlaws caught in talons

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The Outlaws have had a rough time on the gridiron all season long, and Friday's game at Stayton was no different. They were routed 41-3 by the Eagles.

Stayton got their first TD when the Outlaws threw a pick-six. The Eagles PAT failed, and at the close of the first the Outlaws trailed 0-6.

In the second quarter, the Eagles continued to control the game, put 14 more points on the scoreboard and extended their lead to 20-0. Their quarterback was passing the ball well, and the running backs were getting yardage on the ground.

Near the end of the first half, the Outlaws drove 50 yards, and Wyatt Hernandez had a fantastic kick that sent the ball straight through the center of the uprights for a field goal. The Eagles held a 20-3 advantage as teams entered the half.

In the second half, everything unraveled for the Outlaws. The Eagles scored 21 points and posted the win.

Several Outlaws stood out on defense. Ethan Martin led the team with 11 tackles. Joel Miller recorded seven tackles and one sack. Hunter Spor also tallied seven tackles, and Garrett Kersavage added five tackles and a pass deflection.

Despite the loss, senior Matt Harris came off the field with a smile, and shared why.

"I'm just thinking about all the effort we all put out, and the brotherhood we have," said Harris.

One bright spot all season long for the Outlaws has been their special teams. Korbin Sharp has been incredible at returning kicks, his brother Hayden has been spot-on with his punts, and Wyatt Herndandez has given the Outlaws points with field goals.

Hernandez, who didn't miss a field goal all season shared with *The Nugget* what's on his mind before he kicks.

"Before I kick, I think of my team, and I know win or lose, they're going to be there to support me," said Hernandez. "I owe my confidence to them. They've been with me since freshman year, and I owe everything to them."

Hernandez also had a few words for the underclassmen.

"When times get tough, don't quit," he said. "This sport and this community is truly a blessing. Don't ever take it for granted."

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Also last week, a woman posted on Facebook that: "Our yard was hosting an apple bobbing party to some 6 or 7 deer. Our next-door neighbor (part-timers from the Valley) brought a big bucket of apples for them. We kindly asked that they not do that."

The same poster noted that her husband had been chased by a deer in their driveway.

There have been a number of nasty conflicts between deer and dogs — sometimes ending badly for the dog and sometimes with dogs chasing and inflicting horrific injuries on deer.

City ordinances forbid feeding of deer, and many local subdivisions have rules against the practice — rules that residents and visitors often ignore.

Feeding deer is not good

for deer-human interactions and it's not good for their health.

Naturalist Jim Anderson appealed to Sisters just last year: "Please, please stop feeding those mule deer that are constant moochers in our backyards. Shout at them, throw rags at them, squirt them with the garden hose - do everything (legally) possible to convince them that living in town is NOT good for their health."

"If the deer in town don't get hit by a semi going down

the main drag they bunch up and spread AHD (Adenovirus Hemorrhagic Disease), and that is really a killer."

Concentrating deer populations in the urban-wildland interface can also draw cougars into populated areas in pursuit of their natural prey.

Deer seem more likely to behave aggressively in the presence of a dog, which they perceive as a predator and a threat. Keep dogs on a leash while walking — and don't approach deer, even in repose.

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