

Girls soccer takes down Madras in season opener

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The girls soccer team edged out the White Buffaloes 2-1 in their season opener on Tuesday, September 3, but fell 2-0 at home to powerhouse Marist two days later.

In Tuesday's match-up the White Buffs got on the scoreboard first with a goal approximately 20 minutes into the game. Sisters had a missed clear on their defense and the Buffs got off a lucky shot that rang true and put them up 1-0.

Madras outplayed the Outlaws the first two quarters and held onto their one-point advantage as the teams

entered the half.

At halftime, Coach Brian Holden told the Outlaws they needed to step up with higher pressure and be more efficient in front of the goal. The Lady Outlaws listened and executed the changes perfectly.

Fifteen minutes into the second half, Madras was charged with a handball and Emma Lutz hit a perfect shot into the upper-left corner of the net to even the game 1-1.

Ten minutes later, the Outlaws took the lead. Oly Thorson received the ball on the right side of the field, beat her defender, and crossed the ball in front of the goal to Hollie Lewis. Lewis took a

shot inside the 18 and the ball sailed to the left side of the net for the score and a one-point Outlaws lead.

Within the last 10 minutes of the contest, the White Buffs had a chance to tie it back up, but their shot went up and over the crossbar, and the Outlaws got the win.

Reese Harwell did a fantastic job for the Outlaws in the goal, and had a couple of key saves that kept them in the game.

Holden said, "She did a great job defending all of Madras' free kicks and corner kicks."

Holden was proud of the Lady Outlaws and their grit and determination to pull off

the win.

"Either team could have won, but I praise our team for persevering through the heat with minimal substitutions and getting the win under those conditions."

Two days later the lightning, thunder, and rain caused a two-hour delay in the Outlaws' game at home against Marist. Teams got through the first half, and agreed the game will count.

Marist is a private Catholic school where the majority of their players play club ball year-round, and during league they are always ranked No. 1 or No. 2 in the state.

Coach Brian Holden

decided to play a slightly different format in hopes of disrupting Marist's tough offense. He clogged up the midfield with five players and forced Marist to go to the outside of the field.

Holden had praise for his midfield, who played organized and never gave up. He also noted the defense for their strong performance on the back line. Harwell once again did a nice job in the goal, took quite a few shots, and made some great saves.

Sisters was to play at home against Newport on Tuesday, September 10. On Thursday they will travel to Cascade.

Volleyball posts win after rocky start

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The Lady Outlaws had a rough start in their first non-league game of the season on Tuesday, September 3, against rival Crook County, but bounced back with a sweep at Marist two days later.

Tuesday's action found the Outlaws trailing the entire match and losing to the Cowgirls with scores of 17-25, 21-25, and 22-25. Sisters struggled to connect and convert on the floor most of the night.

Coach Rory Rush said, "We would have moments of great play, but we were never able to find our rhythm and found ourselves on the losing end of the match."

Greta Davis led the team with six kills, and Sophie and Sam Silva added five kills each.

After the tough and disappointing loss to Crook County, the Lady Outlaws rallied and posted three straight wins in their match against Marist Catholic.

Sisters struggled to find

their groove at the start of the first set, but settled down and relied on their strong serving to take the lead and record a 25-14 win. They went on to win the next two sets 25-21, 25-12.

Davis put down 11 kills, followed by Sam Silva with eight, and Sophie Silva with four. Ellie Rush dished out 27 assists.

The previous week, on Friday and Saturday, August 30-31, the Outlaws attended the Mt. View Tournament (16 teams), and Sisters took first place in the Silver bracket.

The Outlaws matched up against Grants Pass, South Albany and Ridgeview in pool play and finished out the morning with two wins and then a loss to a very tough Ridgeview squad.

In the afternoon they faced Pendleton and Thurston. The Outlaws defeated Pendleton 25-13, 25-17. They served very well, and recorded 12 aces as a team, which prevented the Buckaroos from running an effective offense. Sophie Silva led the team with eight kills, Davis had six, and Sam Silva

added five.

After the win over Pendleton, Sisters took on the Thurston Colts. They carried their momentum from the previous match and again started the game with strong serves. Rush served up eight in a row with four aces, to give the Outlaws an 8-0 lead. Sisters dominated the first set with their strong serves and a quick offense that had the Colts on their heels. The Outlaws easily won the first set 25-13.

The second set was very similar, with the Outlaws dominating from the service line. Addy Myhre served nine straight with five aces to give Sisters a commanding lead. The Colts couldn't find any sort of rhythm and the Outlaws won 25-17. Sophie Silva had nine kills in the contest, Davis recorded seven, and Sam Silva added five.

Sisters was scheduled to host Newport on Tuesday, September 10. They will travel to Cascade on Thursday, September 12, and on Saturday participate in the South Eugene Tournament.

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