

Outlaws soccer team cages Cougars

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The girls soccer squad caged the Cascade Cougars in a 2-1 win at home and improved their league record to 2-5-2.

Sisters scored their first goal at the 10-minute mark to take an early lead. The Lady Outlaws were building their attack on the right side when Maddie Symonds crossed the ball to the middle. The ball was miscleared by the Cougars and Olivia Hougham was there to follow it in with a one-touch lefty. Sisters held onto the 1-0 advantage as teams entered the half.

In the 55th minute, Hallie Schwartz passed the ball up to Hollie Lewis. As defenders stepped to Lewis, she passed the ball off to an open Emma Lutz, who punched it into the upper-left corner from 18 yards out.

Keeper Reese Harwell shared, "It was a very intense game and we kept our focus. Emma and Olivia's goals were amazing, and we just

stayed positive the whole time."

Coach Brain Holden noted several key players

"Maddie Larrabee and Maddie Symonds have really come to understand their roles as outside midfielders, which has helped our offense be more dynamic, and Hollie Lewis, even when she's not scoring, draws a lot of attention, which draws in the defense and allows our midfielders and other forwards to be free. Hallie (Schwartz) and Olivia (Hougham) play every minute of every game. They never get tired, never quit, and are the engine of our team."

The Outlaws continue to improve with every game they play, but need to work toward finishing their shots.

"We easily could have won 5-0 or 6-0," said Holden. Our focus this second half of the season will be finish, finish, finish!"

The Outlaws were to play at Woodburn on Tuesday, October 15. They will host Philomath on Thursday.



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Oly Thorson is strong on defense for the Outlaws.

Boys XC takes second at Philomath

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Facing the other top-ranked 4A teams in the state brought out the best in the Outlaws cross-country team on Saturday, October 12.

The boys squad placed a close second at the Paul Mariman Invitational hosted by Philomath High School.

Marist Catholic topped the coaches' polls last week, followed by Philomath and Sisters, which were tied for second. Siuslaw ranked fourth and Newport fifth.

The rankings didn't quite hold up as the Warriors clipped the Outlaws by 11 points (59-70) in a hotly contested battle while Siuslaw placed third (83), Marist fourth (98) and Newport fifth (106) among 16 complete teams.

Junior John Peckham put the pedal to the metal midway through the 5,000-meter race to separate himself from the lead pack and he pushed to a nine-second victory with a time of 16:17. Will Thorsett nearly nabbed second place with a tremendous effort over the final 500 meters, but Wiley Watts of Marist held him off by less than 0.2 seconds as the pair clocked 16:26.53 and 16:26.69 respectively.

Josh Liddell ran a lifetime best by over 35 seconds to place 14th overall in a time of 17:05, while Sam May also knocked more than 30 seconds from his career best to place 23rd in 17:25.

Ethan Hosang finished



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John Peckham on his way to victory in the Paul Mariman Invitational.

as the fifth scorer for the Outlaws in 29th place (17:36), followed by Max Palanuk's personal best of 17:57 (41st) and Kalden Gilbert's season best of 19:51 (82nd) among 132 finishers.

"Philomath has a lot of depth and ran really well on their home course," said Coach Josh Nordell. "Our boys also ran with a lot of confidence and poise. What an exciting race!"

The Outlaws and the Warriors figure to go at it hammer-and-tongs again, along with Newport, when the Oregon West district meet takes place November 2. The top two teams from that meet

will advance to the state meet the following week.

"Philomath, Newport and Sisters have a long-standing, but very positive, rivalry in cross-country," said Nordell. "I think we bring out the best in each other."

The Outlaws have more than a week off before their next competition on October 23 at the Creekside Invitational in Salem.

"This will give us 10 full days of training to do quality work as we prepare for the championship part of the season," said Nordell. "I am very happy with the progress and competitiveness these boys are showing right now."

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