

Walden will not seek reelection

Greg Walden, the Republican congressman who represents the 2nd District in Oregon, which includes Sisters Country, announced Monday that he will not seek reelection to his seat in 2020.

Walden is the top Republican on the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

National media reported Monday that, in a video statement, Walden said, "I will not seek re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives, nor election to any other office, but instead I will close the public-service chapter of my life, thankful for the friends I've made and the successful work we've done together."

In his statement, Walden expressed confidence, however, that Republicans can do so.

"Based on recent polling, strong fundraising, the backing of my wife and family, I am confident I could earn another term in the U.S. House of Representatives. I'm also optimistic that there's a path that exists for Republicans to reclaim the majority in the U.S. House, and I could return as chairman of the powerful Energy and Commerce Committee," Walden said.

"But," the congressman added, "I also know that for me, the time has come to pursue new challenges and opportunities."

Lady Outlaws close out soccer season with a win

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The Lady Outlaws soccer squad has had their share of injuries the past few weeks, but still have made their opponents work hard for the win. Sisters battled Stayton on the road Tuesday, October 22, but dropped their game 1-2 in a very close contest. Two days later the Outlaws closed out league play with a 3-1 win at home against the Sweet Home Huskies.

Thursday was senior night for the Outlaws, and Hallie Schwartz, Olivia Hougham, Josie Aylor, Kahill Schockley and Caitlin Schwab were recognized and honored with flowers and gifts from teammates and family during halftime.

Hollie Lewis got the Outlaws on the scoreboard with the first goal of the game at the 28-minute mark. Hougham passed the ball through the defense to Lewis, who took the shot just inside the 18-yard box, and with a left-footed boot, sent the ball through the keeper's fingers. The Outlaws led 1-0 as the teams entered the half.

In the 50th minute, Lewis scored again. Hollie got an assist from Schwartz, and sent a beautiful shot into the upper-left corner from approximately 18 yards out.

Ten minutes later, the Huskies narrowed the gap to 2-1 when they scored off a free kick, but the Outlaws struck again in the last five minutes to secure the victory. Lewis took a corner kick and Maddie Larrabee scored off a header.

Coach Brian Holden

noted that defensive backs Oly Thorson, Sage Wyland, Kahill Schockley, and Josie Aylor all did a great job. Thorson persevered through a knee injury, Wyland was solid as a young freshman player, Schockley, who joined the team late, has adjusted to the Outlaws' system and also played solid, and Aylor always contributes very physical play. These girls have had to really step up the last couple of weeks with Lexie Miller and Analise Backus out due to injuries.

Offensively, Schwartz and Hougham played every minute of every game this season, and Holden stated that the duo is nearly irreplaceable with their work rate, their speed, and their play in the midfield. Lewis' speed and creativity made her a threat on offense, and Reese Harwell, who started in goal, was moved to offense, as she was more of a threat in that position. Maddie Symonds and Maddie Larrabee contributed to the offensive effort with outside midfield support.

Holden said, "This is one of the most enjoyable teams I've ever coached. I'm looking forward to next year. We've got new kids coming into the picture and the older girls will step into leadership roles."

Two days earlier, Reese Harwell got the Outlaws on the scoreboard 10 minutes into the contest. The ball was miscalled and Harwell was there to finish.

At the 20-minute mark Stayton responded and scored on a breakaway. At the half, the score was even at 1-1.



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Maddie Larabee makes a stop for the Outlaws.

The Eagles scored in the 65th minute on a breakaway to go up 2-1, and the score held until the final whistle.

Coach Brian Holden was very pleased with his team's defensive effort.

"The girls had a never-quit attitude, they tackled hard, and stayed organized," said Holden.

Freshman Josie Patton did a great job in the goal for

the Outlaws and, according to Holden, had some of the best saves of her high school career. Josie made several outstanding saves that kept the Outlaws in the game.

The previous week Sisters fell 3-0 at Woodburn and then suffered a 4-1 loss at home against Philomath. The Outlaws finished league with a 3-2-7 record and were 4-2-8 overall.

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