

Outlaws will fight for another volleyball title

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The Lady Outlaws return just three seniors to their squad this season, and the new additions will round out the 11-player roster. The team had to quarantine earlier this season, and the home game schedule for Tuesday August 31 against Crook County has been canceled.

Seniors Greta Davis, Sydney Myhre, and Maddie Pollard are all back for their final season and will bring experience and leadership to the team this year.

Davis returns as a four-year varsity starter, and last year was voted co-MVP of the Oregon West Conference. She is a strong, explosive, accurate hitter and will bring a powerful attack and quickness to the Outlaws' offense as an outside hitter. Davis will be a huge threat to opponents on offense as well as defense.

Myhre will play as a right-side hitter and also a defensive specialist this year. She has been a varsity player since her freshman year and has worked hard in the off-season to become quicker and stronger. Myhre has incredible court awareness and coaches will look to her for leadership on the floor. She's got the ability to play any position and will also be a threat to any team the Outlaws play.

Pollard is a three-year varsity player and a defensive specialist. Maddie has worked hard to establish herself as the Lady Outlaws' anchor in the back row.

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She reads the ball well and approaches each opportunity with a calm and competitive disposition.

Senior Bre Winter (outside hitter), a transfer from Washington, joins the team this year. She will bring power to the outside hitting position and enthusiasm to the court. Coach Rory Rush sees Winter as a great addition to the program. He is happy to have her.

Other new additions include juniors Hannah Fendall, Skylar Hartford, Anna Landon; and sophomores Gracie Vohs, Gracelyn Myhre, Bailey Robertson, and Mia Monaghan.

“Our seniors will be surrounded by a group of athletic and competitive volleyball players,” said Rush. “They will add depth to our roster and we look forward to seeing great things from them this season.”

Rush added, “We are excited to get started and we are looking to fight for a league title once again this season.”

100-MILE RUN: About 200 registered for inaugural race

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the winner, Blake Hilty, a 39-year-old from Seattle.

“The weather was great, only a bit hot for a short while,” he said, “and the course was great. I am very happy with the event. The support was great. I loved it.”

The race was only Hilty's second 100-miler, and he had to smile when he realized that by winning the inaugural staging of the race he automatically became the course record holder.

“I guess I can enjoy that for at least one year,” he said.

Hilty's official time was 18 hours, 39 minutes.

The women's winner, Erin Brunner, also of Seattle, finished in 22 hours, 31 minutes.

Runners had up to 32 hours to complete the course.

Approximately 200 people registered for the event, but that total number of finishers was not available at press time. Results can be found at Ultrasignup.com.

Alpine Running started five years ago by Taylor, who lives in Redmond, and Trevor Hostetler of Portland, with a focus on trail races ranging from 13.1 miles to 100 miles.

“Most of our races are mountain runs at this point, but they are all over, including one out near Sumpter, another up on the Santiam Pass. Alpine Running also

operates the Three Sisters Skyline 50k (31.1 miles) and half-marathon (13.1 miles) that is based in Sisters. The “Run the Rock” races series takes place in November and covers two days and four distances including a half marathon, a 50k, a 20-mile, and a 50-mile.

Taylor sees the race as a win for everyone involved. “STA is the sole beneficiary financially from this race,” she said. “They do such important work and we are able to have access to their trails, so it naturally makes sense for us to support them. And honestly, having members of STA actually on the course helping with the aid stations is another way for their members to come

together.” Taylor, who coaches Ridgeview High School's cross-country team, noted that racers came from well beyond the local area, bringing tourist dollars to Sisters and Bend.

“People love coming to this part of Oregon, and having an event like this draws people in from all over, which is a good thing for the economy,” Taylor said.

Taylor and Hostetler will be back in Sisters for the Three Sisters Skyline trail races, which include a half-marathon on Saturday, September 25, and a 50-kilometer run on Sunday, September 26. More information can be found at www.alpinerunning.com. The Skyline races will benefit Sisters Trails Alliance.

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