

Outlaws win division at Clearwater Classic

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The Lady Outlaws volleyball team won their division and finished ninth out of 24 teams in the Bend Clearwater Classic on Saturday, October 9.

The teams were divided into gold, silver, and bronze divisions. Sisters played three tough matches to win the silver division. The Outlaws were one of two 4A teams in the tournament, which was filled with tough 5A and 6A teams from all over the state.

Sisters faced Summit in the first round of bracket play in the silver division, and lost a close first set. It was tied up 22-22, but three consecutive errors by the Outlaws allowed the Storm to close out the set with a 25-22 win.

The second set was also very tight at the end. Scores were tied 23-23, 24-24, 25-25, and 26-26. The tournament had a 27-point cap and so the first team to 27 got the win. Summit went back to serve with the score tied 26-26. Gracelyn Myhre made a perfect pass to Hannah Fendall, who set the ball to Bri White. White went up with an aggressive approach and sent a short tip right over the block for the win.

Sisters kept the momentum in the third set, and started with a powerful kill from White to the back corner. The set went back and forth, and then a kill down the line from Sydney Myhre tied it up 13-13. Mia Monaghan stepped up to the service line and served two aces to win the match and send Sisters into the semifinal game.

In the semifinal game against Dallas, the Outlaws prevailed with scores of 27-25, 23-25, and 16-14.

With the score tied 25-25 in the first set, White hit a sharp-angle kill that gave the Outlaws the serve. Sisters closed out the set with a kill from White and a tip kill from Gracie Vohs for the 27-25 win.

The second set was once again a back-and-forth game.

The set was tied 23-23 when a controversial call by the official gave Dallas the advantage and the serve at 23-24. Sisters made a passing error and lost the set 23-25.

In the third and final set, the Outlaws were up 14-11, but let the Dragons creep back in and even the score 14-14. Vohs recorded a kill to give Sisters a 15-14 advantage and the serve. A great dig by Monaghan set Vohs up for the winning kill.

Sisters advanced and played North Medford in the championship game. The Outlaws defeated the Black Tornados in two straight sets with scores of 25-21, 25-22.

The win earned them a championship trophy in the silver division.

White led the Outlaws with 40 kills for the tournament. Vohs tallied 35 kills, and had 11 blocks and five aces.

Coach Rory Rush said, "After losing to the Huskies on Thursday we wanted to regroup and refocus mentally heading into the tournament. For us, this tournament was about gaining confidence, and learning and finding momentum as we head into our last two weeks of the season. This team has dealt with the ups and downs from Covid since the beginning of the season, as well as injuries, but each time they have proven themselves resilient. While losing to Sweet Home was tough, we were determined to not let it define us.

"I am so proud of the girls for spending their day Saturday in the gym, working so hard each match to fine-tune and learn how to be the team we want to be." Rush added, "Our quote for the season, picked by the seniors, 'Tough times don't last. Tough teams do!' has never been more true for this group of girls. They work every day to not just be teammates, but treat each other like family. Our tenacity and perseverance shined on Saturday. I couldn't be more proud of this team and look forward to what these next two weeks will bring."

Coldwell Banker announces merger

Coldwell Banker Bain has merged with Coldwell Banker Reed Bros. Realty of Sisters. Owner Mike Mansker will continue with Coldwell Banker Bain of Sisters as a broker, mentor, and local advisor.

Coldwell Banker Reed Bros. Realty has served the Central Oregon area since 1974, establishing the longest-serving real estate firm in Sisters. The merger expands Coldwell Banker Bain's brand in Oregon to five total offices (the company has two offices in Portland, one in Lake Oswego, and one in Bend). This newest office serves clients in Sisters and the surrounding communities.

"The merger is the absolute right strategic move for our clients and brokers, at the right time," Mansker said. "I've really loved the challenge and many blessings of running a quality brokerage, but it's time to pass the reins to an organization that can provide fresh energy and perspective, as well as a huge network of offices in top feeder markets like Portland, Lake Oswego, Seattle, and many others.

"Our sellers will especially benefit from top notch global marketing and immediate exposure to over 1,300 Coldwell Banker Bain brokers who work in the markets most likely to produce strong buyers for their Sisters property. My real estate career is far from over. I am really looking forward to focusing on serving my best clients over the coming years and enjoying the bucket list concept while I am 'young'!"

Brian Houston, with Coldwell Banker Bain for 10 years, most recently serving as principal managing broker for Coldwell Banker Bain of Portland West, has been named principal managing broker for both the Coldwell Banker Bain of Sisters office and the nearby Coldwell Banker Bain of Bend office.

Houston has served on the local, state, and national boards for the Portland Metropolitan Association of Realtors (PMAR) and for nine years has served on the board of directors for the Regional Multiple Listing Service (RMLS), including one year as board chair. Prior to joining Coldwell Banker Bain, he worked as a vice president for Prudential NW Properties, where he oversaw 23 principal managing brokers.

"We couldn't be more excited about merging with such a well-regarded brokerage that has been led so expertly by Mike," said Mike Grady, Coldwell Banker Bain CEO. "We have found Central Oregon to be an amazing and active market since our acquisition of our Bend office (formerly Coldwell Banker Morris) nearly two years ago, and we're thrilled to

complement our services in Sisters. The advantages of the area, offering buyers the opportunity to enjoy year-round activities including world-class skiing and downhill mountain biking at Hoodoo and Mt. Bachelor, numerous world-renowned golf courses, fly fishing in the Metolius, Deschutes, and Crooked Rivers, and numerous alpine lakes, and educational opportunities at the Oregon State University campus located on the west side of Bend, is arguably unsurpassed."

He added, "While inventory levels remain a challenge and home prices have risen significantly over the past several years, Central Oregon remains a great value compared to the areas from which buyers are moving. We feel the economy will spur growth now and in years to come."

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