

PREP ROUNDUP

# Tiger girls dismantle Nyssa to open season

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Seven players scored, led by two goals from Rebecca Conklin, as the La Grande girls soccer team opened the 2018 season with a dominant 8-0 win at Nyssa Thursday afternoon.

“They did awesome,” Head Coach Kristen Rice said. “I’m really proud of how they came out. They worked hard. They worked together. I’m looking forward to the season to see what they can do.”

The Tigers put the game away from the get-go, scoring early and often for a 7-0 lead at the break.

In addition to Conklin’s goals, Kara Gooderham, Lexee Gomes, Lindsay Adkins, Alaina Carson, Josie Bornstedt and Audrey Garlitz all scored. Faith Akers stopped the only shot on goal she faced.

La Grande (1-0 overall) travels to Pendleton Tuesday.

## Prep cross country

Tim Stevens opened the 2018 season with a win as the Union/Cove boys cross country team took fifth place at the Caldwell Twilight Thursday in Caldwell, Idaho.

Stevens’ time of 15:44.22 won the race by 13 seconds over Joey Tolman of Rocky Mountain High School.

Teammate Jack Silveira took eighth with a time of 16:37.28. The rest of

Union/Cove’s top five included Andrew Lackey (17:49.29) in 40th, Israel O’Reilly (18:19.77) in 58th and Tyler Olson (19:09.93) in 90th.

Rocky Mountain was the runaway team champion with 20 points. Eagle followed in second with 124 points, followed by Kuna (127), Vallivue (188) and Union/Cove (193).

The Union/Cove girls took eighth with 199 points. Alisa Fox led the way with a 19th-place finish in 21:19.31. Jaimee Baxter (22:13.48) followed in 29th, with Audrey Well (22:24.60) taking 34th. The rest of Union/Cove’s top five was Abriel O’Reilly (23:24.33) in 53rd and Kaitlin Martens (24:43.40) in 74th.

Eagle was the team champion with 32 points. Mountain View was second with 111 and Rocky Mountain third with 129.

Union/Cove is back in action Sept. 8 at the Runners Soul XC Fest in Hermiston.

## Prep volleyball

### OUTLAWS GET IN THE WIN COLUMN

Enterprise picked up its first win of 2018, outlasting Wallowa in a tight four-set match Thursday, 25-22, 28-26, 20-25, 25-21.

“This was a great match for us, as we played with more consistency

from set to set,” Enterprise Head Coach Lisa Farwell said. “Again, our strengths were our serve receive and defense.”

Lexie Gassett and Shelby Moncrief both had 14 digs for the Outlaws, who also served 92 percent in the win.

Wallowa, which was playing its first match of the season, was led by Riley Ferre, who had 10 kills and four blocks. Shanna Rae Tillery added six aces.

“All in all, for the first game out, it was very successful. I’m proud of their intensity and team morale,” Wallowa Head Coach Janea Hulse said.

Enterprise (1-2 overall) travels to the Prairie City Tournament Saturday, while Wallowa (0-1) is at the Dufur Classic today and Saturday.

### ROCKETSTOP ELGIN

Elgin was handed a road sweep Thursday night at Pilot Rock, falling 25-14, 25-17, 25-9.

Stats were unavailable.

The Huskies (1-2 overall) travel to Joseph Tuesday to begin Old Oregon League action.

### JOSEPH SWEEPS SOUTH WASCO

Joseph went on the road to sweep South Wasco County Thursday, 25-15, 25-21, 25-21.

Stats were unavailable.

The Eagles (4-3 overall) are back in action today and Saturday at the Dufur Classic.



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Elgin’s Tristan Simpson passed for 147 yards and rushed for 95 in Thursday’s game.

## BATTLE

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Both teams open Special District 3 play next week. Imbler (1-0 overall) travels to Union Sept. 7, while Elgin (0-1) visits Cove Sept. 6.

## Also Thursday

### PENDLETON ROUTS LA GRANDE

La Grande was under constant pressure from the Pendleton defense all night, and was unable to get itself out of an early 22-0 hole as the Tigers fell on the road, 38-12, Thursday night to open the 2018 season.

The lone scores for La Grande came on a 30-yard touchdown pass from Parker Robinson to Zach Wiggins late in the first half to make

it a 22-6 game at the break. Nathan Reed added a one-yard run early in the fourth quarter.

But the Tigers also gave up 11 sacks on the night.

Robinson finished 7-for-20 passing for 126 yards and a touchdown. The sacks, through, resulted in him accumulating minus-86 yards rushing on 14 carries. Reed added six carries for four yards.

The Tigers (0-1 overall) host The Dalles Sept. 7.

### BADGERS OPEN WITH WIN

The Powder Valley football team opened the 2018 campaign with a 34-6 win over Ione Thursday at the Dufur Classic.

Stats were unavailable.

The Badgers (1-0 overall) open Special District 3 play Sept. 7 at Wallowa.

# Eastern men’s soccer picks up first win

■ Carlos Solorio scores two goals in 12-minute span to power Mounties to 3-1 victory

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Carlos Solorio scored twice, Alex Gutierrez also scored, and the Eastern Oregon men’s soccer team picked up its first conquest of the Zach Mills era with a 3-1 win over Arizona

Christian Thursday night in Phoenix, Arizona.

Gutierrez headed in a ball from Aldo Rivas on a free kick for a 1-0 Mountaineers’ lead in the 28th minute. Solorio followed with an unassisted goal

in the 36th minute, then scored on a pass from Elvis Pavon in the 48th minute for a 3-0 advantage.

German Lopez scored the lone goal for ACU in the 66th minute.

EOU held a 21-17 edge

in shots and had an 8-4 advantage in shots on goal. Aidan Wright recorded three saves for the Mountaineers.

Eastern (1-1 overall) faces Embry-Riddle Saturday in Prescott, Arizona.

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