

# Union/Cove puts up strong showing

Observer staff

Three members of the Union/Cove girls cross country team finished in the top 10, leading the Bobcats to a victory at the Runners Soul XC Fest Saturday in Hermiston.

Union/Cove finished with 65 points, barely edging out the Enterprise Outlaws, who scored 69 points.

Alisa Fox led Union/Cove with a fourth-place finish, coming in a time of 20:59.4. Audrey Wells (21:19.0) was seventh and Jaimee Baxter (21:44.4) placed 10th. The rest of the Bobcats' top five were Abriel O'Reilly (23:04.7), who took 23rd, and Kaitlin Martens (23:38.9), who came in 27th.

The Outlaws had two runners in the top 10 and four in the top 16. Kyla Hook led the way with a second place finish in a time of 20:41.8. Ellyse Tingelstad placed sixth in 21:11.7. Ella Coughlan (22:13.6) followed in 14th, and Ashley Wilson (22:18.0) was 16th. Sydney Rouse rounded out Enterprise's top five in 24:11.0.

The La Grande Tigers, who placed sixth with 153 points, had two runners in the top five. Maia Vandervlugt came in third in 20:54.3, and Abby Crews was fifth in 21:04.9.

The rest of the Tigers' top five were Corbyn Sexton (24:23.8) in 44th, Jenna Ault (25:19.8) in 55th and Yo Saito (26:22.5) in 67th.

Two competitors ran for the Elgin Huskies: Jocelyn Palmer (22:58.2) who placed 22nd, and Anika Jacobson (25:05.8) who came in 51st.

## STEVENS LEADS BOBCAT BOYS TO SECOND PLACE

Tim Stevens came in first place, Jack Silveira also finished in the top 10, and the Union/Cove boys cross country team took second at the Run-

ners Soul XC Fest Saturday in Hermiston.

Stevens finished the race in a time of 15:44.0, coming in 12 seconds ahead of runner-up Brayden Packard of West Valley High School in Yakima, Washington, and more than a minute in front of third-place Hunter Nichols of Heppner (16:51.4).

Silveira placed seventh with a time of 17:01.3. The rest of the Bobcats' top five were 14th-place Andrew Lackey (17:40.2), 27th-place Israel O'Reilly (18:30.1) and 38th-place Jaxon Blackburn (18:54.7).

Union/Cove scored 85 points. West Valley was the top team with 43 points.

The Enterprise Outlaws took seventh with 165 points, led by four freshmen. Henry Coughlan (17:33.8) placed 12th to lead the Outlaws. Bayden Menton (18:08.8) placed 20th, Zac Knapp (18:24.1) took 25th and Ian Goodrich (19:24.2) was 53rd. Rounding out the top five for Enterprise was Brenden Moore (19:39.8) in 61st place.

Bennett Welch led the La Grande Tigers, who were in eighth with 173 points, with a sixth-place finish, coming in at 16:59.2. Cristian Mendoza cracked the top 10 with a 10th place finish in a time of 17:21.4. The rest of La Grande's top five were Braxton Bisenius (19:13.8) in 46th, Eli McLean (19:22.5) in 51st and Donald Sweet (20:00.0) in 68th.

Jordan Palmer led three runners for the Elgin Huskies in 75th with a time of 20:17.9. Kaden McClure (20:42.9) was 80th, and Brandon Caldwell (24:20.1) was 113th.

The teams are in action again Friday at the Catherine Creek Scamper.

## ROUNDUP

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apiece, and Claire Farwell chipped in with three kills.

Elgin was led by Kaelin Evans, who had three kills, three blocks and three aces. Jayden Palmer also had three kills, and Lille Harvey recorded eight digs.

Enterprise (4-2 overall) travels to Joseph Friday, while Elgin (1-5) visits Griswold Tuesday.

### UNION WINS IN CONDON

The Union Bobcats won four matches at the Summit Springs Tournament Saturday in Condon, defeating Ione (26-24, 25-16), Stanfield (25-18, 25-10), Condon/Wheeler (25-14, 25-9) and Prairie City (25-17, 25-13).

Autumn Daggett had 19 aces to lead the service attack and also recorded 23 kills. Kalin Nowak led the Bobcats with 32 kills, Callie Glenn had 64 assists, Brianna Kohr tallied 19 digs and Ahnica Shoemaker collected nine blocks.

The Bobcats (6-2 overall)

host Stanfield Thursday.

### COVE EDGES ELGIN

The Cove Leopards outlasted the Elgin Huskies in a five-set Old Oregon League battle Friday night, coming away with a 25-12, 21-25, 22-25, 25-23, 15-6 victory.

Tymra Anderson had seven kills and three blocks to lead Elgin. Lille Harvey added 15 digs, Kaelin Evans also had three blocks, and Jayden Palmer was 22-for-23 serving with an ace. Stats were not available for Cove.

### BADGERSTOP WALLOWA

The Powder Valley Badgers kept its perfect record intact with a four-set road win against the Wallowa Cougars in both teams' Old Oregon League opener Friday, 25-20, 20-25, 25-20, 25-20.

Shanna Rae Tillery led the Cougars with 18 kills and Riley Ferre added 14.

Stats were not available for Powder Valley.

The Badgers (12-0 overall, 1-0 OOL) travel to Imbler Thursday, while Wallowa (1-6, 0-1) hosts Joseph Tuesday.

## EASTERN

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first half. But it fell apart in the third quarter.

An interception by Quinn led to a short field and an 11-yard touchdown catch by Trevor Hoffman that got Montana Tech on the board early in the third quarter. Quinn went down two series later on a quarterback scramble, and EOU committed turnovers on three of its next four offensive plays — two interceptions and a fumble — that eventually led to two more touchdowns and Tech taking a 21-17 lead late in the third quarter on a six-yard TD catch by Kenny Lafayette.

All three of the Orediggers' touchdown drives in the third were 22 yards or less.

Eastern forced a fifth

Montana Tech turnover in the final quarter when Justin Hughes grabbed an interception but was unable to get back on the board.

EOU limited Montana Tech to just 278 yards, but gained only 312 yards when it was on offense. Quinn was 16-for-33 for 163 yards passing and added 33 yards rushing. Saige Wilkerson and Joey Aliff, who both filled in as quarterback, combined to go 4-for-15 for 23 yards with two interceptions. Dias led the EOU ground game with 64 yards rushing, and John Lesser added 69 yards receiving.

Jed Fike led Montana Tech with 151 yards rushing, and Hoffman turned in 59 yards receiving and scored twice.

EOU (1-2 overall, 1-2 Frontier) has a bye before hosting Montana Western Sept. 22.



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