

# La Grande, Powder Valley both claim tournament titles

Observer staff

The La Grande Tigers came away from the Baker Invitational Friday as tournament champions, and finished with a 25-25, 25-14 victory over Grant Union in the title match.

Earlier, the Tigers defeated Heppner in the semifinals, 25-7, 25-13.

In pool play, La Grande won five of six sets, sweeping Ontario (25-4, 25-19), and Grant Union (25-22, 25-21), and splitting with Heppner (25-11, 18-25).

For the tournament, Claire Hardy led the Tigers' with 31 kills. She also had 25 digs and seven aces. Jayce Seavert had a team-best 45 digs and added 14 kills and four aces. Felicity Houston had 40 digs and six aces. Kenzie Williams was strong all-around for La Grande with 36 assists, 24 digs, 10 kills and a team-high eight aces, and Jacie Howton had 39 assists, 19 digs and five aces.

"It was exciting to be able to win the tournament. (It gives us) a good look going into this week," Head Coach Melinda Becker-Bisenius said. "We played really well as a team. That was one of our goals was playing as one."

The Tigers (7-1 overall) resume Greater Oregon League action Tuesday when they face Baker in a match that has been moved to Baker City.

## BADGERS CLAIM TITLE AT HOMETOURNEY

The Powder Valley Badgers remained undefeated by winning their home Badgers Tournament Saturday.

Powder Valley defeated Prairie City (25-17, 25-19) in the quarterfinals, Wallowa (25-21, 25-10) in the semifinals and Adrian (25-20, 16-25, 15-11) in the championship match. In pool play the Badgers beat Enterprise (25-10), Pine Eagle (25-14) and Adrian (25-20).

Stats were not available.

The Badgers (17-0 overall, 3-0 OOL) host Joseph Tuesday.

Enterprise went winless in pool play at the Badger Tournament, falling to Powder Valley (25-10), Adrian (25-20) and Pine Eagle (25-20). In the quarterfinals of bracket play, the Outlaws lost to Cove (19-25, 25-20, 15-8).

Ashlyn Gray led Enterprise during the tournament with 13 kills and Shelby Moncrief added eight. Claire Farwell had 21 digs and Lexie Gassett recorded 19 digs.

The Outlaws (4-4 overall) travel to Stanfield Thursday to begin Blue Mountain Conference play.

Cove defeated Enterprise in the quarterfinals of the Badger Tournament, 19-25, 25-20, 15-8, before losing to Adrian in the semifinals, 25-22, 25-14.

Pool play scores and stats were not available.

The Leopards (5-7 overall), host Wallowa Thursday.

Wallowa topped Pine Eagle in the quarterfinals, then fell to eventual tournament champion Powder Valley, 25-21, 25-10, in the semifinals.

Scores from the Pine Eagle match and pool play, as well as stats, were not available.

The Cougars (3-8 overall) travel to Cove Thursday.

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## WALLOWA FALLS IN SEMIFINALS

Wallowa topped Pine Eagle in the quarterfinals 25-7, 25-12, then fell to eventual tournament champion Powder Valley, 25-21, 25-10, in the semifinals.

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## HUSKIES GO 1-3 AT RIVERSIDE TOURNEY

Elgin went 1-3 at the Riverside Tournament Saturday, defeating the host Pirates (25-13, 23-25, 16-14), before falling to South Wasco (25-14, 25-17), Stanfield (25-21, 18-25, 15-11) and Echo (25-17, 25-18).

Jayden Palmer led the offense in the tournament with five kills, and also was 39-for-42 serving with two aces.

Lille Harvey had 15 digs and three aces, and Kaelin Evans recorded 10 blocks.

The Huskies (2-10 overall) travel to Nixyaawii Tuesday.

## BOBCATS PLAY AT OKTOBERFEST

Union fell to St. Paul in bracket play at the Oktoberfest Tournament at Kennedy High School in Mt. Angel Saturday, 25-11, 25-18.

Union's scores from the rest of the tournament and stats were not available.

The Bobcats (7-3 overall) travel to Weston-McEwen Thursday.

## Friday

### WALLOWA SWEEPS ELGIN

Wallowa earned a road sweep over Elgin in Old Oregon League play Friday, 25-14, 25-16, 25-17.

Kaelin Evans led the Huskies with two kills and two blocks. Tymra Anderson had two kills and Maddison Harvey added eight digs.

Stats were not available for Wallowa.

### EAGLES SWEEP ENTERPRISE

Joseph swept Enterprise in nonleague action at home Friday, 25-20, 25-12, 25-19.

The Outlaws were led by Lexie Gassett and Shelby Moncrief, both of whom had four kills. Gassett added seven digs, and Claire Farwell had nine assists.

## COUGARS

Continued from Page 7A finished the evening with just 169 yards of offense, including 75 rushing on 35 carries. Tristan Simpson led the Huskies with 62 yards on 21 carries and was also 11-for-23 passing for 88 yards. Ian Smith had eight catches for 56 yards.

Wallowa (2-1 overall, 2-0 SD3-E) hosts Adrian/Jordan Valley Friday, while Elgin (1-2, 1-1), hosts Powder Valley Thursday.



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Elgin's Ian Smith works to gain yardage against Wallowa.

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