

PREP VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP

Badgers move to 21-0 with sweep

Observer staff

The Powder Valley Badgers volleyball team extended its winning streak to 21 matches with a straight-set home win over the Crane Mustangs in nonleague action Friday, 25-22, 25-19, 25-21.

Stats were not available. The Badgers (21-0 overall) face both Adrian and Jordan Valley on the road Friday. **CRANE DROPS IMBLER IN FOUR SETS**

The Imbler Panthers volleyball team won its first set in a neutral-site match against the Crane Mustangs at North Powder Friday, but couldn't build off the early lead in a four-set loss, 23-25, 25-20, 25-18, 25-15.

Caysie McGinness had five kills, five aces and 15 digs to lead the Panthers. Kar-rington Troyer had 10 assists and seven digs, and Chloe Birkmaier collected 13 digs.

Imbler (9-8 overall) travels to Joseph Tuesday for an Old Oregon League match.

COVE EARNS AN EASY SWEEP

The Cove Leopards vol-

leyball team had its way with the Pine Eagle Spartans Friday night, earning an easy three-set win at home in Old Oregon League play Friday, 25-13, 25-8, 25-3.

Stats were not available.

The Leopards (8-9 over-all, 4-4 OOL) host Imbler Thursday.

Saturday OUTLAWS FALL TO ROCKETS, PROSPECTORS

The Enterprise Outlaws volleyball team suffered a pair of Blue Mountain Conference losses in Pilot Rock Saturday, falling to the Rockets, 25-20, 25-18, 25-21, and later to the Grant Union Prospectors, 25-12, 25-15, 26-24.

In the match against Pilot Rock, Lexie Gassett and Ashlyn Gray both posted a team-best for kills. Carsyn Miller added 10 digs.

Against Grant Union, Gray had five kills, Shelby Moncrief recorded nine digs and Gassett was 11-for-11 serving.

The Outlaws (5-9 overall, 1-5 BMC) travel to Cove for a nonleague match Friday.

MEN

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we had possession (more) but they just capitalize on their chances like good teams do.”

EOU did indeed hold a 13-11 edge in the shot department, but RMC put twice as many shots on goal having a 6-3 advantage.

But by contrast, EOU was outshot against a College of Idaho squad that's in the bottom half of the CCC standings.

“It was night and day from Thursday to today,” EOU defender/midfielder Steven Beaudry said.

The Bears cashed in twice, taking a 1-0 lead in the 12th minute on Ferreira's goal and extending it to a two-goal lead when Kummerle scored in the 52nd.

“That's why they're ranked. They're a team that finishes,” Beaudry said. “That's something we're going to learn from — just put our chances away.”

EOU had its opportunities, especially in the second half, to draw closer. Carlos Solorio and Jorge Chavez both had three shots — and

Solorio two shots on goal — as EOU kept its pressure up. But RMC's defense turned several attacks from Eastern away, goalkeeper Kristofer Wennin had three saves and several other shots missed wide or high.

“We had a few that we could have put away or should have put away,” Mills said. “We're going to work to put them away in these next few games.”

But despite the outcome, Mills believes the effort is one the team can build on.

“The team knows they're going to be fine. It's just a tough loss. We hate losing,” the coach said.

The tie Thursday and loss Sunday, though, drops the Mountaineers to fifth in the CCC with a four-game road trip ahead. The road trip could be welcomed — Eastern is 4-0-1 away from Community Stadium this fall.

“These next couple of trips we'll be ready to come in hot and heavy and see if we can finish those chances, which I know we can,” Mills said.

EOU (5-3-2 overall, 3-2-1 CCC) face Northwest Friday in Kirkland, Washington.



EOU's Michelle Herbes was the top female runner for the Mountaineers Saturday, finishing in 15th.

EOU

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scored 49 points to win the team title.

On the women's side, the Mountaineers took fourth with a score of 106 points in the Gold 5K race. Michelle Herbes was the top-ranked EOU runner, placing 15th

in a time of 18:48.6. Katie Jo Gebhardt took 23rd in 19:24.7. Faith Homer followed in 28th with a time of 19:38.5. Megan Boals (19:40.9) was 32nd, and Amanda Welch (20:01.1) was 42nd.

EOU is back in action Oct. 11 at the Lewis-Clark State Invitational in Lewiston, Idaho.



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