

# Tigers travel to North Marion Invite

Observer staff

The La Grande Tigers volleyball team had a solid showing at the North Marion Invitational Saturday, defeating both Stayton and Gladstone in pool play before falling to Hidden Valley in the semifinals.

The Tigers took down the Stayton Eagles, 25-22, 25-18, 25-17, then dominated against the Gladstone Gladiators, 25-7, 25-12, 25-7. Against the Hidden Valley Mustangs, though, the Tigers fell 25-18, 26-24, 15-11.

For the tournament, Jayce Seavert led on offense with 30 kills and on defense with 53 digs. Claire Hardy added 26 kills. Felicity Houston tallied 43 digs, Jacie Howton had 30 digs and 29 assists, and Kenzie Williams had a strong all-around day with 41 assists, 26 digs and 11 kills. Riana Scott added 28 digs, and Jaiden Hafer had seven blocks.

La Grande (12-3 overall) travels to McLoughlin Tuesday. **Also Saturday UNION GOES 2-0, ENTERPRISE 0-2 AT THREE-WAY MATCH**

The Union Bobcats went 2-0 in a three-way match in Heppner Saturday, defeating the Enterprise Outlaws in five sets, 25-14, 23-25, 20-25, 25-13, 15-11, and taking down Heppner, also in five sets, 27-25, 17-25, 26-24, 20-25, 17-15.

Enterprise also faced Heppner, falling in four sets to the Mustangs, 25-18, 24-26, 25-20, 25-23. All three matches were Blue Mountain Conference contests.

Union's Autumn Daggett had 29 kills and six aces for the Bobcats. Callie Glenn recorded 79 assists and six aces, and Kaylin Nowak also had 29 kills with five blocks. Kylie Marriott had 19 kills, 10 digs and six aces, while Brianna Kohr had 20 digs and six aces and Taylor Daggett had 19 digs.

Lexie Gassett had 22 kills and 40 digs on the day for Enterprise. Shelby Moncrief tallied 41 digs, Ashlyn Gray was 27-for-28 serving and Carsyn Miller was 26-for-28 serving.

Union (11-7 overall, 5-4 BMC) hosts Grant Union Tuesday, and Enterprise (6-11, 1-7) hosts Stanfield Thursday. **EAGLES SWEEP ASIDE OPPOSITION**

The Joseph Eagles volleyball team picked up two home sweeps in Old Oregon League action Saturday, defeating the Nixyaawii Golden Eagles, 25-9, 25-14, 25-15, and the Griswold Grizzlies, 25-16, 25-9, 25-12.

Stats were not available. The Eagles (18-7 overall, 8-1 OOL) host Wallowa Thursday. **COUGARS EARN TWO SWEEPS**

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home sweeps in Old Oregon League play Saturday, topping the Griswold Grizzlies, 25-7, 25-22, 25-14, and the Nixyaawii Golden Eagles, 25-9, 25-11, 25-10.

Stats were not available. The Cougars (10-11 overall, 8-3 OOL) wrap up OOL action Thursday at Joseph. **BADGERS REMAIN UNBEATEN**

The Powder Valley Badgers inched closer to an undefeated regular season with a road sweep of Pine Eagle in Old Oregon League play Saturday, 25-8, 25-17, 25-9.

Stats were not available. The Badgers (24-0 overall, 7-0 OOL) host Imbler Thursday. **Friday LEOPARDS DOWN CRANE**

The Cove Leopards picked up a four-set nonleague win over the Crane Mustangs Friday at home, 25-23, 25-18, 11-25, 25-16.

Stats were not available. The Leopards (9-11 overall) travel to Powder Valley Friday. **OUTLAWS OUTLAST LEOPARDS**

The Enterprise Outlaws eked out a five-set win on the road against the Cove Leopards Friday, 25-19, 25-17, 22-25, 20-25, 15-12.

Ashlyn Gray powered the Enterprise offense with 14 kills, and Carsyn Miller had 14 assists. On defense, Shelby Moncrief had 23 digs and Lexie Gassett tallied 20 digs.

Stats were not available for Cove. **BADGERS WIN TWO IN JORDAN VALLEY**

The Powder Valley Badgers picked up a pair of wins in Jordan Valley Friday, edging the Adrian Antelopes in five sets in a neutral-site match, 25-21, 20-25, 16-25, 25-15, 15-9, before later beating the Jordan Valley Mustangs, 25-21, 25-22, 25-22.

Stats were not available. **COUGARS CRUISE**

The Wallowa Cougars volleyball team made quick work of the Pine Eagle Spartans at home in Old Oregon League play Friday, winning 25-13, 25-14, 25-9.

Stats were not available. **EAGLE STOP ELGIN**

The Joseph Eagles volleyball team swept the Elgin Huskies Friday in Old Oregon League play in Joseph, 25-17, 25-11, 25-13.

Kaelin Evans had three kills for Elgin. Ashley Gentry had six digs and both Tymra Anderson and Sarah Baker had two blocks.

Stats were not available for Joseph. Elgin (5-13 overall, 3-7 OOL) hosts Imbler Tuesday.

## BATTLE

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Joseph, though, gained some breathing room in the second half. Tyler Homan bolted 45 yards for a touchdown on the second play of the third quarter to make the score 21-8, and Justin Rodgers scored early in the fourth from a yard out for a 27-8 lead with just 9:13 left.

The Redsidies closed within 11 points on Garrett Olson's 11-yard touchdown pass to Nicolas Brunson with 4:07 to play and threatened to draw closer late, but the Eagles' defense stepped up to keep SWC from finding the end zone again.

The Eagles' defense limited South Wasco to 265 yards of offense and forced four turnovers, including recovering three fumbles.

"It was a good game all the way around," Kilgore said. "It really took defense. I wasn't throwing too good at the start. Defense picked it up for me and set the tone."

Kilgore credited the Eagles'

coaching staff for preparing the team for what would be its first tough contest of 2018.

"They set us up to win, for sure," he said. "All week they said this is going to be a battle all the way around. They said, 'positivity, aggressiveness, and play Eagle football.' We did."

Homan and Rodgers did the lion's share of the work on offense for Joseph. Homan finished with 143 yards rushing and Rodgers added 87, while the rest of the team had minus-9 yards against the Redsidies' defense. Kilgore was 3-for-10 passing for 39 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions.

Olson finished with 101 yards passing and 59 yards rushing for SWC, while Kately had 70 yards on the ground.

Joseph (5-0 overall, 5-0 SD5) will square off against another stout SD5 opponent Friday when it hosts Harper, the only other undefeated six-man team remaining in the state. Harper (6-0, 6-0) has outscored its opposition 309-38, while Joseph will enter the contest with a 313-18 scoring margin.



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