

Cougars hang with Mustangs until fourth quarter, fall 56-40

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The Wallowa Cougars pushed Crane to the limits before falling short in a wild shootout Friday night at home, 56-40, in Special District 3-East action.

Wallowa rallied from a 14-point deficit in the third quarter to pull even at 28-28 on two Lute Ramsden touchdown passes — one of 80 yards to Tristin Bales and another of 30 to Ryder Goller. A Lute to Zeb Ramsden touchdown in the fourth kept the Cougars within 42-40, but Crane scored the final two touchdowns to escape with the win.

Wallowa racked up 526 yards — including 345 passing from Lute Ramsden — as the teams combined for 998 yards of offense. Crane had 391 yards on the ground.

Zeb Ramsden had 138 yards rushing and 131 receiving and accounted for four touchdowns. Lute Ramsden threw four TD passes — two to Zeb, one to Goller and one to Bales.

The Cougars (1-6 overall, 1-4 SD3-E) wrap up the season Friday when they host Cove.

TIGERS KEEP ROLLING

The La Grande Tigers won their final regular-season road game in



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Wallowa's Lute Ramsden, right, looks for running room in the Cougars' game against Crane Friday.

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dominant fashion, taking it to winless Cottage Grove Friday, 70-6.

Stats were not available.

La Grande (7-0 overall) hosts Baker Saturday and can lock up the Greater Oregon League title

outright with a win. A win by Baker would force a tie for the top spot.

EAGLES ANNIHILATE MITCHELL/SPRAY/WHEELER

Guylen Snyder rushed for 74 yards and four touchdowns, Carson Littlepage added 64 yards rushing and two scores and also caught a

touchdown pass, and the Joseph Eagles posted their most lopsided win since moving to 6-man football, running roughshod over Mitchell/Spray/Wheeler at home Friday, 93-7.

Littlepage also had a kickoff return for a touchdown and returned two interceptions for scores in the blowout win.

The Eagles rushed for 279 yards and nine touchdowns. Justin Rodgers led the team with 75 yards and a score. Trace Collier was 6-for-8 passing for 149 yards and two scores, with 94 of those yards going to Littlepage.

The Eagles (5-0 overall) face Prairie City/Burnt River Saturday at the 6-man classic at Sherman County High School.

HUSKIES BACK ONTRACK

Tristan Simpson accounted for 300 yards and six touchdowns in his first game back from an injury, and the Elgin Huskies shook off their first loss with a 50-20 home win over Pine Eagle Friday in their regular season home finale.

Simpson rushed for 157 yards and three touchdowns, and was also 6-for-9 passing for 143 yards and three scores. All three of his touchdown passes went to Jordon Palmer, who accounted for 104

yards receiving.

Wyatt Hallgarth added 51 yards rushing and a touchdown, and Andres Schmittle rushed for 61 yards. Elgin outgained Pine Eagle 442-212.

The Huskies (5-1 overall, 4-1 Special District 3-East) travel to Crane Friday. The winner earns second and will face Union in the Special District 3 playoffs Nov. 1, while the loser gets third and a matchup with Dufur.

BADGERS RUN PAST COVE

The Powder Valley Badgers went on the road and secured a 54-0 victory over the Cove Leopards in Special District 3-East action Friday.

Stats were not available.

The Badgers (4-3 overall, 3-3 SD3-E) face Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii in their regular-season finale at EOU Thursday, while the Leopards (0-6, 0-5) travel to Wallowa Friday to finish their season.

PANTHERS DROP FINALE

The Imbler Panthers finished the regular season on the road with a loss to Ione/Arlington, 41-24, Friday night.

Stats were not available.

The Panthers finish with a record of 1-6 overall, and 0-5 in Special District 3-West.

Outlaws split home matches with Grant Union, Pilot Rock

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The Enterprise Outlaws split a three-way match at home on Saturday, falling in straight sets to Grant Union, 27-25, 25-22, 25-19, then sweeping Pilot Rock, 25-8, 25-16, 25-20.

Ashlyn Gray had 10 kills in the loss to Grant Union. Rilyn Kirkland added seven assists, Jada Gray had three blocks and Claire Farwell had 22 digs.

In the win against Pilot Rock, Jada Gray had four kills, Carsyn Miller added eight assists and Tishrei Movich-Fields had three blocks.

"We played well and made few errors," head coach Lisa Farwell said of the win over Pilot Rock. "We also managed to get some younger players some playing time in the match, and they did great."

The Outlaws (9-14 overall, 2-9 Blue Mountain Conference) wrap up the season Tuesday when they host Weston-McEwen.

EAGLES SWEEP FINAL TWO OPPONENTS

The Joseph Eagles finished the regular season with two wins in Old Oregon League action Saturday to secure a bye in the OOL district tournament, sweeping Nixyaawii 25-15, 25-9, 25-16, and Griswold, 25-11, 25-15, 25-13.

Sabrina Albee led the way in both matches with 11 kills, three blocks and six assists against Nixyaawii and six kills, three blocks and five aces against Griswold. Madelyn Nelson added six assists against Nixyaawii, and Camille Crenshaw had



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Enterprise's Claire Farwell returns a ball during the Outlaws' match against Grant Union Saturday.

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seven assists and eight digs against Nixyaawii. Both Nelson and Molly Curry had two aces against Griswold.

The Eagles (15-12 overall, 9-3 OOL) face either Elgin or Imbler in the OOL district tournament semifinals Saturday.

COVETOPS PINE EAGLE

The Cove Leopards finished the regular season with a four-set win over the Pine Eagle Spartans on Saturday.

Austin Kendall and Kierra Moore both had seven kills in the win for Cove. Elli Hines-Dunlap had five kills and Rachel Baird added four.

The Leopards (13-8 overall, 6-5 OOL) face Wallowa Saturday in an elimination

match in the Old Oregon League district tournament at La Grande High School.

BADGERS FINISH WITH TWO MORE WINS

Powder Valley finished the season with its 28th and 29th wins, sweeping Nixyaawii to wrap up Old Oregon League play at a perfect 11-0 Saturday, 25-6, 25-9, 25-12, then edging Union in a nonleague match in five sets, 25-27, 25-18, 25-18, 18-25, 15-8.

"It was amazing volleyball played by both teams," Badgers' head coach Marji Lind said of the match against Union. "The energy in the gym was electrifying."

The Badgers (29-1 overall) will face either Wallowa or Cove in the OOL semifinals Saturday at La Grande High School,

while Union (19-3) hosts Pilot Rock Tuesday with a chance to finish undefeated in Blue Mountain Conference play.

Friday LEOPARDS FALL INTHREE TO BADGERS

The Cove Leopards fell in straight sets to Powder Valley at home Friday night, 25-20, 25-15, 25-16.

Austin Kendall and Kierra Moore each had four kills for the Leopards. Mykiah Overton passed at a 94% rate and Raegan Duby was at 85%.

HUSKIES SWEEP SPARTANS

The Elgin Huskies finished the regular season with a home sweep of Pine Eagle on Friday, winning 25-17, 25-22, 26-24.

Tymra Anderson led Elgin with nine kills, Kaelin Evans added eight digs, Jayden Palmer had 16 assists and Erika Adams tallied three blocks.

The Huskies (10-12 overall, 5-7 Old Oregon League) face Imbler Saturday in an elimination match in the

Old Oregon League district tournament at La Grande High School.

COUGARSTOP CRANE IN FOUR

The Wallowa Cougars wrapped up the regular season with a four-set home win over the Crane Mustangs Friday, 25-23, 22-25 25-16, 25-19.

The Cougars (19-7 overall) will face Cove Saturday in an elimination match in the Old Oregon League district tournament at La Grande High School.

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Tiger soccer splits at Mac-Hi

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Audrey Garlitz, coming off a seven-goal performance earlier in the week against Nyssa, scored four more goals, and Lauran Rinker scored twice and added two assists as the La Grande Tigers clinched a share of the Greater Oregon League title for the ninth year in a row with a 6-1 road win over the McLoughlin Pioneers Friday.

"It was a solid, all around performance," La Grande head coach Sam Brown said. La Grande ran in winning streak in GOL action to 17 matches in a row with the win. The Tigers have outscored their GOL opponents this season, 30-1.

Mac-Hi did become the first league opponent to score on La Grande since Baker in the league opener last fall, ending a streak of nine straight GOL shutouts. Alexyss Chamberlain, though, did record three saves.

La Grande (10-2 overall, 5-0 GOL) finishes league play Saturday at Ontario, and can lock up the league title outright with a victory.

TIGER BOYS FALL TO PIONEERS 1-0

The La Grande Tigers saw the roles reversed. Just three weeks after earning a 1-0 home win against the McLoughlin Pioneers, Mac-Hi returned the favor with its own 1-0 home victory in the rematch Friday in Greater Oregon League action at Milton-Freewater.

"It was an awesome game," La Grande head coach Sid Rangel said. "We had tough competition and we saw a different Mac-Hi this time around... We had our chances but we just didn't finish on the attacking third of the pitch."

The loss, which was the third in a row for the Tigers, ended their hopes of a GOL title. La Grande, though, can still finish second in the league with a win at Ontario in its season finale and a loss by Mac-Hi to Baker. A tie and a Mac-Hi loss would put the teams in a tie for second.

The Tigers (7-4 overall, 2-3 GOL) travel to Ontario to finish the regular season Saturday.