

High school roundup

Cougars run past Powder Valley

Wallowa County Chieftain

WALLOWA — The Wallowa Cougars football team shook off the pain of their recent heartbreaking loss at Crane to get back in the win column Friday, April 2.

Lute Ramsden threw for 159 yards and four touchdown passes, including a vital one to Zeb Hermens in the fourth quarter that gave Wallowa some breathing room, and the Cougars held on for a 30-20 victory over Powder Valley. The win improved the Cougars to 3-1 on the season.

Wallowa controlled the game early, with Ramsden hitting Tristin Bales and Hermens for first-quarter scoring strikes. A touchdown pass in the second quarter to Ryder Goller countered the Badgers' first score of the game earlier in the period, and gave the Cougars a 22-6 lead at the break.

Two touchdowns by Powder Valley in the third got the Badgers back in the game and as close as 22-20.

But Ramsden and Hermens hooked up again on a 25-yard scoring toss to extend the lead back to 10 points.

The Cougars also made some key defensive plays in the fourth, including Bales breaking up a would-be touchdown pass, and later grabbing a game-clinching interception.

Wallowa outgained the Badgers 407-259, and limited Powder Valley to just 51 yards passing.

The Cougars (3-1 overall) wrap up the season Friday, April 9, at Elgin.

In other action:

South Wasco County 45, Joseph 0

MAUPIN — The Joseph Eagles (4-1 overall) suffered their worst loss in the three years of playing six-man football on Friday, April 2, on the road against nemesis South Wasco County. The home team won 45-0.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Joseph 3, Imbler 2

IMBLER — Joseph outlasted Imbler on the road Tuesday, March 30, in a five-set marathon, 14-25, 25-13, 22-25, 25-15, 15-11, to begin the week.

Elgin 3, Enterprise 2

ELGIN — Enterprise had Elgin on the ropes through two sets, but the Huskies turned the table and rallied to earn a home win Wednesday, March 31, 19-25, 15-25, 25-12, 25-15, 15-13.



Ellen Morris Bishop/For the Wallowa County Chieftain

Wallowa High School quarterback Lute Ramsden scampers for a first down in the third quarter Friday, April 2, 2021. Ramsden had 159 yards passing and 97 yards rushing in the Cougars 30-20 win over the Powder Valley Badgers.

This week's prep sports schedule

Thursday, April 8

VOLLEYBALL

Elgin at La Grande, 4 p.m.

Friday, April 9

VOLLEYBALL

Enterprise at Cove, 2 p.m.

Wallowa at Elgin, 5 p.m.

Joseph at Powder Valley

Tournament, all day

FOOTBALL

Enterprise at Cove, 3 p.m.

Wallowa at Elgin, 7 p.m.

Baker City at La Grande, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 10

CROSS-COUNTRY

Wallowa Valley at 3A/2A/1A state meet, Lebanon, 11:30 a.m. (boys), 12:30 p.m. (girls)

Jada Gray led the Outlaws' offense with 10 kills. Savannah Vaughn added three blocks and Claire Farwell had 14 digs and served a perfect 21-for-21.

Joseph splits weekend matches to wrap busy week

JOSEPH — On Saturday, April 3, the Eagles split a pair of road matches, hanging on against Elgin to win in four sets, 26-24, 26-28, 25-19, 25-17, but later in the day Union swept Joseph 25-19, 25-14, 25-18.

Joseph (7-4 overall) is scheduled to finish the season April 9 at a tournament in North Powder.

Joseph 3, Wallowa 0

JOSEPH — The Joseph Eagles volleyball team got the best of the Wallowa Cougars at home in an intra-county battle Thursday, April 1, 25-16, 25-17, 25-23 — one of six matches the Eagles played last week.

Sabrina Albee stood out for the Eagles in the win with 14 kills, two blocks and two aces. Molly Curry had a stout day on defense with nine blocks and added three kills, and Cooper Nave had four blocks and two kills.

For the Cougars, Shanna Rae Tillery had a big day with eight kills, five blocks and 19 digs. Ella Moeller had 16 assists and 32 digs, and Libby Fisher had five kills, three aces and 22 digs.

Damascus Christian 3, Wallowa 0

WALLOWA — Wallowa played Damascus Christian close in two of three sets in a home match Friday, April 2, but fell, 25-23, 25-15, 25-16.

Shanna Rae Tillery had five kills and eight solo blocks for the Cougars. Hulse also commended Haley Brockamp and Sophie and Ella Moeller on their play.

Powder Valley 3, Wallowa 0

WALLOWA — Wallowa dropped a three-set bout to Powder Valley, 25-12, 25-14, 25-19, on Friday, April 2.

Tillery had 11 blocks on defense, and Brockamp recorded five blocks.

Wallowa (5-5 overall) wraps up action Friday, April 9, at Elgin.

Powder Valley 3, Joseph 0

JOSEPH — In the first of two matches Friday, April 2, the Eagles dropped a home match to Powder Valley in three sets, 25-10, 25-16, 25-16.

Sabrina Albee had five kills and four blocks to lead Joseph. Molly Curry added three kills, Aimee Meyers had three kills and three aces, and Zoey Leith and McKenzie Keffer each had 10 digs.

Imbler 3, Enterprise 0

ENTERPRISE — Enterprise wrapped up Season 2 with a home loss to Imbler, 25-20, 25-11, 25-23, on Friday, April 2.

Gray had 14 kills to lead the offense, and Asiya Salim had 10 assists. The Outlaws, who finished with a record of 2-6 overall, served at a 98% clip.

Damascus Christian 3, Joseph 0

JOSEPH — Joseph matched Damascus Christian nearly point-for-point for two sets, but ended up falling in a close battle, 25-23, 28-26, 25-17.

Albee had seven kills and two blocks. Leith led the defense with 11 digs, Keffer added nine, and Curry had two blocks.



Gibb Pollard/Eastern Oregon University Athletics

Eastern Oregon University senior Santiago Peniche prepares to kick the ball Sunday, April 4, 2021, in La Grande during the match against the Multnomah University Lions. EOU won the contest 4-0.

EOU men's soccer finishes on positive notes

The Observer

LA GRANDE — The Eastern Oregon University men's soccer team ended its season with back-to-back shutout wins at home against Multnomah University.

The Mountaineers on Sunday, April 4, defeated Multnomah 4-0, then beat them again 3-0 on April 5 at Community Stadium, La Grande.

EOU finished the season 4-7-0 overall, EOU Athletics reported, and went 3-5-0 in Cascade Collegiate Conference East Divisional play.

The Mountaineers came out aggressive on the offensive end April 4, firing off a season-high 33 shots for the game compared to only six by the Lions (0-11, 0-8). EOU also held an 11-2 shots-on-

goal advantage.

Alexander Zuluaga got the scoring started for the Mountaineers with a goal in the 18th minute off the assist from Lewis Wright.

Less than 10 minutes later, senior Patrick Larsen headed in a corner kick from Rudy Salinas-Solorio, giving the Mountaineers a 2-0 advantage.

The Lions kept EOU out of the net for the final 20 minutes of the period.

In the 74th minute, EOU extended its lead to 3-0 when senior Santiago Peniche picked up his first goal of the season. And with five minutes to play, freshman Nick Ridgely found the back of the net, also for the first time this season, giving the Mountaineers the 4-0 win.

The Mountaineers repeated the performance

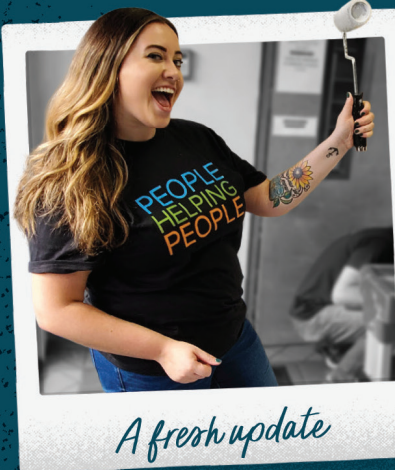
April 5, outshooting the Lions 18-8 for the game and posting a 6-2 edge in shots on goal.

Corner kicks played a role in the Mountaineers win. EOU put up seven to the Lion's four. Play also was physical on both sides as the two teams combined for 34 fouls, with Multnomah committing 19 while EOU had 15.

In the first 45 minutes of action, EOU scored twice to take a 2-0 lead into halftime.

The final goal for Eastern came in the 70th minute as Ridgely teamed up with Zuluaga. Ridgely got deep into the right side of the penalty area and made a quick cross to Zuluaga who nailed a no-look goal to the right bottom corner of the net to account for the final score.

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