

Fall Sports Preview: Returners offer key to success

Football

Returners: Bryce Baker, Mitch Gaulke, Erik Koczian, Justin Monahan, Josh Oltman, Tommy Patrick and Justin Williams.

Team Captains: Bryce Baker, Mitch Gaulke, Erik Koczian, Justin Monahan, Tommy Patrick and Justin Williams.

Important games: 20-12 win at Clackamas on Sept 21; 30-27 win over Lakeridge on Sept 28; and vs Oregon City on Oct. 26 at Oregon City.

Expectations: Challenge for the Three Rivers League Championship, make play-offs, go deep in the playoffs and have a first class team.

Plans to achieve them: Hard work and dedication so that the expectations above can be made possible.

Promising new players: David and Josh Council, juniors, transfers from Wilsonville High School, and Reid Adams, a sophomore Defensive Back and Starter.

Expected challenges: Competing in the toughest league in the State, overcoming injuries and trying to stay focused every week.

Next competition: Oct. 5 @ Putnam - 7 p.m.

Quote: "Come to the games and get rowdy!" Ron Chapell, Varsity coach, said.



Bryce Baker, junior, throws on the run in a game against Wilson. Baker took over this year as Varsity quarterback.

Photo submitted by Tracie Krellwitz

Boys' Soccer

Returners: Joe Offer and Ryan Kurtin, seniors, are playing their fourth year on Varsity. Chris Thompson, Drew Tucker, Ryan Connolly, Pierce Nusbaum, seniors, Jordan Machtelinx, Ryan Squires, David Hinton and Miles Sorce, juniors, are all returning players.

Team captains: Offer and Kurtin.

Important dates: "All our league games are important. Every Tuesday and Thursday is critical," Gregory Bean, Varsity head coach, said.

Goals: "Our goals are about attitude. We want to look at each other at the end

of a game and know that we left everything on the field. Our senior-led team is demanding it on a daily basis," Bean said.

Promising new players: JP Savory is the only freshman to make the team. He and Jack Simon, senior, have had an immediate impact according to Bean.

Challenges: "A huge challenge this year is how to get everyone into a game. We have 18 players that can contribute this year. Getting everyone enough minutes will be difficult," Bean said.

Next competition: Oct. 8 vs Oregon City, @ home, 7:30 p.m.



Christopher Thompson, senior, dribbles down the field in a game against Lakeridge. Thompson is one of many seniors who will help lead the team this year.

Photo by Kira Matsouka

Girls' Soccer

Returning players: Dana Bush, Amy Kestek, Erika Busch, Sami Demars, Hillary Obye, Jordan Gilbertson, seniors, Taylor Brooke, Ali Vogt, Haelee Staskiewicz, Hannah Schumaker, Michelle Stevens, Kellie Trafton, Jenna Steele, Becca Hoiland, Kelsey Canez, juniors, India Hubbard and McKinzey Holder, sophomores.

Team Captains: Kestek and Bush

Important games: Lakeridge (played yesterday), Clackamas on Oct. 10, Lake Oswego on Oct. 16.

Expectations for this season: To finish in the top four and hopefully make a run at the playoffs.

Goals: "To reach the playoffs. (They're) coming together as a team this year," Floyd Rocker, Varsity coach, said.

Promising new players: Kendall Brooke, Alexandria Nelson and Lauren Pynch, freshmen.

Challenges you expect to face this season: "This year we expect to face tough

opponents and get over injuries," Rocker said.



Hannah Schumaker, pursues the ball in a game against Clackamas. Schumaker helped the team fight to a 3-3 tie.

Photo by Kira Matsouka

Cheerleading

Returners: Everyone is equally important, but ten returning seniors help make things run smoothly

Team Captains: Tami Horton, Laura McKinley, seniors (Fall) and Beth Gorgone, Julia Green, seniors, (Winter)

Important dates: Lake Oswego and Lakeridge are always fun games since they are crosstown rivals.

Plus both are home games this year.

Goals: "I know the girls would like to perform more often and show people what kind of team they are—they have great

stunting, tumbling, and dancing skills. We are trying to schedule more performances at game

halftimes and assemblies," Nikki Stroup, Cheerleading coach, said.

Challenges: This season has been awesome so far, and everyone gets along so well. The only challenge will be to keep pushing ourselves to learn and improve

Next up: Tonight



Alyssa Schutzler, Laura McKinley and Marissa Clark, seniors, perform a routine at the first assembly of the year. The team captains this year are McKinley and Tami Horton, senior. Photo by Malia Chong

Volleyball

Returning Players: Michelle Hurt, senior, and Alyssa O'Neil, Kellie Kawasaki, Brenna Kelley and Danielle Sargent, juniors

Team Captains: Hurt, O'Neil, Kawasaki

Goals: Hard & focused practice, with the athletes

pushing each other

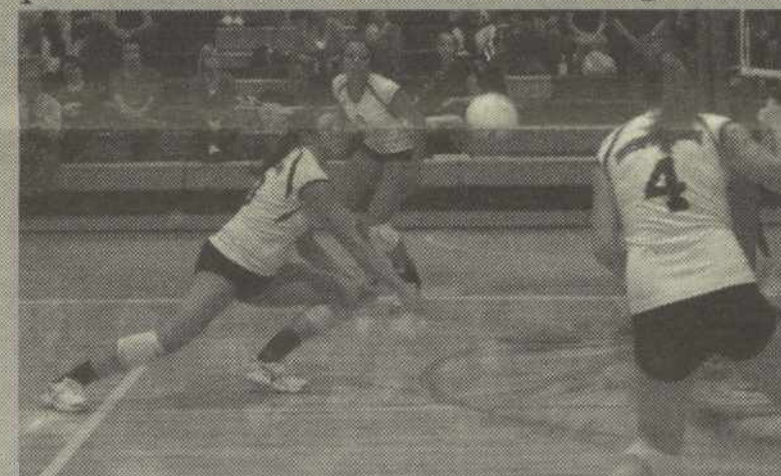
Important Games: Lakeridge, Oregon City, Clackamas

Expectations: Maintain the tradition and excellence of the program. Make the playoffs by returning a league championship.

New players: Reagan Beatty, freshman.

Challenges: "Overcoming our youth and inexperience at several key positions"

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Michelle Hurt, senior, dives for the ball against Clackamas. Hurt is one of the three team captains this year, along with Alyssa O'Neil and Kellie Kawasaki, juniors. Photo by Malia Chong

Cross Country

Returners: Girls-Rachel Seigneur, Diana Crane and Natalie Pittenger, seniors. Boys-Ben Morrow, Michael Bernert and Taylor Kolasinski, seniors.

Team captains: Girls-Seigneur, Crane and Pittenger. Boys-Morrow, Bernert and Kolasinski.

Important games: Nike

pre-nationals meet on Sept. 29; District meet in late October.

Expectations for season: Both teams want to make State, and finish in the top 10.

Practice schedule: six days a week, hour and a half each.

Key new runners: Elliot Prince, Erin Morrow and Chelsea Ollar, freshmen.

Renegades to join with rivals in effort to play college teams

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The West Linn Rucking Renegades Rugby Team took Nationals by storm last May, winning the Plate Division and earning a ranking of eighth in the nation. A normal season begins in January, but normal is a word these players don't live by.

Tryouts were held for a select team on Sept. 22. Their opponents? Local college teams including Western Oregon State University and University of Oregon.

Rugby is a sport that has

yet to make its way onto front pages, but lack of press does not mean lack of talent. The Renegades have taken State for the last four years and generated impressive scores. At the end of the 2005 State Championship, West Linn whopped their opponents 98-0. In the 2007 season, the Renegades went undefeated. The season commenced with a domination at Nationals when the Renegades took home the Plate.

There will be more than just West Linn girls on the team. The Under-19 Rep.

Squad will also include players from Clackamas, Canby and Portland.

"These are great people and great players. It will be very interesting to see what happens when we all come together. I think we have a lot of potential," Kylie Rogers, senior, said. Some are expected to make a big impact on the team, including Audrey Jones (LO graduate of 2007), who recently played with the best Under-19 squad in the country, the USA Eagles. She is the first player from Oregon to earn a spot

on the prestigious team.

Other players to watch out for are Cassie Jones (Clackamas graduate of 2007), who is captain of the Clackamas High team. Rachel Summers will also be a driving force. She was a captain of the 2007 Canby team, who also dominated at Nationals, taking ninth.

"It will be great to have so much diversity in the players and what team they come from. I think having this All-Star team will overall strengthen Oregon rugby," Ernesto Espinoza, Head

Coach, said.

There will be many challenges for the team, the biggest one being they are playing experienced college teams that have played longer, and may be bigger, stronger and faster than their high-school counterparts. The "Rep Squad," as they are now being known, is expected to put up a tough fight. On Sept. 29, the "Rep-side," as they are now known as, beat Reed College in a 47-0 shutout. Their next game will be against Western Oregon University on Oct. 9.