



OPENING UP A LINE -- Illinois Valley running back Mike Pagnotta charges down field as his blocker Eric Campbell prepares to lay some hurt on a Knight. Pagnotta scored two touchdowns in the first half and added a two-point conversion in the fourth quarter. The Cougars fell to the Knights in overtime 27-20. (Photo by Steve Fairchild)

Overtime thriller ends in favor of the Knights

Cougars fight to the end in 100-degree temp.

North Valley played the role of the spoiler Saturday in an overtime battle with Illinois Valley's varsity football team in Cave Junction.

The Knights scored a touchdown on a 7-yard toss from quarterback Josh Makepeace to Drew Dechenne to clinch the Skyline Conference game, 27-20.

The ball landed in Dechenne's outstretched hands above the Cougars' leaping Josh Coronado in the end zone.

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Late in the fourth quarter, with the score stalled at an impossible looking 20-12 lead for the Knights, the Cougars' Natty Krauss used a 1-yard run for a touchdown and Mike Pagnotta added a two-point conversion for a 20-20 tie to send the game to overtime.

Pagnotta, who led Illinois Valley in rushing with 88 yards on 18 carries, also scored the Cougars' first touchdown on a 17-yard scramble and added a 98-yard touchdown run off an interception late in the first half.

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Pagnotta also led the Cougars in passing with five completed passes out of six for 42 yards.

Krauss' 83 yards of rushing was the second best for the Cougars.

North Valley (3-1, 2-0 Skyline) rushed for 383 yards and was led by Geoff Phelps with 19 carries for 107 yards.

The Cougars (4-1, 1-1 Skyline) will try to bounce back Friday night, Oct. 3 at Rogue River (2-2, 0-1).



COUGAR PRIDE -- IVHS mascot snarls at the Knights.



TOUGH GAME -- The Lady Cougars had their hands full with North Valley Saturday, Sept. 27 in an 11-1 loss.

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QUICK COUGAR -- The Cougars' Jesse Lorentz prepares to drive past a Knight defender during the Sept. 25 game at Evergreen Elementary. (Photo by Steve Fairchild)

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Cougars ready for a soccer win

The Cougars' Jeremy Marhenke scored Illinois Valley's only goal in an 8-1 loss to Hidden Valley Thursday, Sept. 25 in Skyline Conference soccer action at Evergreen Elementary School.

The Cougars also fell to North Valley 1-0 at Merlin. The Cougars (0-7 Skyline) will host Mazama in Cave Junction Saturday, Oct. 4.

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