

# Sports



(Photo by Kevan Moore, *Illinois Valley News*)

#27 junior James Thompson breaks a 37-yard run Friday September 13. IVHS went on to win 33 - 19 at home.

## Cougars get win over Creswell at home

By  
Jenna Larkin  
*IVN Contributing Writer*

The Cougars’ football squad picked up a 39-19 win at home this past Friday night over the Creswell Bulldogs.

Things seemed to get off to a shaky start for the Cougars when they picked up a false start penalty on their first play. They quickly made up for it, though, when Myles Hodge caught a 40-yard pass for a touchdown.

“I’m really excited this season, we have a chance to make history,” Hodge said after the game. “IV has never really gone to state; I really want to push for it.”

Creswell almost tied things up in the first quarter, scor-

ing on a fourth down attempt that was called back on a holding penalty. Creswell later received a face mask penalty, but were eventually able to score from nine yards out.

James Thompson scored a second touchdown for the Cougars on a 37-yard run. Creswell seemed to struggle with two back-to-back penalties, but was able to make up for it with a second touchdown to tie up the game 13-13. By halftime, the Cougars were up 25-13.

The second half of the game proved to be a little slower. In the beginning of the third quarter, with about seven minutes left, Sean Kounovsky was able to make a touchdown for Creswell, but the two point conversion was intercepted. The Cougars answered back with another touchdown of their own by Hodge while T.J Hughey made the two point conversion. At the end of the third quarter, Hughey snuck in another touchdown and the Cougars lead 33-19.

The fourth quarter became a back-and-forth battle between the Cougars and Creswell. Erric Fisher recovered a fumble with 25 seconds left in the game for one final touchdown for the Cougars.

“We did a lot better keeping our heads together, staying true to the team, being more like family,” Hodge said. “That really helped us win the game.”

“We lost a couple of key players but we came out with our heads held high and we worked hard,” James Thompson said after the win.

“I felt we played really well,” said head coach Ray Yarbrough.” Defensively we were a couple guys down due to injuries, which led to a couple of mistakes that cost us some big plays but ultimately we did a really great job defending.”

The Cougars are scheduled to play against Glide on the road this Friday, Sept. 20.

## Boys lose two, girls get a win

By  
Jenna Larkin  
*IVN Contributing Writer*

This past week proved to be a challenging one for Illinois Valley High School boys’ soccer team.

“It is difficult to play against 4-A and 6-A schools when we are a 3-A, but it is making for a better team,” said Coach Brad Carlson.

Del Norte dominated most of the game with IVHS, taking the win 3-0.

Although the boys are 0-4, their defense is getting stronger with each game and the offense is learning to play together.

Keith Lewin and Bryce Hire did great as sweepers helping the goalkeeper on the defensive end. Dakota Crow, IVHS’s goalkeeper, made some outstanding saves and made Del Norte work for the goals that were made.

The Cougars then played a hard game against Hidden Valley this past weekend in Murphy, losing 3-1.

“Our defense held strong, we need to continue to work on pushing attacks forward,” said Carlson.

With almost twice as many players as IVHS, Hidden Valley proved to be a strong opponent with an incredible amount of speed on the front line. By halftime, Hidden Valley led 1-0. Sixty minutes into the game, Hidden Valley scored a second goal. Five minutes later, though, IVHS struck back with a goal. Hidden Valley scored its third and final goal with five minutes left in the game.

Crow was pressured in the net throughout the whole game, but stayed strong and had many good saves. Lewin and Bryce Gardenhiger both had an outstanding game defensively.

“The whole team really worked hard this game,” Carlson said. “It is hard to pin point just a few players when, really, the team was great.”

Tuesday, Sept. 17, will be the Cougars’ last non-conference game against North Valley at home. The boys’ soccer team is scheduled to

play their first conference game at home against Lakeview on Saturday, Sept. 21.

The girls were able to hold their own against Del Norte with a 3-1 win.

Amanda Brooks made the first goal 27 minutes into the game, assisted by Eddi Rodrigues. Kenndra Ferry scored the second goal assisted by Aundrea Miller, while Amanda Brooks went out on her own and scored the third and winning goal.

“The girls played well. I am pleased with their progress,” said head coach Dick Matti.

The Lady Cougars had a bye this past weekend, but are slated to play on Tuesday, Sept. 17, against Phoenix.

Arts Red  
Garter  
Where the  
Valley comes  
to play  
  
Karaoke - Dancing  
Live Music

Anwyn  
& George  
  
Friday, Sept. 20  
@ 5:30 p.m.  
  
Taylor's  
Country Store

Wild River  
HANDCRAFTED FOOD & ALE  
Guppy  
  
Sat., Sept. 21  
@ 6 p.m.  
Every Wed  
Open Mic. Night  
From  
6-8 p.m.

Chateau at the  
Oregon Caves  
  
Dave Angus  
Piano  
Sept 20, 7 p.m.  
  
Ross Welcome  
Acoustic Guitar  
Sept 21, 4 p.m.  
  
Bob Clark  
Celtic Harp  
Sept 22, 4 p.m.

Kate's  
Redwood  
Bar and Grill  
  
Tuesday to Sunday  
Noon to Close  
Happy Hour 3-5  
Stop in and see  
Kate and Mamie  
Today!

Monday  
Night  
Tacos  
  
@  
Mc Grew's  
of  
Course