

Sports



IVHS Volleyball team member #11 Senior Naviya Dixon returns the ball against Cascade Thursday, Oct. 3.

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IVHS Lady Cougars struggle while LBMS girls dominate

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The Lady Cougars’ volleyball team had a hard fight against St. Mary’s this past Tuesday, October 1 at home. Although the girls gave it their all, St. Mary’s took the win with the scores of 25-7, 25-21 and 25-11.

“The girls played hard and are really becoming a team, they are working hard,” said Head Coach Erica Butler. “The girls struggled but played better than they have this past week.”

The Lady Cougars also played against Cascade Christian during

another home game on Thursday, Oct. 3. This game proved to be a better game but the Cougars still lost against Cascade Christian, who is currently number one in the league. The girls struggled through the first two sets but managed to lead part of the third set, leading by five points. Cascade Christian proved their competitiveness and took over the set, winning all three. The final scores were 25-7, 25-16 and 25-21.

“The girls played amazingly well, they never gave up, a big improvement from last week,” said Butler.

The girls brought their ‘A game’ with skilled blocks, digging the ball

and just overall playing well and as a team.

Junior, Alex LaFlamme, Middle Blocker, had an extremely good game with 10 kills and seven blocks; this being her highest game, stat wise, for this season. Keyanna Augustadt, a Defensive Specialist and a Setter, had 15 digs. Augustadt was all over the court in an effort to hold Cascade Christian at bay.

Although the Lady Cougars are struggling, they hope to make a comeback next week when they go up against Lakeview at a home game on Tuesday 8.

While the Cougar’s volleyball team is struggling, the Lorna Byrne

volleyball teams are excelling.

“The girls are doing great, there’re excelling,” said Head Coach Rene Jolly.

On Monday, Sept. 30, the Lady Vikings took the win during a home game against Rogue River. The scores were 25-17, 25-14 and 15-12.

Lisa Wylie this season has proved to be great at digging those balls fiercely over the net to the opposing players. Kai Tree is a strong server making it difficult for the other teams to gain control. Adriana Flores hard work finally paid off during Monday’s game, for the first time she was able to serve the ball over the net, with cheering fans in the stands.

Courtney Scott and Abbey Jolly have been very helpful in leading the team with communication on and off the court. Lilly Bell has been a great team leader, always having a positive attitude and cheering the girls on and off of the court.

With the girls leading in their games, Jolly focuses a lot of time in practices teaching the girls good sportsmanship and ethics. Jolly believes that knowing these two skills will help the girls all through their lives.

The Vikings are scheduled to play against McLaughlin Monday, Oct. 7 during an away game.

IVHS soccer teams coming back strong

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With the Lady Cougar’s soccer team struggling during the last few games, this past week they came back with vengeance, proving once again they are a strong team.

On an away game Wednesday, Oct. 2 against Rogue River the Cougars won 2-0. In the first half of the game Mikael Cusumano scored the first goal for IVHS assisted by Gabriela Cruz. Kynan Nordal

scored the second and final goal for the Cougars during the second half with 20 minutes left in the game.

“There was lots of spirit and the game was contested well,” said Head Coach Dick Matte.

Even with rough playing conditions on the field, the Cougars were still able to lead the game. Chawna Crawford was able to shut out any goals the Rogue River team tried to score.

During a game on Saturday, Oct. 5 against St.

Mary’s at home prove to be slightly more difficult with St. Mary’s taking the win, 6-1.

The Lady Cougars played hard, not making it an easy game for St. Mary’s. At half time the score was 3-0, St. Mary’s. 70 minutes into the game Mikael Cusumano scored the Cougar’s only goal on a penalty kick. Amanda Brooks, Aundrea Miller, Kenndra Ferry and Nancy Segura all played exceptionally well during the game, making St. Mary’s earn their win.

“St. Mary’s is a tough

team to play against. Right now they are undefeated in the league,” said Matte. “The girls did great, they played really hard.”

The girls are slated to play on Saturday 13 at home against Lakeview.

With two hard earned wins behind them, the boys played a non-conference game also on Saturday against Eagle Point, losing 8-2.

“This game was hard for us to get into, our hearts just weren’t in it,” said Head Coach Brad Carlson.

The Cougars were able to stay competitive and stay strong through the game but Eagle Point had a stronger will to win. IVHS was not too willing to let Eagle Point completely take over. Zach Welch was able to score off of a crash play assisted by Boaz Dillon while Keith Lewin scored a direct free kick bringing the Cougars score to 2. With scores of 1-0, 1-1, 2-1, 3-1, 3-2, and 4-2 the scores were close all through the 80 minutes of game time.

“We had great attacks

and played well defensively, I’m proud of the boys, they played hard,” said Carlson.

Even though the boys lost this past week’s game, they are really focusing on next week’s up and coming game against Creswell on Saturday 12 on the Cougar’s home turf. The Cougars are evenly matched with Creswell and are looking for a tough but good hard game.

Tuesday, Oct. 8 game against Rogue River has been canceled due to Rogue River not having enough players.

Cougars drop tough one to Lost River

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On an away game at Lost River, IVHS varsity football team took a loss of 29-27 this past Friday 4. Although the Cougars fought hard the entire game, it was clear that Lost River was willing to go the distance to win.

“Unfortunately, I feel that some of the blame has to go to the coaching staff. Not all of the blame can be put on the kids,” said Head Coach Ray Yarbrough.

He is referring to some miscommunication issues and bad decisions that occurred before the start of the game. There was also headset

issues where the coaches were not able to communicate on what plays were needed to advance up the field.

IVHS was able to lead the game early with a kick-off return that lead to their first touchdown of the night. After that the Cougars held Lost River up until their third down when IVHS got a facemask penalty allowing Lost River to gain yards and score a touchdown.

“I feel that we should have won this game, but with penalties and lots of other mistakes, we didn’t,” said Yarbrough.

By half time the score was close, Lost River only leading by one point, 12-13. At one point in the game, IVHS was down by 15 points but was able to catch back up and tying the

game. With 17 seconds left in the fourth quarter, the Cougars were able to gain control of the ball and were determined to make one last attempt at tying the game, going into overtime but due to three penalty calls in a row, IVHS was not able to complete their plays.

While the Cougars did not win the game, there were great indications of how much the team was trying to take the win. James Thompson and C.J. Manning had a total of 25 rushing yards for a combined total of 189 yards. T.J. Hughey, Logan Miller and Kade Doyle each had a number of tackles. Hughey had a total of eight; Miller was able to acquire seven, while Doyle had six tackles. Logan Miller also was able to make two of the Cougars touchdowns

with C.J. Manning and James Thompson each making one touchdown.

With homecoming happening this week, Yarbrough knows that the boys’ minds will be on other things, such as the parade and the dance on Saturday. His main goal is to make sure that they stay focused on the up and coming homecoming game against St. Mary’s on Friday, Oct.11 on IVHS’ football field at 7 p.m. Though St. Mary’s is not within the league this year, Yarbrough considers them a league opponent.

“I’m hoping to send a message for future games to other teams in the league, that IVHS is for real,” said Yarbrough of not only up and coming games but games in the coming years.

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