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(Photo by Dan Mancuso, Illinois Valley News)

James “The Train” Thompson breaks free for a 54-yard run in the Homecoming win against St. Mary’s on Friday, October 11.

Cougars dominate homecoming game against St. Mary’s

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The Illinois Valley High School Cougars football squad dominated this past Friday’s homecoming game, beating St. Mary’s 38-7. James Thompson started the night off with the first touchdown, getting the fans pumped for the rest of the evening. With 17 seconds left in the first quarter, St. Mary’s was able to get on the board and tie things up at 7-7. During the second quarter, the Cougars struggled to gain control with a few penalty calls, but Nick Worley was eventually able to gain control of a fumble, giving the Cougars the upper hand in the first half of the game. James Thompson scored two more touchdowns

before the halftime buzzer went off, and the Cougars led 21-7 at the break. The crowd was buzzing during halftime, anticipating the crowning of the homecoming queen. Before the princesses came out on the field, the IVHS cheerleaders did an awesome job pumping up the crowd with a choreographed dance. Following the cheerleaders, the princesses were announced one by one. They were freshman Aundrea Miller, sophomore Avery Neville, junior McKayla Yeoman and senior Abby Miller. An excited Aundrea Miller was crowned Homecoming Queen. Mr. McKee and the pep-band played upbeat songs through the rest of halftime. Staff from Evergreen Elementary were also at the game selling Smencils along with Dutch Bros., Rosie’s Inferno Pizza and Off the Hook BBQ.

The second half of the game proved to be a bit more difficult for both teams with neither one truly gaining any yards until James ‘The Train’ Thompson got hold of the ball twice and barrelled down the field to the end zone, including a 54-yard touchdown run. At the end of the third quarter, the Cougars led 35-7. During the fourth quarter on a fourth down, Keith Lewin kicked a field goal bringing the score to 38-7. After IVHS gained control of the ball, C.J. Manning shot down the field into Cougar territory allowing for an attempt at a field goal which was no good. The Cougars received a false start penalty that was declined by St. Mary’s, allowing Keith Lewin another attempt at a field goal which had the length but ended up being too wide. St. Mary’s gained control of the ball with

48 seconds left in the game and attempted one last touchdown drive which IVHS quickly shut-down to win the game 38-7. John Britt and C.J. Manning were able to gain plenty of yards in the game. Britt had nine carries for a total of 41 yards, while Manning had six carries with a total of 88 yards. Logan Miller and T.J. Hughey each had five tackles, while Keith Lewin went five for five on PAT kicks. The Cougars are slated to play against Cascade Christian on Friday, Oct. 18, during an away game. During Saturday’s Homecoming dance, freshman Skylar McLanahan was crowned Homecoming King. The princes were sophomores Jordan Rubenstein, junior Elijah Chavez and senior Joshua Allan.



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Homecoming Queen Aundrea Miller and Homecoming King Skylar McLanahan are all smiles following their coronation on Saturday, October 12.

IVHS Lady Cougars take a win in hybrid league, first in years

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Since 2005 the Illinois Valley High School volleyball team has not won a game within their league, known as a hybrid league; but on Thursday, Oct. 10, the Lady Cougars did just that. During an away game against Chiloquin, the Cougars won all three sets with scores of: 25-16, 25-17 and 25-19. What is a hybrid league? Hybrid leagues are schools that are in different classifications, which play within the same conference. For example: Illinois Valley High School is a 3-A school where Chiloquin is a 2-A school but they are able to compete against each other. Because there are not many other 2-A schools to compete against one another, a hybrid league allows those smaller schools to compete against larger schools where otherwise they would not have the opportunity to have sports team at all.

“We were able to play our game and not let the opposing team dominate our players,” head coach Erica Butler said. The Lady Cougars not only had a great victory but were able to communicate well on the court and work well as a team ensuring their long time coming victory. Allison Primeau served four aces, six kills and seven blocks leading to one of her best games this season. Brittany Burns also had a great game with two aces, four kills and three blocks. Setter Abby Miller was able to set the ball allowing her teammates to successfully get the ball over the net, not allowing Chiloquin to dominate or score very often. The Lady Cougars are set to play against Rogue River on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at a home game. On Thursday, Oct. 17, also during a home game, the Lady Cougars are scheduled to play against St. Mary’s. Thursday night is also Senior Night, honoring the volleyball team’s seniors and their parents.

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