



(Photo by Dan Mancuso, Illinois Valley News)

The Illinois Valley High School Girls Soccer team clowns around prior to the last home game Oct. 22. The lady cougars finished up the season with a 5-9 record.

IVHS soccer teams wrap up the season

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Both Cougars soccer teams honored their seniors during Senior Night on Tuesday, Oct. 22, followed by the boys playing against Umpqua Valley and the girls playing against Rogue River on the IVHS football field.

Although the boys had a strong game, Umpqua Valley dominated during the second half to take the win, 5-2. Umpqua scored the first goal, starting the pace for the rest of the game. Boaz Dillon brought the game to a tie with a goal 12 minutes into the game to keep things close. At the 20-minute mark, Gus Wicheloe scored a second goal to give the Cougars a 2-1 lead. Umpqua followed 12 minutes later, tying the game at 2-2 going into halftime.

With 18 minutes left in the game, Umpqua took a 3-2 lead. Umpqua snuck another goal in with ten minutes left in the game, bringing the score to 4-2.

“With eight minutes left in the game I told the team to push and try to tie the game up,” said head coach Brad Carlson.

With every effort from the boys, the Cougars could not tie the game up and Umpqua scored with two minutes left to seal the win.

“We just weren’t able to catch a break this season,” said Carlson. “The boys never gave up, they played strong.”

With 10 seniors on the team this year and a possible five returning players next season, the boys’ team may not have a break for a while.

On Tuesday night, the girls’ soccer team honored five seniors and two team managers. With a possible 13 to 14 players returning next season, the outlook for the Lady Cougars is looking strong.

The girls played against Rogue River following the boys’ game. Like the boys, the Lady Cougars played a strong game, but Rogue River had the upper hand throughout.

At halftime, Rogue River led 2-0. During the second half of the game Amanda Brooks was able to put the Cougars on the score board with two goals, the first goal unassisted and the second one assisted by Camelia Swensen.

The soccer teams finished up their season during away games on Saturday, Oct. 26, both IVHS soccer teams played against St. Mary’s in Medford at U.S. Cellular Field.

“The boys played very aggressively,” said Carlson.

Even with strong ball possession, the Cougars lost to St. Mary’s 0-8.

“It’s been a long, but good season,” Carlson said. “The boys worked hard all season.

We dealt with numerous injuries and other issues throughout the season, but through it all the guys stayed strong. I couldn’t be prouder. They’ve definitely earned my respect as a coach and they have earned the respect of the community for all their hard work.”

Despite their best efforts, the Lady Cougars struggled through their game. The Lady Cougars were short a few key players due to injuries. Kimberly Crow had a knee injury from playing against Rogue River. Taylor Byne was dealing with a concussion, while Kenndra Ferry and Mikael Cusumano dealt with severe bruises, but still managed to play Saturday.

During the game, goalkeeper Chawna Crawford became ill and Shelbie Mason and Kenndra Ferry substituted the rest of the game.

Even with the struggles during the game, Amanda Brooks managed a goal with 10 minutes left and helped boost her team’s morale. In the end, St. Mary’s took the win, 7-1.

“We have had great progress through the season as players and as a team. I am really pleased with my players this season, even with the different skill levels and diversity and unexpected problems, they did great,” said head coach Dick Matte.

With both teams losing a lot of seniors, mostly key players, coaches are hoping that come next season some of the underclassmen

will show an interest in soccer and help to keep the positive progression of the school’s soccer program moving forward.



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Senior #18 Zach Welsch takes out the Umpqua Goal Keeper on his way to scoring the teams second goal of the game. Oct.22.

Thompson sets record, gives Cougars reason to look to playoffs

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Since 2010 the Cougars have not been eligible for state playoffs, but with their win against Lakeview this past Friday, Oct. 25, the Cougars are looking ahead.

If Cascade Christian beats Lakeview this coming Friday, Nov. 1, then IVHS will be headed to the playoffs. If, however, Lakeview wins, the Cougars may or may not go to playoffs, based on the point differential between Lakeview and Cascade Christian.

The first half of the Cougars’ game last Friday proved to be difficult, with penalties and uncharacteristic mistakes, including bad punts and passes. Even with the setbacks, though, the Cougars were able to put points on the board.

In the first quarter T.J. Hughey recovered a fumble to put the first points on the board for IVHS. Hughey, so far this season has had a total of 58 tackles, four of those being during Friday night’s game. During the second quarter, C.J. Manning threw a 45 yard pass to Logan Miller for a touchdown. Manning and Miller, both juniors, have a total of 63 tackles this season.

With Lakeview in the lead 14-13 at halftime, IVHS decided to leave their mistakes behind and step up their game during the

second half.

In the third quarter the Cougars were able to take the lead with Lakeview not far behind. Manning threw a 30 yard pass to Miller to put the Cougars in the lead, but Lakeview was able to fight back with a touchdown of their own. Keith Lewin also kicked a 25 yard field goal to put the Cougars back in the lead during the third quarter.

With five minutes left in the game, Hughey managed another touchdown, running for 25 yards. Myles Hodge then snagged an interception with two minutes left in the fourth quarter for the Cougars that allowed them to score, winning the game 30-21. Hodge, a senior, has had a great season with 16 receptions passes for a total of 245 yards.

As a junior, James ‘The Train’ Thompson has had a great football season as well, made even better by the fact that during Friday night’s game against Lakeview he broke the school’s long-standing single season rushing record previously held by Mike Melton who ran a total of 1,649 yards during the 1999 football season. Thompson ran the ball 26 times for 222 yards during the game, bringing his rushing yard total to 1,672. “It was a pretty big accomplishment for me. It was one of my goals at the beginning of the season,” said Thompson. “I couldn’t have done any of it without the coaches and my linemen’s help.” Thompson also went on to say that with most of the linemen being seniors

this year he plans on giving the up and coming underclassmen a pep talk to try and help them with their running game.

The Cougars are slated to play this coming Saturday, Nov. 2, during a home game against Regis Catholic High School.



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IVHS football team celebrates after the 30-21 win against Lakeview Friday, Oct 25.

Arts Red
Garter
Lavender
Blue
Oct 31,
Nov 1 & Nov. 2
9 p.m. to Close

Guppy
Whimsical Duet
Friday, Nov. 1
@ 5:30 p.m.
Taylor's
Country Store

Wild River
HANDCRAFTED FOOD & ALE
Tim
Mitchell
Sat., Nov. 2
@ 6 p.m.
Every Wed
Open Mic. Night
From
6-8 p.m.

Junction Inn
Halloween Party!
Oct. 31
Live Music by
Daybreak
Costume contest
1st place free room for 2,
2nd place price dinner for 2
not to exceed \$20.00
3rd price Dutch coffee
Certificate.

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

Friday, Oct. 25
Halloween
Costume Party
featuring
Only Natural
and Wilderness
\$3
@
Mc Grew's