

Sports



(Photo courtesy of Kelly Augustadt for The Illinois Valley News)

Senior #20 Theresa Frederick drives to the basket during the road victory against Hidden Valley, Friday, January 3.

IVHS basketball teams take first wins of season

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With schedules back on track things are looking up for the basketball teams at IVHS. Both teams have been able to put in good practices and have successful games. This last week the boys and girls saw their first wins on Thursday, Jan. 2, while away at Hidden Valley. The Lady Cougars played first with a win of 44-43.

"It was a close game all the way through," said head coach Loren King.

With halftime looming, Hidden Valley stepped it up and scored points, leading the game going into the third quarter. By the end of the third quarter, IVHS tied the game at 31-31, proving to be a tough match for the Hidden Valley Mustangs. Throughout the fourth quarter it was a tug-of-war game with both teams fighting for the winning points. As

the final buzzer sounded, both teams were tied with a score of 41 points, leading to overtime. On a rebound from Hidden Valley, Miliya Stewart drove the ball down the court and scored the winning points for IVHS.

While Stewart was the last to score, Kimberly Crow was the leading scorer with 16 points while Alex LaFlamme was not far behind with a total of 13 points scored.

The boys also got a win against the Mustangs with a final of 47-42. During the first half of the game, the boys started digging a hole, allowing too many turnovers to Hidden Valley, permitting Hidden Valley to take the lead in the first half of the game. Before halftime, IVHS was down 12 points but showed determination during the third quarter. Dropping their turnovers to around four, IVHS was able to catch up and showed great willpower to get their first win of the season.

Zach Welch led the game with 17 points, including a clutch

three-pointer in the final quarter. Conrad Davis was not far behind with 15 points. Davis also had nine rebounds during the game. Myles Hodge, Lander Nordal and Michael Weiver also were able to get points on the board for IVHS. Nordal, a senior, also started for the first time, having a great game. Not only with four points scored but had 10 re-bounds and four assists.

On Saturday, Jan. 4, both basketball teams traveled over three hours one way to play against Harrisburg High. Both teams struggled during their games after such a lengthy bus ride. Again, the Lady Cougars took the court first with a 15-28 loss against Harrisburg.

With a good defense all through the game, the girls were not able to make the shots needed to stay competitive with the Harrisburg

Eagles. Theresa Frederick and Victoria Johnson were the leading scorers, working hard with the rest of the Lady Cougars to stay with the Eagles.

Head coach Loren King stated that he feels the girls are improving with each practice they are able to get in now that the basketball schedule is back on track. He said he sees a lot of room for improvement moving forward. With 27 turnovers, the team's offense still needs improvement. IVHS was also only able to get in a total of 19 rebounds during the game.

The boys had a harder time during their game against Harrisburg. With a tough 37-65 loss. The boys seemed sluggish following the grueling drive. Even with the loss,

the boys did not give up easily. Zach Welch was able to get in 13 points, leading the Cougars. Conrad Davis scored nine points and Myles Hodge scored eight. Michael Weiver, Bryce Gardenhire and Lander Nordal also helped put points on the board with a combined score of seven points.

Head coach Jeff Winters knows that with the schedule back on track, the team will improve greatly and hopefully take more wins as the season progresses.

Both teams are scheduled to play against New Hope Christian on Tuesday, Jan. 7, while on the road. On Saturday, Jan. 11, both teams host their first league game against the Bandon Tigers, with the Lady Cougars starting things off at 4 p.m.

Wrestlers have good showing at tourney

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Fourteen schools participated in the Rogue Valley Championship at North Valley High this past Saturday, Jan. 4.

Eagle Point took first place with 286 points, Phoenix High School took second place with 201 points and Illinois Valley High School took third place with 169 points.

The Cougars had two first-place wrestlers:

At 145 pounds, Logan Miller pinned his way through his matches. Miller pinned Nate Hegler in 1:24 and Cole Hornbrook in 1:45. In the finals, Miller pinned Kay Crandall from Eagle Point in 2:45.

John Britt, at 182 pounds, took first place over Markus McGovern. Britt beat Sheldon Hig 11-2 and Jack Puck from North Bend was

pinned by Britt in 42 seconds. John Britt overtook Brian Clooney from Eagle Point in 1:33 and Trea Vega was pinned in 1:44.

Zack Clark, at 113 pounds, pinned Jonny Hulseman in 21 seconds for third place. Manny Pimental took fifth place, pinning Jarred Hopkins from Hidden Valley in 43 seconds.

At 126 pounds, Eric Miller pinned Anthony Neuenschwander in 3:57 in the second.

At 170 pounds, T.J. Hughey lost to Josh Hammers from Mazama 3-1, but took sixth place.

At 95 pounds, James Jarret pinned Brandon Wrezinski in 1:24. Julian Northup was pinned in 2:20, but did not compete for third due to an injury default.

IVHS currently stands at 6-1 for duels. Cougar wrestlers are scheduled to compete on Saturday, Jan. 11, during the Crater Classic at Crater High School.



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#44 junior Conrad Davis tries to deflect a shot while #11 junior Michael Weaver looks on. The Coug's went on the beat Hidden Valley on the road Jan. 3.

<p>Arts Red Garter Where the Valley comes to play Karaoke - Dancing Live Music</p>	<p>David Angus Friday, Jan. 10 @ 5:30 p.m. Taylor's Country Store</p>	<p>Wild River HANDCRAFTED FOOD & ALE Dale Hopper Sat., Jan. 11 @ 6 p.m. Every Wed Open Mic. Night Wed's From 6-8 p.m.</p>	<p>Karaoke With Steve O'h Fridays @ Sportsmans Tavern</p>	<p>Kate's Redwood Bar and Grill Tuesday to Sunday Noon to Close Happy Hour 3-5 Stop in and see Kate and Mamie Today!</p>	<p>Who's Hungry? SQUIRREL SOUP Come get a bowl of Acoustic Folk Jam Rock January 17 at 8:00 p.m. @ Mc Grew's Course</p>
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