

Sports



#23 Freshman Aundrea Miller defends from the key against Gold Beach Saturday, Jan. 18. The lady Cougars fell 31-52. (Photo courtesy of Kelli Augustadt for The Illinois Valley News)

Hoop squads log lots of miles with mixed results

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Both IVHS basketball teams logged over a 1,000 miles traveling for games this past week.

On Tuesday, Jan. 14, the Cougars traveled to Lost River High where the Lady Cougars played the Raiders in the first game. Even though the girls played hard, Lost River showed the team a few things they need to work on. The Raiders took the game, winning 38-18.

Kimberly Crow and Alex LaFlamme were the top scorers for IVHS. Crow scored seven points with LaFlamme not far behind, putting five points on the board.

The boys had better luck against Lost River, taking the game 46-37.

"The key to winning this game was the

boys rebounded well and had great defense," said head coach Jeff Winters.

The top scorers were Zach Welch with 18 points and Lander Nordal with eight points and nine rebounds. Kade Doyle put 10 points on the board for IVHS, while Tannan Thompson scored a total of six points.

On Thursday, Jan. 16, IVHS played against Bonanza. The Lady Cougars had better luck against the Antlers, winning the game 38-17. The girls seemed to be on their game, making 15 out of 23 free-throws.

Alex LaFlamme was the leading scorer for IVHS with 12 points and Kimberly Crow scored ten points. Bonanza's offense had a hard time keeping up with the Cougar's defense. Samantha Frederick and Kimberly Crow held off the Antler's attack throughout the game to give the Cougars the upper hand.

With only a six-man team, the boys had a harder time against Bonanza. The Cougars were strong all through the game and were tied up until the fourth quarter when Bonanza overtook IVHS, scoring 17 points in the last quarter. Bonanza won 51-34.

With no lack of effort on the Cougars' part, Zach Welch was the leading scorer with 15 points. Kade Doyle scored a total of 12 points and had 12 rebounds, while Lander Nordal had a total of six points and 11 rebounds.

The IVHS teams traveled to Gold Beach, ending their crazy traveling schedule. Both teams seemed to struggle against the Panthers. Both coaches were in agreement that the kids were tired from all the traveling that they had to endure. Both teams, though, put up a fight. But, the girls struggled to maintain possession and lost 31-52. Crow and Naviya Dixon both scored

eight points for the Cougars.

The boys, meanwhile, lost to the Panthers 36-64. They fell behind early and went into the half trailing 17-33. Welch was able to score 16 points, Nordal had six points and Nick Worley put three points on the board for IVHS.

Turnovers seemed to be a problem with both teams.

Even though the boys' squad has such a small roster, Winters says they have some of the strongest players he has ever worked with. He refers to the team as the "Fab Six."

"They play hard, don't give up or complain," he said. "They stay with the opposing team and give it their all."

The Cougar teams were set to host home games Tuesday, Jan. 21, against Rogue River with the girls taking the court first.

Wrestlers finish fourth in Redmond

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The Illinois Valley High School wrestling team traveled to Redmond

to compete in the Oregon Wrestling Tournament, hosted by Redmond High School Panthers, this past weekend.

The Cougars went up against Riverside High during their first match, ultimately losing to the Pi-

rates. During the third and fourth matches, IVHS went up against Rainier, but the Cougars were not able to go match for match against the Columbians and lost. The Cougars also wrestled against Glide, with Glide winning 48-30.

During the semi-finals IVHS wrestlers went up against Vale, with Vale taking the win. IVHS placed fourth overall following the weekend tournament.

T.J. Hughey and Logan Miller went 6-0 during the meet, the only

two wrestlers taking all six of their matches.

IVHS will host a duel tournament against Phoenix on Thursday, Jan 23., beginning at 5 p.m.

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