

Sports

Cougars making due with injuries

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Last week the IVHS Cougars had a little break from traveling for games. The Cougars hosted two home games on Tuesday, Jan. 21 and Friday, Jan. 24.

On Tuesday IVHS went up against Rogue River with the Lady Cougars overpowering the Chieftains, taking the game, 46-28.

The guys had a harder time going up against Rogue River. The Cougars' defense was not as strong as it has been in the past, with a 71-47 loss.

A lot of this is attributed to the team only currently having six players. With not enough subs to put in when a player on the court get worn out, those players have to push themselves to the extreme, sometimes playing the whole game with the only breaks coming

at half-time or a time-out. Head Coach Jeff Winters is confident that with a few more players returning this coming week, the guys will have an easier time keeping up the opposing teams.

The leading scorer for the guys was Zach Welch with 21 points, while Kade Doyle scored 14 for the Cougars and six rebounds. Lander Nordal had 10 rebounds and five assists.

The Lady Cougars struggled during their game against St. Mary's Crusaders on Friday. The Crusaders were a tough opponent for IVHS, taking the game 55-37.

The Lady Cougars currently are ranked 5-11 overall and 1-2 in the league.

With the "Fab Six" still holding the guys team together, they did well going up against the Crusaders. Even with a loss of 51-45, the Cougars were able to

give St. Mary's a physical game.

Even with a rough start to the season and the season only getting tougher, some of the guys were able to shine during the game. Welch, who averages 14 points per game but was able to get 15 on the board with 10 rebounds and five assists; making this Welch's best rebounding game this season. Senior Lander Nordal had a career high, scoring 16 points, making him the leading scorer for the game. Michael Weaver put five points on the board for the Cougars, while Bryce Gardenhire, Tannan Thompson and Elijah Chavez scored two and Doyle put three points on the board.

Currently the guys are ranked 3-12 overall and 0-3 in the league.

The Cougar basketball teams played after press time against Cascade Christian at home Tuesday, Jan. 28.



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

Senior Zach Welch, #20 shows some defense along with #14 Lander Nordal, 33 Kade Doyle and #24 Bryce Gardenhire. The Cougs fell to the Chieftains 71-47, Tuesday, Jan. 21.

Winding Trails: by Al Hobart

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The True Firs

The trees that are in large part responsible for the soft velvety beauty of our evergreen hills are mostly conifers - the firs, Douglas-fir, cedars, pines, etc. - with a number of species of evergreen broad-leaf trees, such as California laurel (Oregon myrtle), madroña and Canyon liveoak, blending artistically with the conifers and enhancing the beauty of our winter forests with their varying shades of green.

Our largest, commonest and most valuable timber tree in the Siskiyou is the Douglas-fir; it is next to the giant Redwoods in size. Most of the biggest ones have fallen prey to the lumber industry, but we still find them up to 250 feet high and 9 feet in diameter. This tree has an unusually narrow and shapely, soft-appearing crown. The leaves are narrow and blunt, dark-green and grooved above,

whitish beneath with a green mid-line; they are scattered on all sides of the twig. The cones are unique in having 3-pronged bracts protruding from between the scales; they are elliptic in outline and two or three inches long. Bark of the tree is brownish, deeply furrowed and up to eight inches thick on old trees.

In our area we have four species of true, or Balsam, firs, as distinguished from Douglas-fir, which is in a genus of its own. A prominent feature that distinguishes these firs from the Douglas-fir and other conifers is in having the cones borne upright on the upper branches instead of hanging downward. In general appearance our four firs are divided into pairs, the Noble and Shasta Firs resembling each other, and the White and Grand Firs, being very similar.

Noble fir has the honor of bearing the most beautiful cones in the forest. The large seed-covering scales are borne in conspicuously attractive spirals, and are especially

beautified by the large pointed bracts that grow from between the scales, bending backward and downward, almost completely covering them, and giving the false impression of a cone with scales pointing the wrong way. Shasta fir cones are similar but usually lack the neat spiral arrangement of the bracts and scales that is so characteristic of the Noble fir cones. Needles of Noble fir are short and curved and seem to all be growing from the top side of the branches; however, they spring from all sides of the twigs, but after running lengthwise along the twig for a short distance (characteristic of this fir) they all turn abruptly upward, apparently originating on the upper side only. From beneath, the needles all seem to have been combed and brushed upward.

Foliage of the Shasta fir is quite similar in general appearance, but close inspection shows the needles to be four-sided, with the top side angled or rounded and smooth, in contrast

to the Noble fir needles which are grooved on the upper side. Another distinguishing feature between these two firs, but one which is not readily discernible on casual examination, has to do with the leaf buds. On the Noble fir these are resin-coated; on the Shasta fir they are without resin.

Time to look for the cones for identification is about the last of August. Cones of the firs never fall from the tree intact, disintegrating while still attached to the branches, leaving the bare cones standing like candles in the top of a Christmas tree. But the squirrels are usually at your service, willingly or otherwise, if you conduct your hunt when the cones are mature.

At the higher elevations, above 4,000 feet, Grand fir and White fir may be found growing side by side. At lower altitudes Grand fir is the only one of the Balsams to be found. These two firs, when mature, look very much alike until closely examined. Mature cones of the two

trees are smooth, usually purplish, and indistinguishable. Best means of quick identification is the foliage of lower branches. Grand fir needles are flat, shiny yellowish-green and grooved above; they are arranged in flat sprays, the needles in horizontal rows on either side of the twig and of two alternating lengths, usually notched at the tip, with two broad white longitudinal stripes beneath. White fir needles are more haphazardly placed; they are longer than Grand fir leaves, more bluish-green with a whitish cast, usually pointed or rounded at tip and with narrow faintly-whitish rows of stomata beneath. In both trees the upper branch needles all point upward.

If you could fly up to the top of the tree and examine the tiny male cones you could tell at a glance which of these two trees is which: The male cones of White fir are of a reddish cast; those of Grand fir are yellow - the only one of our local firs with this feature.

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- Drawings will be held on February 14 @ 4PM
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12 - 2PM GROUNDHOG STEW
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3:30PM Kickoff
HOT WINGS - 3 LEVELS OF FIRE
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