

Sports



Mikael Cusumano attacks the ball during the IVHS home match against Douglas. The ladies took the match with a 4-1 final. (Photo courtesy of Kelli Augustadt for The Illinois Valley News)

IVHS remains undefeated after game against Brookings-Harbor Bruins

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The IVHS football squad remains undefeated after their game with Brookings-Harbor this past week. On Friday, September 12, the Cougars took the win with a score of 35-20 during a home game. In the beginning of the game the Cougars were playing flat. The Bruins took advantage of that and put the first touchdown on the scoreboard. IVHS

did manage a touchdown during the first quarter but was unable to score again until the second half of the game.

Senior James “The Train” Thompson ran the ball 23 times for 214 yards, helping the Cougars to fill the gap in the second half. Thompson was able to plow past the Bruins defense for a 40 yard touchdown, putting IVHS in the lead during the third quarter. Thompson also had three touchdowns.

“We came out slow in the first

half but did really good in the second half of the game,” Thompson said of the Cougar’s slow start.

For the remainder of the game the Cougars and the Bruins fought back and forth for control of the ball. At one point the Cougars were able to drive the Bruins deep into their territory, keeping Brookings-Harbor from scoring another touchdown. With IVHS in control of the ball, the squad scored their third touchdown of the night.

Manning had 16 on 26 for 222

yards and two touchdowns for the night.

“I think our team played really well. At first it seemed like we weren’t able to play, but we came out fired up for the second half,” senior CJ Manning said. “Our offensive line held blocks well.”

Sophomore Skyler McLanahan had six catches for 104 yards, while teammate Logan Miller made three catches for 70 yards and two touchdowns.

Head coach Ray Yarbrough

knows the team did great overall and executed the plays well, but still has room for improvement.

“I am very proud of the team. We came in a little flat in the first half,” Yarbrough said. “We are going up against a top 3-A school next Saturday and we need to be a little more prepared.”

Friday, September 19, the Cougars will travel to Clatskanie, six hours away, to take on the Tigers.

JV soccer squad earns a tie in first game

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Short on players, the junior varsity soccer team at IVHS has gotten off to a rough start. Following some rescheduling, they were finally able to compete against Hidden Valley this past Saturday, Sept. 13, while on the road and came away with a 6-6 tie.

With only having nine players on the team, mostly freshmen and three juniors, head Coach

Brad Carlson was very pleased with his team’s performance.

“I would like to thank the Hidden Valley team for being so accommodating towards us; they allowed us to play nine to nine,” Carlson said. “They didn’t have to do that for us.”

Junior Ethan Clark scored five goals while fellow teammate Action Phokeo scored the final goal for the Cougars. All of the assists came from freshman Huver Rodriguez and Gustavo Sanchez.

The game was evenly matched up to the

whistle. The Hidden Valley Mustangs had the first two goals, but IVHS was able to match score for the remainder of the game.

“The game was fun and exciting to watch. We still have work to do, but it was an exciting game,” Carlson said. “The boys really represented themselves and the community during the game. They held strong for the past two weeks.”

One of the biggest goals Carlson wanted to achieve was to get on the field and play. Another goal is to build the boys soccer team back

up. For now, he is content with the players that are willing to work hard and show improvement each week. Following this a first great game, Carlson is excited to see what the rest of the season brings, but he knows that the players have a bit more work to do.

The Cougars are scheduled to play again on Tuesday, September 16, in a home game against Brookings-Harbor. There is no varsity soccer squad this year at IVHS.

IVHS Cross Country team set for second meet

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Head coach Brad Carlson is doing double duty this season. Not only is he the head coach for the IVHS boys’ soccer team, he is also the head coach for the cross country team.

IVHS has not had a cross country team for a year due to lack of coaching staff, but Carlson stepped up and decided to rebuild the program this season. There are just three participants in the

program, but Carlson would like to see the team grow to at least seven.

The team had their first meet on August 29 and all three runners did very well. The team ran in a 2.5 mile run at the North Medford Innovational. Taylor Byrne had a time of 21:21, Tyler Blind ran the race in 20:56 and Even Vallot had a time of 27:52.

The next meet is scheduled for Saturday, September 20.

Carlson is proud of the team and the hard work that they have already shown. Carlson’s future goals are to continue to work on increasing the cross country team size.

“It takes a special kind of person to want to run cross country for fun,” said Carlson.

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