

Sports



TJ Manning and James Thompson during the playoff loss to Dayton Nov. 7.

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IV loses a hard fought battle to end season

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The Illinois Valley High School football squad lost 6-14 on Friday, Oct. 7, in the first round of the state playoffs.

While on the road, IVHS put up a strong battle against the Pirates but fell short of advancing to the next round.

“The kids battled all night and they played hard,” said head coach Ray Yarbrough. “We moved the ball well, fumbled a couple of times

and turning the ball over cost us.”

IVHS and the Pirates both struggled to keep control of the ball during the first quarter. After the Cougars turned the ball over to Dayton on a fourth down, sophomore Andrew Sherier recovered a fumble off of Dayton. IVHS was able to make it within scoring distance, but fumbled the ball. Following the recovery, Dayton made their way up the field and scored the first touchdown with 11 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

During the second quarter both teams were determined to gain the upper hand and were each able to put points on the board. On a

fourth-down play, Dayton threw a 15-yard pass, scoring their second touchdown of the night, bringing the score to 14-0. The Cougars weren’t about to let that stop them, though. Junior Tristian Hostkoetter and the rest of IVHS’ line were all over the Pirates offensive team pushing them back with each play.

The Cougars eventually got the ball and were able to get within scoring territory. With the excitement in the air, James Jarrett prematurely stepped out of bounds leaving IVHS at first and goal. During their second attempt, Dayton tackled James Thompson at the one yard marker. With 45 seconds remaining in the second half,

the Cougars’ third attempt scored their first and only touchdown of the night.

The Dayton squad, which is ranked fifth in Oregon, finished their season off with a 4-2 league record and a 7-2 overall record. They advance to the next round traveling to Harrisburg on Friday, Nov. 14, where they will take on the Eagles.

To follow the playoffs, listen to live broadcasts and keep up on the latest scores by visiting the Oregon School Activities Association website at www.osaa.org.

Cougar volleyball ends season on high note

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The Lady Cougar’s volleyball team earned a 3-1 victory over New Hope Christian in their last game of the season.

The Cougars hosted the Warriors on Tuesday, Oct. 21, which was also senior night for IVHS.

Allison Primeau had 15 kills while fellow teammate Alex LaFlamme had nine. As a whole, the Cougars had 39 total kills for the match. Early on in the season, the Lady Cougars decided to begin to really focus on attacking the ball. With this approach, the girls began to see immediate improvements.

“This mindset improved our game and we will continue to improve our offensive game next season,” said head coach Erica Butler.

Halona Jackson played one of her better games and was able to mix up her sets better than she has previously been able

to do.

“We played very well as a team, communicated well and enjoyed playing together,” said Butler.

Butler feels that one of the biggest accomplishments for the team is winning five matches in a season, something that has not been done for 20 years. The Lady Cougars also started and finished the season with wins and Butler hopes to continue to carry this new volleyball tradition to next season and build on this experience further.

“This is huge for IVHS volleyball and something that is going to help us continue to build a tradition,” said Butler.

The Cougars volleyball team finished the season with an 0-8 league record and 5-14 overall.

With only two seniors graduating, Butler knows that next season IVHS will have a great group of experienced girls ready to show opposing teams that the Cougars are here to stay and compete with fierceness.

Before the game, seniors Alex LaFlamme and McKayla

Yeoman were honored for their hard work and dedication to the game of volleyball.

In a letter written for both girls, Coach Butler had this to say: “You are both incredible young women with a bright future and I, for one, am excited to see where life takes each of you. Your skills and abilities on the court have grown and this year is no exception. Thank you for listening, trying new things and being on board as we build a tradition at IVHS.”

Butler continued with personal memories of the last two years of each of the girls’ achievements and personality they brought to the team. Coach Butler finished with sound advice as both Lady Cougars take that bold step into the world.

“Good luck in all of the adventures that lie ahead. Remember to always find the positive in every situation, believe in yourself and become better every day!” Butler said.

Three Lady Cougars also received all-conference honors: Halona Jackson, second team; and Allison Primeau and Alex LaFlamme each earned honorable mention.

Art’s Red Garter Karaoke - Dancing Live Music Where the Valley goes to play	Kentucky Blend Friday, Nov. 14, @ 5:30 p.m. Taylor’s Country Store	Wild River HANDCRAFTED FOOD & ALE Circle of Stone Sat., Nov. 15, @ 6 p.m. Every Friday Jay Barley Every Wednesday Open Mic. Night From 6-8 p.m.	Monday Night Football Nov. 17 Beef or Chicken Tacos @ Sportsmans Tavern	Kate’s Redwood Bar and Grill Tuesday to Sunday Noon to Close Happy Hour 3-5 Stop in and see Kate and Mamie Today!	ALCYON MASSIVE acoustic Friday, Nov. 14, 9 p.m. \$8 @ McGrew’s of Course!
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