

Athlete of the Week

Volleyball

Name: Tori Johnson

Week: August 29th-September 3rd

Reason: Starting senior, all around player, team captain. Dedication, positive attitude, excellent work-ethic. Highest hitting and passing percentages.



Name: Courtney Scott

Week: September 5th-September 10th

Reason: Team captain, dedication, excellent attitude, work ethic, positive teammate, highly determined player.



Name: Cambrie Hughey

Week: September 12th-September 17th

Reason: Dedication, strong communication and teammate, knowledge of the game.



Name: Taylor Hammers

Week: September 19th-September 22nd

Reason: Excellent athlete, positive attitude, versatile player who happily plays a variety of positions as needed, can fill in for almost any position.



Name: Gabriela Rapley

Week: September 26th-October 1st

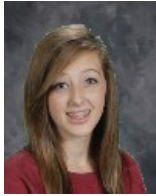
Reason: Is a very versatile athlete, is new to volleyball this year, has made great improvement over a short time, maintains a positive attitude and always gives her best effort, a great team player.



Name: Tessa Turner

Week: October 3rd—October 8th

Reason: Is extremely hard working, always gives 100% effort, is a dedicated player, maintains a positive attitude and tries to keep her team positive, even amidst challenging circumstances.



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Cross Country

Name: Tyler Blind

Week: October 3rd—October 8th

Reason: Improved his personal record at Saturday's Chieftain Invitational

Meet with a time of 18:34



Cougars fall in league game

Michelle Binker

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The Illinois Valley Cougars football team hosted the Lakeview Honkers on a stormy Friday night in Cave Junction. The Cougars lost the Oct. 14 league match-up 13-8.

Although the rain eased up as play began, conditions on the saturated field had degraded thoroughly by the second quarter. Wet mud squelching through the turf hobbled the rush and slick footballs grounded pass plays.

Lakeview scored two touchdowns and an unsuccessful two-point conversion in the first half. The Cougars mounted a strong late second-quarter drive and threatened to retaliate. With a faked field-goal attempt from the 8-yard line, the Illinois Valley offense earned a fresh set of downs within 2 yards of the end zone, but quarterback Ross Gaynor's rushing attempt with 0:01 left in the quarter was stopped just shy of the goal line as time expired.

"We just didn't push [Lakeview] off the line," said Cougars' head coach Bruce Reece. "This was our game to win [but] that's that next step; we've got to be able to take a game like this and step

through it..."

The Cougars mounted a tough defense that held Lakeview scoreless in the second half.

Reece was pleased with the defensive effort. "That's the most a team's punted against us all year."

Illinois Valley's Skylar McLanahan scored on a short touchdown run with almost six minutes left in the fourth quarter. The touchdown, followed by a two-point conversion pass from Gaynor to Elijah Polk, brought the Cougars to within five points of the Honkers.

Illinois Valley regained possession with more than two minutes remaining in the fourth quarter but were unable to capitalize. Lakeview ran out the clock, and the rain returned in earnest as the players left the field.

"We put some great drives together," Reece remarked. "Even as sloppy as conditions were, we did put some great drives together and I commend the players for the job they did."

The Cougars are now 1-5 for the season, 0-1 in Southern Cascade League play. They will host the Cascade Christian Challengers (5-2) in Cave Junction Friday, Oct. 21, beginning at 7 p.m.



(Photo by Michelle Binker, Illinois Valley News)

The Cougars hosted the Lakeview Honkers on a rain-saturated athletic field in Cave Junction Friday night, Oct. 14. Lakeview topped Illinois Valley 13-8 in the Southern Cascade League game.

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