

Sports

Cougars collect victories as season winds down

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On Tuesday, Jan. 30, the Illinois Valley boys' and girls' basketball teams both beat the Rogue River Chieftains; and then on the road against St. Mary's Friday, Feb. 2, the girls picked up another win while the boys suffered a loss.

The boys' basketball team (4-3) was able to pull off a slick victory

at home against the Chieftains whose league record stands at 0-6 at the time of this writing. The final score for that game was 86-63.

Top scoring players in the game against Rogue River were Bryce Bruner and Caleb Hess with 17 points apiece, Elijah Polk scored 15 and Isaiah McLanahan scored 13.

"You know I think overall it was a good defensive game," said head coach Matt Knight. "I think we

ended up that game with 15 steals. There was a little bit of contribution from everybody defensively."

In Medford, however, the boys weren't so lucky. They were defeated by a total of 13 points with the final score resting at 34-47.

In the game against the Crusaders (5-2), Hess scored the most points with 13 and Dane Alvarez was out with a concussion from a previous game.

And if the boys finish in third

place after their final game against Cascade Christian Tuesday, Feb. 6, they'll be playing St. Mary's again in the league playoffs the following week.

The Lady Cougars on the other hand won back to back victories against Rogue River (0-6) and St. Mary's, (2-5) with the final scores of those games being 47-43 and 46-41, respectively.



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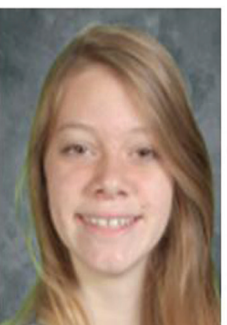
No. 12 senior Cody Box (above) jumps for a hoop; No. 15 sophomore Alexis Navarro (right) drives the ball down the court while the band plays on.



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