

Cougars having trouble as season winds down

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The boys and girls both suffered losses last week in baseball and softball with the Cougars losing a double-header at home game to Hosanna Christian / Triad and the Lady Cougars losing to Butte Falls / Crater Lake Charter Academy and Ashland.

On Thursday, May 2, the Illinois Valley Cougars (2-8, No. 45) met with the Lions of Hosanna Christian / Triad (7-2, No. 18) at Illinois Valley High School for the first game of the double-header, which they lost 0-4.

“The first game was a

close game,” said head coach Jesse Dugas. “We made a couple untimely errors and stranded too many base-runners. I think we left nine guys out. Hosanna and Triad... they’re a combined team from two different schools so they’re pretty well coached.

“Bryce Bruner threw a complete game and pitched extremely well. We just couldn’t put the offense behind him.”

Losing momentum and any hopes for the playoffs, Dugas decided to make some substitutions in the second game in order to get some younger kids a little play time. The final score for game two was 2-17.

Then, Thursday, May 9, the

Cougars take to Ashland to play the Grizzlies for a non-league game that begins at 5 p.m. and then they finish off the season with a double-header against the Lakeview Honkers (7-2, No. 7) starting at 2 p.m.

In softball, the Lady Cougars (1-8, No. 46) played a close game against the Loggers at Butte Falls (3-9, No. 35) Tuesday, April 30, but lost it in the end. The final score was 5-8.

“Butte Falls was a really, really good game,” said head coach Beth Boatman. “The girls had good hits, defense was awesome. They played really well as a team and we’re just super, super proud of them.”

Alexis Navarro was behind

the plate because Lisa Wylie was unable to attend the game. Ariel Himanek had an awesome hit out to right-center, and Mallorie Menning performed really well.

“Alexis had, for her first time catching, had a throw down tagout at two and a diving catch behind the plate, so she really performed well for us,” Boatman said.

Then Saturday, May 4, the girls took to Ashland for a non-league game against the Grizzlies which they lost 0-18.

“We were hoping to take that momentum into Ashland’s game,” Boatman said. “Unfortunately we were down to nine players that day and we just did what we could.”

Again, Navarro was catching,

Menning was pitching, and Himanek had a really nice hit out to center field about a foot shy from the fence.

“We had hits, we got on base, but we weren’t able to bring those girls in,” Boatman said. “The batting order wasn’t able to perform that day so we left girls sitting out on the bases. We’re struggling with outfield a little bit just trying to see where everyone can play best.”

The girls play the Glide Wildcats (9-2, No. 10) for the second time Tuesday, May 7, here in the Valley. That game begins at 4:30 p.m. And then Saturday, May 11, they play the Chiloquin Panthers (2-8, No. 38)—also at home—for a double-header that starts at noon.

1st Sasquatch Festival was a blast for the whole family



(Photos by Dan and Laura Mancuso, Illinois Valley News)

The I.V. Chamber of Commerce (IVCC) was pleased with the steady stream of traffic they experienced at the first Sasquatch Wine, Art & Golf Festival May 4 and 5. According to IVCC Vice President Tina Casey Jones, “The vendors were surprised and happy at the attendance despite the last minute venue change to White School House Road.” Blue Mountain Bigfoot Research came to the event (left); the Clampers had fun flipping burgers and selling beer; and Whitman, 13 found Bigfoot.

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