

Logger Pigskin 2002

by Jed Rowden

Phenomenal, excellent, and all-out amazing. These are the words you will hear when people discuss The 2002 Butte Falls football team. Losing merely four players last season, the Loggers have returned older and stronger. Every starter is a senior, with the exception of two juniors. Long time assistant coach BJ Rodgers has taken full responsibility as Head Coach. Jeremy Rodgers fills in at the Assistant Coaching position. Having played with the same teammates and under the same coaching over the past year, the team is comfortable with each other and their leaders.

The fans have responded in their own way, attending home games in massive crowds. Fan Suzy Ford boldly claims, "The team is excellent because they are all seniors." Player Shannon Sizemore boasts, "If everyone can keep their heads in it, we will go all the way." Of course, it goes without saying that the team has more than earned their well-deserved support. So what's left for them? Think championship - that's their goal.

The 2002 team consist of seniors Shannon Sizemore, David Hoel, Isaac Stephenson, Chris Copeland, Tony Beals, Kenn Biando, Kevin Newby, Keith Stark, and Michael Hanson. Junior class players include Barry Barker, Kelly Harrington, John Slaton, Billy Knapp, Todd Hackworth, and James Grieves. Gary Moody is the only sophomore player. Freshman Dillon Ross and Chris Stephenson round out this senior-laden team.

The Logger Essence

By Keith Stark

Football, the passion of most Butte Falls sports fans. Founded in 1929 Butte Falls High School has had numerous amounts of students pass through its halls. Sports began as a pastime time, but grew quickly into a healthy, thriving, metaphoric monster of loud, outspoken, loyal fans cheering for the hard hitting, bone breaking sport of football, longing to get the taste of just one more time on the grid iron.

Since 1983 until 2000, a man named Jack Brown coached football for Butte Falls High School. He is a legend all over Oregon for coaching and just being a heck of a great guy. Since his retirement, B.J. Rodgers took over the position of head football coach. B.J. has worked hard and has experienced a huge turn around with his players. The running is a lot lengthier and the hitting has gotten more intense. B.J. Rodgers knows what the town of Butte Falls expects of the Logger football team because he was once a mighty Logger himself.

This year is going to be the best year for the class of 2003, and probably one of the best for the other classes, because this class wants to place high in the standings of 1A schools before they graduate. These seniors want to leave a mark for BFHS on the football memory of their coaches, their fans, and their hometown. With the love of the game and the support of the fans behind them, this class will make sure that the 2002/2003 Logger Football team will be a team to be reckoned with on the field.

Cross Country

by Arron Shaw

We have a new coach in town. His name, Al. Al Mialkovsky. The sport, cross-country. I interviewed Al and asked him a few questions, such as what type of athletic experience he's had and what had he done to specifically to prepare himself for cross-country. Al responded by saying that he had played various sports when he was in high school and college. He also developed a conditioning program to assist each individual athlete to meet their personal goals.

When I asked him what his expectations are for the team, he replied, "I expect each athlete to give 100% and to always display good sportsmanship." Then I asked Al what his plans for the team were. He responded by saying, "We started late so we have to catch up, so I just want to get in as many meets as possible." When I asked him who was doing cross-country, he proudly replied that Amanda Hamilton, Greg Siemes, Caleb Moore, Hope VanLandingham, Josh Wetzel, and Arron Shaw were the athletes who are running on the team. He said that the first meet was Thursday the 19th. When I asked him what he thought of the athletic program here at Butte Falls, he replied, "I'm impressed with the intensity and the never quit attitude." I think that our new coach Al will be a great asset to our School and our community.

Loggers at the Net by Krystle Rowley

Take a look inside the Butte Falls High School gym this season, and the energy, determination, and team work is at an all time high. New faces and old are back this season, along with a new coach. Trea Connick played for old Butte Falls High School, and is no stranger to volleyball. In high school, Trea led her team to state all four years, and in 1996 they placed second at the state finals. In college, she played setter on the club volleyball team at Western Baptist. She has a lot of new ideas and new drills for the team, and has great expectations for the team as a whole.

As the season gets underway the Lady Loggers have a whole new look on what to expect over the next few months. The team opened up with a league match against the Triad Timber Wolves. The Ladies jumped out on top and looked to be unstoppable. The game was soon won in three matches, and the ladies took a 1-0 rank in league play. The next day they headed for Glendale for an all day tournament. The Ladies first match was against Gold Beach, a former 3A school that recently dropped down to the 2A state level. The Ladies took this as a challenge and finished them off in 2 games. This lead them to the next match against the Cascade Christian Challengers, who are also a 2A school. Our girls struck once again, and took them in two games. The third match of the day was against their arch rival in volleyball, the Days Creek Wolves. The Loggers mental mentality seemed to lack as they went into a head on match against a better prepared team. The Ladies lost those matches, but came back in the next round to beat the Elkton Elks. This sent them to the semi-finals round against the Glendale Pirates. This was a hard fought battle to the end, with the Loggers losing by a measly two points. Overall, the Ladies placed 3rd in the Tournament. After matches with Cascade Christian, Paisley, and Prospect, the Ladies are undefeated in league play, and 7-2 overall. The 2002-2003 varsity team consists of Vicky Lawrence, Kathi St. George, Asia Million, Stephanie Hewitt, Brianna Smeltz, Jamie Nelson, Cassy Bartel, Amanda Newby, Sarah Matthews, and Krystle Rowley.

This years JV squad consists of Shawna Wright, Nikki Harms, Brittany Hayes, Mickie Burns, Tiffany Smith, Melody Carlisle, Brandy Sewell, Elysia Rodriguez, and Conny Haberler our foreign exchange student. Although they started out with a not too hopeful team, they went to the Days Creek Tournament and took first place over some bigger schools. They have the patience and drive to become one of the best squads in our league, and with some help, they may even send a few players to play at the Varsity level before the season is over. Both teams are working together and competing at top levels of play. So, stop by the high school games and see what all the excitement and echoing cheers are all about.

One final note; thanks for all the support from our fans, it helps greatly as we play!! Keep it up!

Club Update By Sarah Matthews

Clubs and classes at B.F.H.S. are up to a fast start. Freshman Orientation went great. At the class meeting held on September 12, 2002 they discussed fundraisers and their first two weeks of high school. Sophomores worked on organizing their concession stand obligation, and have decided that Brandi Sewell and Julie Hayes will oversee the season. Juniors have discussed some ideas for fundraisers. Seniors set up committees for Graduation, Senior trip, and fundraising.

The FBLA has been setting up the Student Store. Concessions, and tending to the new Juice Machine.

Recycling is setting up schedules for monitoring the recycling depot and the paper bins in the high school. The Cheerleaders had their first pep assembly on September 6. Two members of Peer Helpers went to a two-day workshop on ways to improve your school climate, which led to revising the clubs Sponsor program. They will be working on developing monitoring programs. They are also preparing for Red Ribbon week. Twenty students attended SODA training in Medford.

The Seniors are preparing for their Close Trip to DC this year. Sophomores and Juniors will begin working on their future trips. Close-Up will need parental involvement to help organize and implement fundraisers.

NFL attended a speech/debate workshop on September 13, 2002 at Tigard High School. All 16 NFL members are preparing for competition.

Student Government hosted a 9-11 Remembrance Day. Mr. Simpson played his bagpipes and the Chief of police played his trumpet. The Police and Fire Department and Mercy Flights all took part by providing one of their automobiles for the ceremony.