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PREP VOLLEYBALL



Ridgeview's Caylie Alderman (4) hits the ball over the net while playing Churchill at Ridgeview on Wednesday night. Ryan Brennecke/The Bulletin



Ridgeview's Sidnee Roan, left, and Madie Vaughn dive to return a serve while playing Churchill at Ridgeview on Wednesday night. Ryan Brennecke/The Bulletin

Hitting a high note

Ridgeview ends nonleague play with a win over Churchill

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Heading into its final nonleague match, the Ridgeview volleyball team needed a win to feel good about.

And that is exactly what the Ravens got Wednesday night when they swept Churchill in straight sets in their final tune-up match before starting Intermountain Conference play next Wednesday.

In a rematch of last year's Class 5A quarterfinal match, the Ravens made quick work of the Lancers of the Midwestern League, winning all three sets by double digits (25-13, 25-15, 25-14).

"It was nice to win a playoff grudge match and dominate more than we did last year," said senior outside hitter Madie Vaughn. "It felt good to get back to winning at our home court."

The Ravens (2-3 overall) are now on a two-game winning streak heading into IMC play following a slow start to the season during which they lost their first three games. But the win over the Lancers (0-4) was a good sign moving forward for last season's 5A semifinalist squad.

"We were trying to make a statement before going into our league schedule," said Ridgeview coach Kurtis Bower. "We want to go into it with a lot of momentum."

In more ways than one, the 2022 season brought some major changes to the Ridgeview volleyball program. Randi Viggiano, who had coached Ridgeview volleyball since 2018, stepped into the school's athletic director role this fall.

Now Bower takes over a program that between 2018 and 2021 won 80 of its 99 matches, went to the 5A state tournament each possible year, advanced to two state title games and won it all in 2019.

"It was a little scary, but (Viggiano) has been a great mentor and she is here for me, to push me and to motivate me to build my own program," Bower said.

"The hardest part has been the girls buying into me and earning their respect," Bower added. "After these wins, I think that will help out."

The coaching change came as a bit of a surprise for the players, but they were quickly ready to get back to

work for the upcoming season.

"When everyone has the same goal and the same dream, it doesn't matter the circumstance," Vaughn said. "We are all coming together really nicely."

After the Bend and Redmond schools split conferences prior to the 2018 season, Ridgeview dominated the IMC, winning three league titles.

Even with Bend, Mountain View, Summit and Caldera rejoining the IMC, the Ravens do not want to give up the conference crown without a fight.

"They are tough teams for sure," said junior outside hitter Ellie Owen. "But we are ready for the challenge."

Vaughn said the team was excited for the addition of the Bend schools — especially since a lot of the players from both the Bend and Redmond schools play together on the club volleyball circuit.

"I feel like this league is going to push us so much further, especially with this young team," Vaughn said. "We are going to reach our potential so much faster."

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The Ridgeview volleyball team celebrates after scoring against Churchill at Ridgeview on Wednesday night. Ryan Brennecke/The Bulletin

PREP SCOREBOARD

Football

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Bend 39, North Medford 7
Grants Pass 35, Caldera 0
Mountain View 16,
Churchill 6
Summit 48, Thurston 10
Ridgeview 62, Centennial 6
Pendleton 27, Redmond 20 (OT)
Junction City 43, Crook County 36
Madras 29, Sisters 14
Dayton 40, La Pine 6
Culver 48, Irrigon 20
Jewell at Gilchrist, canceled

Volleyball

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Central Christian 3, North Lake 0 (25-14, 25-9, 26-24)

Girls soccer

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Jesuit 1, Summit 0
Caldera 2, Corvallis 0

Boys soccer

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Summit 0, Jesuit 0
Corvallis 5, Caldera 1

SOCCER

Wedding, Bremont form a dynamic duo

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REDMOND — Redmond High has scored more goals than any other Class 5A girls soccer team through the first two weeks of the season.

Leading the Panther attack has been a pair of juniors in Reese Wedding and Jillian Bremont. Of the 13 goals Redmond has scored this season, Wedding and Bremont have netted 11 of them.

"I get goosebumps every time they score," said Redmond coach Martha Segura.

Wedding, who already has seven goals on the year, is picking up right where she left off. She was a second-team all-state player scoring 29 goals last fall for Redmond, which is undefeated at 3-0-0 this season.

Bremont, an impact player her freshman year for the Panthers, missed last season recovering from an injury but has already scored four goals this season.

The goal-scoring tandem has been years in the making through youth and club soccer. Now that they are finally back on the field together in the maroon and gold, the early results have been dominant.

"We have been playing together for a long time and we communicate really well," Bremont said. "We can read each other's mind."

Tuesday evening against Class 6A David Douglas (1-1) from Portland, the duo scored five goals, and all of them were needed in the Panthers' 6-4 home win over the Scots.

The goals came in bunches on Tuesday night. Within the first 15 minutes of action three goals had already been scored.

David Douglas was first on the board when Olivia Eyestone found the back of the net. Then Wedding quickly responded with her first goal moments

later. Five minutes after that, Wedding assisted on Azlynn Ure's goal to give Redmond its first lead at 2-1.

Late in the first half, Wedding split past a David Douglas defender and its goalkeeper for her second goal of the first half and a 3-1 lead.

The Scots wasted no time in the second half, scoring twice — first by Naomi Coffee and immediately followed by Khloe Huskic — to even the score at 3-3.

Then it was Bremont's turn to take over the match.

Midway through the second half, Bremont outran the David Douglas backline and beat the goalkeeper for her first goal and a 4-3 Redmond lead. A few minutes later she lofted her second goal over the Scots' keeper, giving the Panthers a 5-3 advantage.

Just one minute later David Douglas scored to cut the lead to 5-4, but Redmond's dynamic duo was not finished.

Right before the final whistle, Wedding scored her third goal of the match, giving her two hat tricks (the first was in the season-opener against Pendleton) in the first three matches of the year.

"We made a lot of good connections," Wedding said. "The team played really well with our possession and our passing."

Redmond will travel to Gresham to face Barlow next Wednesday in its final nonleague match before opening what is expected to be a challenging Intermountain Conference slate on Sept. 19 against Mountain View.

"Once we connect more and play more thoughtful soccer, we are going to have a successful team," Segura said. "Last I checked, four of the six teams in our conference were ranked in the top 10. But we weren't one of them. Yet."

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Redmond's Reese Wedding (5) takes control of the ball over David Douglas's Daniela Herrera Delgado (4) during Tuesday's soccer match at Redmond High School. Dean Guernsey/The Bulletin



Redmond's Jillian Bremont (2) charges the ball with David Douglas in pursuit during Tuesday's soccer match at Redmond High School. Dean Guernsey/The Bulletin