

Whiteaker volleyball off to hot start

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Whiteaker Middle School's volleyball teams are off to a blazing start.

After three weeks of matches, the four teams are a combined 13-1 in league play.

"We have always spent a lot of time focusing on the fundamentals of the game," said Whiteaker physical education teacher Scott Coburn, who coaches the varsity team, which is 4-0 in league.

"We try to teach volleyball as it needs to be in order to make the kids successful at the next level. We teach the systems of volleyball, we expect a pass, set and hit every time, and set our overall expectations very high. Having been here for 25 years I have been able

to get solid coaches, have set the bar high and have a great tradition of excellence."

Along with an unblemished league record, Coburn's squad also went 3-1 in a tournament at the Boys and Girls Club of Corvallis, losing in the semifinals on Saturday, Oct. 1.

The other three teams are coached by Whiteaker teachers Carol Biamont, Amber Sweeney and Carley Parks.

"Since I was a high school head coach and club coach for several years I know what is needed to succeed at the next level," Coburn said. "We try to run our program to that level. McNary's coaches have been supportive of us. We meet and talk so that we are sure we all teach the things the same. It began with coach Dan Bor-

resen 25 years ago and continues with coach Bruce Myers today."

There are 54 eighth graders in the middle school program.

On the varsity roster are Grace Melting, Chloe Shepherd, Madison Alt, Camille Young, Emma Stephen, Eliana Dean, Lea Doust, Taylor Ebbs, Jazmin Zepeda, Emerson Woomer, Kate Ronning and Michelle Gee.

"We also simply get great kids," Coburn said. "Keizer loves its youth sports and our kids come in with a solid athletic background. We then take that and teach volleyball."

The varsity team's next home match is Wednesday, Oct. 19 against Leslie at 4:15 p.m. They host Claggett Creek on Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 4:45 p.m.



Submitted Whiteaker Middle School's varsity volleyball team started league play 4-0 and also went 3-1 in a tournament at the Boys and Girls Club of Corvallis on Saturday, Oct. 1.

Panthers win big

Claggett Creek Middle School's varsity football team extended its winning streak to three games with a 66-12 win over Leslie on Tuesday, Oct. 11.

Ethan Martin led Claggett with five touchdowns, Dyami Rios had two and Elijah Devoursney also got into the end zone. Jack McCarty threw four touchdowns in the win. On defense, Kyle Grass had an interception and Michael Sly recovered a fumble.

"Overall things are starting to fire on all cylinders for our boys," head coach Aaron Carr said.

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Whiteaker Middle School's varsity football squad lost for the first time this season, dropping a home game 16-6 to Waldo on Wednesday, Oct. 5.

Whiteaker took the opening kick and behind tough running by Ian Martin, drove nearly the length of the field before being stopped on downs at the Waldo 10-yard line. Martin, Whiteaker's leading rusher, was lost for the game at that point with a hamstring strain.

"Losing Ian really hurt us,"



KEIZERTIMES/Derek Wiley Tejohn McCormick carries the ball for Claggett Creek.

said Larimer. "Because with weather like this (rain) we needed Ian to be able to run effectively between the tackles."

After a scoreless first quarter, Waldo took an 8-0 lead when it converted a fourth-and-12 with a 25-yard pass over the Wolverine secondary.

Just before half, Whiteaker scored to make the score 8-6. After Eric Sorenson recovered a fumble in Waldo territory, a completion from quarterback

Rian Canini to Cameron Parks and a weaving run by Quentin Camenisch put the ball inside the Waldo 10. On fourth and goal from the 1-yard line, Camenisch followed right tackle Coleman Young into the end zone for the score.

"Our offensive coordinator [Marcus Larimer] called a time out and challenged Coleman to clear a path," Thomas Larimer said. "Everyone knew we were running behind him, but it didn't matter. He took about three big, tough, D-linemen into the end zone with him, and Q made a great read to the right hole for the score."

Waldo scored again early in the fourth quarter for what would be the final margin.

Canini was 11 for 20 passing for 150 yards and an interception, connecting seven times with Nate Meithof for 112 yards. Martin rushed for 50 yards and Camenisch had 27 yards and a touchdown.

Young led the defense with nine tackles, including three for loss, and Griffin Hubbard and Isaac Everts each had eight takedowns.

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