

FOOTBALL PREVIEW 2016



Wallowa football players take part in a tackling drill during an Aug. 27 team practice.

Rob Ruth/Chieftain

Cougars eye another state run

By Rob Ruth
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WALLOWA — Cougars football made an impressive comeback last year, compiling a 7-3 won-loss record and reaching the state quarterfinals, where Wallowa lost to Dufur. For 2015, second-year Head Coach Matt Brockamp has it in mind to build upon last year's success, and he has good reason to believe this is a realistic expectation. "We have eight returning First Team All-League players, so we're going to be better than we were last year, I think," Brockamp explains.

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Furthermore, the Cougars aren't just looking to strike it rich for only a year or two. "My incoming freshman class is loaded with talent," Brockamp says, "so we're going to be a good football team for several years to come." The return of good times for Wallowa football is also reflected in the growing number of bodies in uniform. Last season the program dressed 18 at the outset. This year's squad is up to 22. The maximum allowed is 24.

Brockamp, assisted by coaches Mel Byers and Jeremy McCulloch, defensive coordinator, plans to continue to exploit last year's established strengths while adding some new wrinkles.

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Brockamp

EHS loaded for bear

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Enterprise High School football coach, Mike Rowley, sits easy behind his desk talking about the upcoming season. With 29 players on the 2015 squad, Rowley is cautiously optimistic about the team making its presence known in the Wapiti League this season. The team maintains its 2A ranking, but just barely. Rowley said the team is on the lowest end of the population spectrum, but still able to field a sturdy, 11-man team and a junior varsity team.

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Joseph gets new coach

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Joseph Charter School is launching the 2015 football season with a new head coach, Toby Koehn, who held an assistant coaching position at JCS last year. Koehn also spent 7-8 years coaching football at Cove High School. The team is fielding 13 players for its eight-man team with Koehn expecting as many as three more to soon enlist in the ranks. Koehn was somewhat shocked at the lack of interest in the JCS football program.

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Lady Outlaws ready to rumble in 2015-16 season

By Kathleen Ellyn
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It's a whole 'nother ballgame for the Lady Outlaws this year. Expect to see "scrappy/happy" on the hardwood and at the net this season as the Enterprise girls' volleyball team enters their third year of coaching with LaShawnda Gill, assisted by Amy Stangel. "We're going to go further this year by concentrating on defense and being scrappy and playing smart ball," Gill said. "The attitude is positive and that's going to take us further. We've got quite a young team but we have some aggressive players, all-around players that can play front and back row. This year we're definitely more committed and determined." That essential attitude was damaged last year when the



Andrea Butterfield gets down to it, digging a ball and doing floor moves during practice.

team was up against competitors that could take it all the way; three of the teams in the 2A-6 Wapiti League went to State, and Burns took first and Grant Union took second. "Last year was hard," Gill admitted. "We didn't win a single league game and that takes

a toll; we were not prepared for that league." But hard times had the best possible effect on the team, which came back this year with "high expectations and determination," Gill said.

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Coach LaShawnda Gill prepares to hit a ball to her team in a defensive drill as Gracie Carlsen waits her turn.

Kathleen Ellyn/Chieftain

Wallowa County sunrise and sunset September 3 - September 9 (from the U.S. Naval Observatory)							
Thursday, Sept. 3	Friday, Sept. 4	Saturday, Sept. 5	Sunday, Sept. 6	Monday, Sept. 7	Tuesday, Sept. 8	Wednesday, Sept. 9	
Rise 6:13	Rise 6:14	Rise 6:15	Rise 6:16	Rise 6:18	Rise 6:19	Rise 6:20	Rise 6:20
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