

## OUTLAWS: Losses have high points

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As for Heppner, Gill said, "We made a lot of mistakes. Heppner served five or six points in a row against us."

Our Lady Os ended with a disappointing ranking of 39. At the bottom.

But let's look beyond the ranking and see what we've got to work with.

Given the power of Weston-McEwen and Grant Union, the Lady Os acquitted themselves respectfully.

"It's not like we got blown

out of the water," Gill said.

And, late in the day, against Heppner, they recovered their focus and showed their grit in the close second set.

There were some high points, with Riley Gray doing well blocking at the net and getting in four kills in the first game against Wallowa. Andrea Butterfield did well, too, with 14 kills throughout the day and seven blocks. Jacklyn and Gwen Jensen had 14 setting assists each. Tiffany George had five kills.

We see some good work,

some evidence of that happy/scrappy attitude and, overall, something to build on, but the girls are in for some serious serve and receive work.

"We know that's not our strong suit so we will be doing a lot of that," Gill said. "We don't have to be big hitters, but we have to play smarter."

Just how smart the ladies get in the next few days will be known when they go up against No. 16 ranked Cove on Thursday, Sept. 10, on the home court.

## WALLOWA: First Heppner game close

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Cougars darned near won their first game against Heppner, a 25-23 loss.

Wallowa Coach Janea Hulse had some thoughts about the games at Ione and Heppner. Against Ione, she said, "The girls took a huge step in the right direction. They came out and played as a team and trusted each other. Their movement on the court was much better than the night before ... These girls were covering each other and

pushing themselves to get to each ball.

"Riley Ferré is improving with every play," Hulse said of Wallowa's freshman setter. "Her setting is getting better and better and she is moving the ball around and finding her hitters." Hulse added that middle blocker Beth Johnston, a junior, "did a good job on the net. She is gaining more control on her hits and that is proving to be very positive."

At Heppner, Hulse said, "Mary Beth Hulse impressed

me throughout the tournament. She started hitting the way I knew she could."

Concerning the team as a whole, Hulse said, "every aspect of the game has improved. Serving was much better, passing has improved, which has led to better setting and much better hitting. Jordan (Ferré) and Beth (Johnston) are both getting stronger in their blocking and getting to be more reliable hitters. It's great to see so much improvement in such a short amount of time."

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## DEFEAT: Outlaws lose to Stanfield

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Justin Exon led the defense with 12 solo tackles and one assist as well as causing two fumbles, recovering one. McCadden, Bales and Wade Isley each snared seven tackles. Bales recorded the team's only sack, which resulted in a five-yard loss.

The next Outlaws game is a non-league battle at Irignon on Sept. 11.

## RUNNERS: Notable seniors back

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Particularly notable are returning senior Dawn Mist Movich-Fields (2nd at district, 6th at state), junior Isabelle "Izzy" Tingelstad (3rd at district, 4th at state, state champion in the 3,000-meter run in track) and sophomore Eliza Irish (4th at state).

Among the new runners to the Wallowa County team are freshmen Ella Coughlan and Karli Bedard (following in her sister Reagan's footsteps), and junior Annie Duncan. Duncan

is an interesting case, having been a strong runner on the Union team before moving with her family to Wallowa County this year.

Also returning to the girls team are senior Zoe Sallada, juniors Reagan Bedard and Rebecca "Becca" Bateman (who's really enjoying cross-country, having started for the first time last year), and sophomore Ellie Van Doozer.

The 2015 season already looks to be off to a good start, with Wallowa County putting in a strong showing at the Runner

Soul Cross Country Fest (hosted at Sandstone Middle School, in Hermiston). Movich-Fields placed third, and runners across both teams placed in the top 20 of a wide field, including Tingelstad (17th) of the girls, and Locke (13th) and Strampe (18th) of the boys.

We'll keep an eye on these runners as they continue to develop their skills, and follow their progress as they go on to their next meet: the 39th Annual Catherine Creek Scamper, this Friday (9/11) starting at 2:30 p.m.

## FUNDS: Triathlon to raise money

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All of the money raised goes to Safe Harbors, a local non-profit that works to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault for their shelter project.

"We're lucky to have sponsors that entirely pay for the running of the event," said Sully. "We're able to donate everything we raise to Safe Harbors."

The race donated \$2,000

to Safe Harbors in 2013 and \$3,129 in 2014.

The race includes a quarter-mile (500-meter) swim in Wallowa Lake (starting at the Marina), a 12-mile bike ride to Joseph and back and a three-mile run around the resort community of Wallowa Lake.

Packet pickup is at the south end of Wallowa Lake, at the Marina, on Friday, Sept. 11, from 4 to 7 p.m. or on race morning. Be there by 8 a.m. to prepare. The

race starts at 9 a.m.

A 5km run/walk is also available to those who are not up to the Triathlon but want to participate. The course is the same as that of the triathlon and will start after the last swimmer has left the water.

No day-of-the-race registration is taken, so Thursday, Sept. 10, is the last day you can enter the race.

Register by visiting [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) and click on triathlon.

## OPENER: Cougars trounce Panthers

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Although quarterback Koby Frye was also part of that ground game with 71 yards rushing, he additionally took to the air in this contest — far more frequently than was seen with the Cougars' year-ago team — completing 4 of 10 tosses for 159 passing yards. Most of those were accumulated in two touchdown plays — of 75 yards in the first quarter, and 62 yards in the third — to the same inviting target, 6'2" junior Travis Haga.

The flow of the game was comfortable for Wallowa throughout. After the Panthers climbed back into it with their two second-quarter TDs to make it 24-14, the Cougars' Patrick

Ritthaler ran one in from 10 yards to put Wallowa up 30-14 at the half.

Thereafter, it was all Wallowa. While their defense was shutting out Chilouquin in the second half, the Cougars found the end zone once in the third quarter and three times in the final stanza to make this victory look easier than it should have been.

Long runs accounted for the three fourth-quarter TDs — scampers of 53 yards each by Noah Allen and Burns, and freshman Gus Ramsden's 55-yard explosion, the Cougars' longest scoring run of the day.

In addition to Burns, Ritthaler, Allen and Ramsden, quarterback Frye also scored Friday via the run.

Wallowa had 687 total

yards on offense. On the defensive side of the ball, Joe Pendarvis' 6 tackles led the team, followed by Frye with 5, and Ramsden and Cole Hafer each with 4. Hafer was also forced 3 Chilouquin fumbles, and Haga had 3 QB sacks.

"It's good to be 1-0," said Wallowa Head Coach Matt Brockamp. Still, he said he can see "lots to improve on" at this stage of the season.

And now the Cougars are going to test themselves against last year's number one team, Adrian, Friday at Adrian. "We're excited for that opportunity," Brockamp said. The Wallowa coach said he expects this to be a more physical game, given that Adrian is "a basic triple-option power running team."

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## JOSEPH: Captain says team 'energetic'

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"I think we're really fun and energetic, and we all get along, so it's just a really fun team," underscored Albee.

Coach Jill Hite reinforced this message, saying that "we really work hard on team unity."

The team's first full game was this week; we'll keep track of their scores and statistics as the season develops and numbers become available. Judging by their performance at practice, and the supportive attitude the players demonstrated, this looks to be a strong team whose players trust one another.

In its first taste of competition in the new season, Saturday, Sept. 5, in the Prairie City Tournament, the E-Gals defeated Adrian, winning two of three games.

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