



Gassett, Jensen lead Lady Outlaws

Enterprise volleyball team shows improvement, beats Wallowa

By Kathleen Ellyn
Wallowa County Chieftain

The Good the Bad and the Gorgeous

The Lady Outlaws volleyball team went up against Cove on Thursday night, and though they lost, 3-1, the event proved that our coaches know their business. After identifying their weak points at the pool play in Heppner, the Lady Outlaws buckled down for some serious practice on serve and receive and

it really showed. The 20-minute practice before the game was electrifying.

They came out crackling with energy and blazed the Cove Leopards (ranked No. 19) in the first set, 25-18. That smart and energetic play began to flag in the second set, 25-17, although Darby Gassett (#9) consistently showed the accuracy and power that made her the MVP of this game.

However, it was apparent in that second set that at

least two of Enterprise's top players had already used up the gas in the tank. Several girls looked and moved as if they were exhausted, slapped weak serves into the net, and came late to the party in returns.

A source of errors, not related to energy level, included yielding to the seduction of the tip. Anyone who has played volleyball understands that seduction. The ball is coming shallow and tipping it gently over the net,

rather than setting it up, will skim it down the opponent's side of the net — a lucky event that often takes the opposing team by surprise.

Cove used the tip to excellent effect, finding the empty space in Enterprise defense several times. Our Outlaws, in comparison, frequently tipped the ball over the net right into a nest of defenders. It was a clever move, but not a smart one.

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Kathleen Ellyn/Chieftain
Gwen Jensen (5) and Tiffany George (8). The expressions say it all. What a difference a win makes.

Joseph solid in opener

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Season prospects are looking up for Joseph football and new coach Toby Koehn. The young Eagles team battled Wilder, Idaho, in a 50-34 losing effort. Wilder placed second in the state in the 2014 season.

Coach Koehn said his team played well. "The kids played hard, but a bad second quarter killed us," he said. The first quarter saw the Eagles only down by a point at 13-12, but outscored 30-0 while turning the ball over three times in the second quarter. Game highlights included a 93-yard kickoff return by Caden DeLury. DeLury also had 117 yards rushing.

Sam Beckman, quarterbacking his first varsity football game, turned in a solid performance, completing 2 of 4 passes, including one

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Irrigon clobbers Enterprise

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The Enterprise football squad suffered another gridiron defeat after being stifled by Irrigon in a Sept. 11 away game. The final score was 53-0.

Irrigon roared out of the gate, scoring 29 points in the first quarter and never looked back. Regardless of the score, the Outlaws had some bright moments.

After quarterback Will McCadden suffered a dislocated knee in the team's opening game, senior Justin Exon took over the QB slot.

Exon completed 3 of 13 passes for 67 yards, including one for 40 yards. Exon also had 13 rushes that included a 44-yard run.

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RUN IN THE FAMILY



Kathleen Ellyn/Chieftain
The McAfees on a mission: Yes, the water took a toll, and they came out of the swim portion of the Triathlon in last place, but the McAfees kept on rolling.

DAD, DAUGHTER TAKE ON TRIATHLON

By Kathleen Ellyn
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It was an ambitious attempt. A father/daughter team from Joseph, Ashlie McAfee, 14, and dad, Ron McAfee, 57, decided to do the 4th Annual Wallowa Lake Triathlon this year.

On Saturday, Sept. 12, they made their attempt — and not only finished but almost reached a "lofty goal," Ron said. Their goal was to finish in 2 hours. Their dream was to finish in one hour and 45 minutes. Their time: 1:49.

It wasn't easy. Ashlie is actually too young for the race, which has a 16-years-old requirement, but got special permission from organizer Paige Sully based on the practice she and her dad had put in and the fact that they would run as a team — so Dad was always there.

Or, Ashlie was always there. "I told her I wanted to do it but didn't want to do it alone," Ron said.

Ashlie hasn't been interested in team

sports, but the Triathlon with Dad ... that was different.

"She was confident and eager," Sully said. "I thought she deserved a chance — though you don't know how it will be until you're out there. You'll get kicked a few times, you'll get hit, you'll be out in open water when maybe you're used to swimming along the shore. It's hard."

Ron expressed the complicated feelings the team shared. "Six months ago this sounded like a good idea, but now we're a little nervous," he said. "But we've practiced and we've got each other."

Seventeen-and-a-half minutes later as they emerged in last place, Ashlie admitted the swim took a toll. "The water was harder ... I wasn't expecting that at all," she panted.

Minutes later, stripped of the wetsuit and suited for the bike, she was stung by a bee.

"We haven't got time for this," said Dad, and they climbed on their bikes for the 12-mile ride to Joseph and back.

"We're just riding inexpensive mountain bikes," said Ron. "We weren't going



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Father and daughter share a hug after finishing their first team Triathlon at Wallowa Lake Triathlon.

to invest until we were sure we wanted to do this. But that's not going to be a limiting factor. It's going to be our legs or what's here," he said, tapping his head.

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JHS v-ball notches 2 shutouts

Joseph volleyball won a pair of matches in Idaho by 3-0 scores over the weekend.

Friday, Sept. 11, Joseph played at Wilder High School. On Saturday the E-Gals were at New Meadows.

The weekend marked something of a turnaround for the girls from JoHi. Their preceding match, a home game vs. Elgin, was a 3-0 loss, and their tournament in Prairie City was a mixed bag, with a 2-1 win vs. Adrian and a 0-2 loss to Powder Valley.

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Cougars fade after strong first half

By Rob Ruth
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Though the night went into Wallowa's loss column upon firing of the final gun, the football Cougars gave their fans further reason Friday to expect big things this season.

The Cougars ultimately fell to Adrian, 38-22, but last year's state champ team couldn't notch the win without staging a third- and fourth-quarter comeback from a 22-14 Wallowa halftime lead.

After the Antelopes got the only first-quarter points — a 53-yard rushing touchdown followed by a failed conversion — Wallowa quarterback Koby Frye blasted free on a keeper for 67 yards to tie the score, and teammate Chandler Burns ran in a 2-point conversion to put Wallowa ahead. A little while later in the quarter, Noah Allen completed a Wallowa drive with a 15-yard scoring run, and a 2-point conversion attempt failed, leaving the Cougars up 14-6 at this point.

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Wallowa County sunrise and sunset September 17 - September 23 (from the U.S. Naval Observatory)							
Thursday, Sept. 17	Friday, Sept. 18	Saturday, Sept. 19	Sunday, Sept. 20	Monday, Sept. 21	Tuesday, Sept. 22	Wednesday, Sept. 23	Thursday, Sept. 24
Rise 6:30	Rise 6:31	Rise 6:32	Rise 6:33	Rise 6:35	Rise 6:36	Rise 6:37	Rise 6:37
Set 6:57	Set 6:55	Set 6:53	Set 6:51	Set 6:49	Set 6:47	Set 6:45	Set 6:45

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