



# ROAD-TESTED EAGLES RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

By Scot Heisel  
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The Joseph Eagles have been among the region's busiest volleyball teams this season, taking on all comers while racking up the wins.

Last week the Eagles (9-2) played five matches in five days, including their only home match so far this season — a 25-5, 25-14, 25-24 sweep of league foe Pine Eagle on Friday.

Their travels have included two wins at Prairie City, a 3-1 jaunt through Portland and a 2-1 run at North Powder.

Their only two losses this season came against 3A Horizon (Tualatin) — the last of four matches in two days at Portland — and Saturday in the final of the North Powder Tournament against league foe Powder Valley. They've lost just 10 sets in 11 matches so far and currently are the No. 4 1A program in the state, according to OSAA.

Against Pine Eagle (0-7), the Eagles jumped out to a big lead early on when junior Tori Suto reeled off nine consecutive service points to give her team a 10-3 lead in the first set. After giving a few points back, junior Alexis Sykora began service with an ace and brought home a 25-5 first-set win from there.



Haven Johnson drives the ball past Pine Eagle defenders Savanna Hood (1) and Aubrey Vannice (4) as Hannah Tanaka (6) and Trinity Butner (5) watch from the second line.

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Senior Haven Johnson drove ball after ball into the Spartans defense throughout the match and served as the Eagles' go-to attacker on offense.

Pine Eagle kept things close in the second set, which was tied at 7-7 before Joseph pulled away again for a 25-14

win. The third set was up for grabs until the end. With Joseph up 22-18, Pine Eagle's Savanna Hood took serve, managed a few aces and pulled the Spartans even at 23-23. But Joseph again rallied and finished strong for the win with a 26-24 third set.

At the North Powder Tournament on Saturday, Joseph swept High Desert League teams Prairie City 25-8, 25-14 and Adrian 25-20, 25-20 to advance to the title game — a tough, three-set loss to host team Powder Valley, 25-22, 22-25, 15-8. The Eagles won't have

to wait long to avenge the loss, however. They'll face the 10th-ranked Badgers (7-2) at 4 p.m. Thursday in yet another road match. Then it's another road game at 4 p.m. Friday in Wallowa before facing Powder Valley for the third time this season at home on Sept. 30.

## SCOREBOARD

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 13**  
**Volleyball**  
Joseph def. Griswold 25-21, 25-20, 21-25, 25-19

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 15**  
**Volleyball**  
Powder Valley def. Wallowa 25-16, 25-13, 25-18

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 16**  
**Football**  
Crane 42, Wallowa 16  
Umatilla 21, Enterprise 7  
**Volleyball**  
Joseph def. Pine Eagle 25-5, 25-14, 26-24  
La Grande def. Enterprise 25-18, 25-20 at Baker City

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 17**  
**Football**  
Jordan Valley 54, Joseph 26  
**Volleyball**  
Cove def. Wallowa 25-23, 25-17, 25-18  
At Powder Valley Tournament, North Powder  
Joseph def. Prairie City 25-8, 25-14  
Joseph def. Adrian 25-20, 25-20  
Powder Valley def. Joseph 25-22, 22-25, 15-8

**MONDAY, SEPT. 19**  
**Volleyball**  
Enterprise def. La Grande JV 25-16, 25-14, 25-21

## SPORTS CALENDAR

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 22**  
**Volleyball**  
Joseph @ Powder Valley, 4 p.m.

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 23**  
**Football**  
Joseph @ Wallowa, 7 p.m.  
**Volleyball**  
Enterprise @ Union, 4 p.m.  
Joseph @ Wallowa, 4 p.m.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 24**  
**Volleyball**  
Enterprise vs. Grant Union, noon  
**Cross Country**  
Enterprise/Joseph/Wallowa @ Bob Firman Invitational (Boise)

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 27**  
**Volleyball**  
Enterprise @ Imbler, 6:30 p.m.

## Team USA claims 2 fly fishing bronzes at championships

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Team USA is coming home with two medals from the 2016 World Fly Fishing Championships held last week in Vail, Colo.

Enterprise fisherman Devin Olsen did not win an individual medal for his team this year, but he contributed well, coming in 13th overall out of 125 contestants from around the world. Olsen caught 55 fish. His teammate Lance Egan of Lehi, Utah, did win bronze with a catch of 60 fish over the course of the competition. Team USA also won a team bronze with 289 fish. Team USA consists of Lance Egan of Utah, Pat Weiss of Pennsylvania, Devin Olsen of Oregon, Norm Maktima of New Mexico and Josh Graffam of Wyoming.

Spain claimed the team gold with a total of 302 fish caught and released. The silver medal went to France with a total of 293 fish.

The individual gold went to France's Julian Daguillanes with 86 fish. The individual silver went to Spain's Jordi Cortina with 70 fish.

Team USA's Pat Weiss placed fourth overall with 69 fish.

Over the course of the event 3,802 fish were caught and released.

# Vikings escape Outlaws' grasp

Enterprise hangs tough with 3A Umatilla; penalties keep Outlaws offense in check

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For the second consecutive week on Friday, the Enterprise football team gave a 3A Eastern Oregon League team all it could handle.

And while the Umatilla Vikings proved to be a tough opponent, the Outlaws seemed to be their own worst enemy for most of the night.

"We had 10 first downs, which means that our offense was moving," Outlaws head coach Mike Rowley said following his team's 21-7 loss. "But what hurt us were the penalties."

Enterprise (0-3) committed 12 penalties for 75 yards on the night, including two motion penalties and a holding penalty while



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Clayne Miller coasts into the end zone for the Outlaws' lone touchdown as Umatilla's Cody Samson pursues in the second quarter.

trailing 14-7 on their first drive of the fourth quarter. That series ultimately ended on a third-down sack and a punt and paved the way for a heart-breaking 62-yard touchdown pass from Umatilla quarterback Kaden Webb to 6-7

senior tight end Sean Miller that sealed the outcome.

Though with the loss came flashes of potentially great things to come. After a turnover on a goal line fumble ended the Outlaws' third drive of the night, the

defense held and senior Clayne Miller found a wide running lane on the next drive to score his team's only points of the night and even the score at 7-7.

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## PREP ROUNDUP

# Crane clamps down on Cougars; Joseph football loses to Jordan Valley

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The Wallowa football team got off to a hot start against 1A powerhouse Crane at Powder Valley on Friday afternoon, striking for two quick scores

to take a 16-0 lead. The Mustangs (2-0) ultimately seized control en route to a 42-16 non-league victory.

Both Wallowa scores came on deep passes from Gus Ramsden to tight end Travis

Haga — the first for 51 yards, the second for 30 — followed by Haga runs for successful two-point conversions. The Mustangs, who fell two points short of a state title against Dufur last season, answered

with a 60-yard kick return and conversion of their own, then tightened the screws on defense. The Cougars (1-2) trailed by just six points, 22-16, at half, but Crane pulled away from there.

Ramsden completed 5 of 7 passes for 108 yards and an interception to go with the two TD passes, while Haga had five catches for 108 yards. Chandler Burns led the Wallowa rushing attack with

51 yards on 15 carries. Wallowa converted just one of 13 third-down opportunities. Both teams committed four turnovers.

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