



Wallowa gridiron squad muzzles Huskies

By Paul Wahl
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The Wallowa High School Cougars went up against arguably the largest opponent they will face this season Friday and came away with a solid win.

Sherman County High School's Huskies stood like trees on the gridiron at North Powder, but Wallowa's boys simply ran around them.

Running back Austin Brockamp led the offensive charge with 177 yards rushing, followed by Patrick Ritthaler with 92 and quarterback Gus Ramsden with 55. Ritthaler and Ramsden also led the team in tackles and assists on the defensive end.

Wallowa put two quick touchdowns on the board in the opening stanza, both on Brockamp runs, and came back to add two more tallies in the second quarter. Sherman managed just two touchdowns in the first half, leaving the score 26-14 at halftime.

Sherman struck back with two touchdowns in the third period, and Wallowa answered with one. Things came together in the fourth when the Cougars intercepted two Huskie passes and turned both into touchdowns on runs by Ritthaler and Cameron Salmon.

Wallowa scored one final touchdown to push the score to 54-40 as the clock ran out.

Wallowa continues to work on its passing game. Ramsden completed one of five attempts in the air for a total of 27 yards.

Wallowa faces Joseph on Friday night in Joseph.



Here they come ... four Wallowa players — Gus Ramsden, Patrick Ritthaler, Joe Robb and Ethan Burns — head into the gap to stop a Huskies runner during Friday's game in North Powder.

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New Outlaws VB coach named

By Steve Tool
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The Enterprise High School volleyball program suffered a temporary setback with the sudden resignation of volleyball coach Lisa Masters for health reasons.

Lisa Farwell, who teaches PE, health, senior seminar and serves as academic counselor, just had the position dropped in her lap. With two matches under their belt under the new coach, the Outlaws appear to have settled into a steady course.

The ladies traveled last Friday to Pilot Rock, where they won the first set but lost the following three matches despite their best efforts: 25-21, 14-25, 18-25, 12-25.

"We started off with an excellent first set," Farwell said. "We were passing and hitting very well but were unable to maintain momentum. I was proud of the girls for their great hustle and determination, and we will continue to improve from here."

Farwell noted the play of Heidi Niezen, with her 10-10 serving with four aces and excellent defense. The coach also mentioned Gracie Niezen, who passed well and played stellar defense. Reece Christman also had a perfect serving game, going 15-15.

The team traveled to Stanfield Sept. 9 where the Outlaws gunned down the Tigers in three sets: 25-10, 25-15, 25-9.

"My team showed solid volleyball skills today," Farwell said. "They played well at the net with 20 kills as a team and showed excellent serving. We were 94% on the line as a team."

Players of note included Shelby Moncrief behind the service line, going 30 for 31 with 12 aces throughout the match. Riley Gray had nine kills while Ashley Exon added five. Christman played excellent defense and added 12 assists.

Sept. 12 saw the Outlaws hosting Stanfield in another winning effort, losing a close second set but triumphing in the remaining

three: 25-15, 21-25, 25-20, 25-18. Farwell praised her squad's tenacity.

"Stanfield played tough the entire match," she said. "We struggled a little with serving and made some mistakes at the net but worked hard and got the job done."

The Outlaws traveled to Baker High School on Sept. 15 to participate in the school's volleyball tournament. The tournament had mixed results for the Outlaw ladies.

In bracket play, the squad lost three consecutive sets to Baker, each with a score of 14-25. The ladies had better luck in their play against New Plymouth High School, winning two of three sets, 18-25, 25-13, 25-23. The Outlaws lost their final match in two consecutive sets to Grant Union High School by scores of 13-25 in both sets.

The Outlaws will play league contests with Union at home this Friday, Sept. 22, and travel to Grant Union in John Day on Saturday

Joseph, Enterprise FB underway

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The Joseph Eagle gridiron squad played its third game of the season at Prairie City Burnt River Sept. 15, walking away with a 46-0 shellacking of the Panthers.

Eagles coach Toby Koehn, while enjoying the team's win, said that Prairie City was rebuilding its program and turned in a decent performance considering.

The Eagles led 40-0 after the first quarter, at which point the team's varsity starters were pulled, which allowed younger players to garner much-needed real-game experience. For those reasons Koehn said he didn't keep game stats.

Another contributing factor in playing younger players was the Panthers' 102-0 defeat by Pine Eagle the previous week.

"We didn't want to do that," Koehn said.

The coach did point out the excellent performance by the younger players. He noted the defensive performance of sophomore Justice McQuown and the offensive ball-carrying of Justin Rodgers.

"They all played well. They learned a lot after being out on the field for three quarters," he said.

The Eagles are 2-1 on the season with their first league game coming up against Wallowa Friday.

The Enterprise Outlaws turned in a respectable performance in their first game of the year against Umatilla, coming out on the bottom end of a 30-18 score. However, new coach Rusty Eschler saw a number of positives in the defeat, particularly after being down 24-0 at the half.

"We told our kids that we won the second half 18-6," Eschler said. "We gave up a couple of big plays in the first half, or the score would have been much closer."

Eschler also noted that the Outlaws played the game as eight-man football because of a lack of experience with its players.

"We only dressed down 16 for the game, and we started Trace Evans, a freshman, on defense," he said.

The coach said that Trent Walker turned in a sparkling performance on both offense and defense and said the team's freshmen performed well considering their lack of experience and playing against juniors and seniors.

The Outlaws are 0-1 on the season, and their next game is a non-league contest slated for Friday, Sept. 22, at Imbler.

SPORTS CALENDAR

ENTERPRISE

VOLLEYBALL

Friday, Sept. 22 — Enterprise vs. Union at Enterprise 3 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 23 — Enterprise vs. Grant Union at Grant Union 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 26 — Enterprise vs. Imbler at Enterprise 5 p.m.

FOOTBALL

Friday, Sept. 22 — Enterprise vs. Imbler at Imbler 2 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday, Sept. 23 — Enterprise-Joseph-Wallowa participates in Bob Firman Invitational at Eagle Island State Park in Boise noon

JOSEPH

VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Sept. 21 — Joseph vs. Powder Valley at Joseph 4 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 22 — Joseph vs. Wallowa at Joseph 4 p.m.

FOOTBALL

Saturday, Sept. 22 — Joseph vs. Wallowa at Joseph 7 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday, Sept. 23 — Enterprise-Joseph-Wallowa participates in Bob Firman Invitational at Eagle Island State Park in Boise noon

WALLOWA

VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Sept. 22 — Wallowa vs. Joseph at Joseph, 4 p.m.

FOOTBALL

Friday, Sept. 15 — Wallowa vs. Joseph at Joseph 7 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday, Sept. 23 — Enterprise-Joseph-Wallowa participates in Bob Firman Invitational at Eagle Island State Park in Boise noon

WALLOWA VALLEY YOUTH SOCCER

U8

Sept. 20: Enterprise 3 vs. Joseph 2 at enterprise Jensen Field 1; Joseph 1 vs. Enterprise 1 at Joseph - Forest Service Building; Wallowa vs. Enterprise 2 at Wallowa School Field. All games at 5 p.m.

U11

Sept. 21: Enterprise 3 vs. Joseph 1 at Enterprise Jensen Field 1; Joseph 2 vs. Enterprise 2 at Joseph City Park; Wallowa vs. Enterprise 1 at Wallowa School. All, games at 5 p.m.

U14

Sept. 21: Enterprise 1 vs. Enterprise 2 at Enterprise Jensen Field 1 at 5 p.m.

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