

Cougar griders stomp Pine Eagle, 68-6

By Paul Wahl
Wallowa County Chieftain

Wallowa High School football team squashed a young and injury-plagued Pine Eagle squad Friday afternoon in Halfway, 68-6.

The Cougars blew the game wide open with four touchdowns in both the first and second quarters.

Pine Eagle answered with its lone touch-

down in the third quarter.

Coach Matt Brockamp pulled his first string players and cleared the benches for the second half of the game.

"We scored on the first play of the game," Brockamp said, "and scored several times on defense as well."

Austin Brockamp led the effort with 164 yards rushing. He also caught the lone pass of the game from quarterback Gus Ramsden for

six yards.

The Cougars had a total 403 yards rushing, among the highest for a single game for the season. Patrick Ritthaler turned in 114 yards rushing, Ramsden 94, Tristin Bales, 21, Zeb Ramsden 19 and Zeb Hermens 11.

Defensively, 16 Cougars made the stats with either tackles or assists, led by Brockamp with four tackles and six assists.

Friday evening's home game against Cove

is expected to be a much better matchup. Both teams are 5-1 on the season and 3-0 in league play.

"This should essentially be a title football game," Brockamp said. "We're looking forward to it."

Although a bit reluctant to look too far down the road, Brockamp said he is anticipating post-season play for his team, perhaps even a home game to kick things off.

Joseph volleyball team second in its league

By Steve Tool
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The Joseph Eagles took a short flight to Wallowa on Tuesday, Oct. 3, thoroughly decimating the Cougars on their way to a three-set sweep: 25-20, 25-12 and 25-19.

Match highlights included several stellar performances. Senior Alexis Sykora had 11 kills and a block while Emma Hite collected 13 kills three serving aces, six digs and three assists.

Freshman standout Sabrina Albee bagged eight kills and 18 assists while Camille Crenshaw chalked up one kill and four serving aces. Tori Suto tallied one kill and eight digs, and Annie Story had three serving aces and three digs.

The Outlaws were at Cove Oct. 6 winning in four sets: Hite had 11 kills, a block and six aces, 10 digs and three assists with Sykora following, notching nine kills, four blocks nine digs and two assists. Albee secured her share of the battle with seven kills, five aces, four digs and 17 assists.

The following day, the Eagles protected their home nest by killing off a plucky Echo squad in four sets. The first set ended with a 25-17 Eagles victory. The second set was a see-saw affair with the game tied at 19 before the Eagle ran up six straight points to seal the deal, 25-19.

The Eagles saw a lull in the third set as sparkling defense on both sides led to the team's only downfall of the afternoon as they succumbed 25-27.



Steve Tool/Chieftain

Joseph Charter School volleyball standout Emma Hite serves an ace during Saturday's match against Echo. The Eagles won the match handily, three sets to one.

The Eagles were back on top in the final match, winning easily, 25-16. Over the afternoon, Hite led the team with 16 kills, nine aces, 16 digs and four assists. Albee added one kill, five aces, nine digs and 22 assists. Camille Crenshaw and Albee added four and three kills, respectively, while Sykora had 13 kills, a block, three aces and 12 digs.

Coach Hite said her team's depth led to the victory.

Following the Echo game, the Eagles also defeated Griswold in straight sets.

The weekend wins left the Eagles with a firm second-place grip in the Old Oregon League with a 9-2 record and a 15-8 record overall.

The Eagles host Nixyaawii Thursday, Oct. 12 at 5 p.m.

Enterprise girls defeat Elgin, fall to John Day

By Steve Tool
Wallowa County Chieftain

The Outlaws made short work of Elgin in separate matches on Sept. 29 and Oct. 5, beating the Huskies in straight sets in both matches. The Sept. 29 home match saw the ladies surfing by the Huskies by scores of 25-9, 25-8, 25-22.

Coach Lisa Farwell said senior Riley Gray played well at the net, notching 8 blocks and 7 kills while Ashley Exon added 6 kills. Teammates Reece Christman added 14 assists while Gracie Niezen added 12 assists for the Outlaws.

Farwell said she's happy with the team's progress.

"I am proud of my team for improving with every match. Up until now, we've been able to focus and play our game for one or two sets, but not the entire match. Today we played tough for nearly the entire three sets. Elgin has some tough young players, and they're going to be a team to watch in the future."

The Oct. 5 change to their own turf did little to improve the lot of the Huskies as they again fell in three sets: 25-13, 25-21, 25-11

Match highlights included the seven kills by junior

Lexie Gassett while Heidi Niezen added six kills. Gray was 19-19 in serving, with four aces. Ashlyn Gray was perfect from the service line, going 12-12, with four aces.

"My team did a great job of focusing on offense," Farwell said. "They took some risks at the net, hit more aggressively and it paid off. They also served tough, which always helps a match go your way."

The Outlaws traveled John Day on Oct. 7, but came up empty-handed. Despite a pitched battle, they lost in straight sets: 7-25, 15-25, 16-25 against the second-ranked steam in the state.

Reece Christman had 8 assists and 11 digs, Riley Gray had 15 digs while Ashley Exon added 12.

Coach Farwell had nothing but praise for her team, who played with fire and hustle against the Prospectors.

"Our defense and serve-receive has steadily improved, and our defense allowed for some great offensive plays. Our chins were up even though we lost."

The loss left the Outlaws with a league record of 2-4 and 6-11 overall. Their final league match is on Friday, Oct. 13, at Union.

Sickness, injuries a factor for runners

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The Outlaws took their combined school team to Union for the Tigers Invitational cross-country meet Oct. 2. Despite a host of injuries and illnesses, the high school varsity girls and boys still came in third and fifth, respectively.

For the ladies, Kyla Hook turned in a spectacular performance, winning the girl's race 35 seconds ahead of her nearest competitor with a time of 20:29.2.

Ellyse Tingelstad took ninth with a time of 22:08.2, while Ashley Wilson took 11th with a time of 22:52.5.

Cole Gomes led the boys, placing 17th with a time of 19:18.7. James Madsen and Daniel Delancey came in with times of 20:07.2 and 22:23.7, respectively.

Coach Dan Moody noted the meet results weren't up to the usual standards but still found some bright spots.

"Kyla Hook ran another exceptional race, and she won by 35 seconds" he said. "Almost all our girls were injured or sick."

The boys team missed standouts Brycen Locke and Will Caldwell.

"We had some freshman boys who stepped up and had personal bests at the meet, including Charlie Evans and Flynn Nave," Moody said.

The junior high boys had a first despite the absence of Henry Coughlan to illness. Bayden Menton won the race and Zac Knapp took third.

Youth wrestling parents to meet

The Northeast Oregon Wrestling Club based in Wallowa County will host a parent information meeting 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, at Enterprise High School Gymnasium. Only parents

need to attend this meeting.

The first practice will be held Tuesday, Oct. 17, at Enterprise High School.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

This week's Athlete of the week is Joseph Charter School junior Emma Hite for last week's athletic performance on the court. As team captain, Hite, 16, led the squad to four match victories over the week while notching more than a dozen kills and serving aces along the way. Hite is also at the top of her game in school with a 3.98 GPA as well as participating in basketball and high school rodeo, where she competes in Idaho. She lives on a ranch outside of Joseph and works with her uncle coordinating and teaching at horse camps in the summer.

Emma Hite

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