

Cougars annihilate Cove squad, 66-8

Wallowa next faces a 'mean' Powder Valley team on Friday

By Paul Wahl
Wallowa County Chieftain

Within the first minutes of Friday's game against Cove, Wallowa quarterback Gus Ramsden scored two touchdowns.

And that was only the beginning.

The junior standout was credited with two more touchdowns in the first quarter, one in the second and one in the third as he led the Cougars to a 66-8 win.

Ramsden had 208 yards rushing in the game and completed 81 passing yards, a single-game record. The pass was caught by Joe Robb, who ran the ball for a touchdown and who also turned in three tackles and six assists on defense.

Austin Brockamp added 220 yards rushing on 16 attempts and Patrick Ritthaler 125 yards rushing on nine

attempts to lead the charge. Ramsden tallied a 55-yard fumble return for a touchdown and a 66-yard run.

Ritthaler turned in four tackles and four assists, Ethan Burns four tackles and three assists, Ramsden three tackles and four assists, Robb three tackles and six assists.

Sam Hilliard three tackles and three assists and Brockamp had 2 tackles and 10 assists to lead the defensive stats.

Wallowa had 617 total yards in the game, the best single-game performance on the season.

The Cove Leopards turned in 77 total yards and didn't score their lone touchdown until the fourth quarter.

Cove had two fumbles that resulted in turnovers and two interceptions as well as three penalties.

It was not the game coach Matt Brockamp had expected.

"We were ready for them," coach Brockamp said. "This was a big win for the program."

Cove was ahead of Wallowa and in first place in the league going into the game,

which Brockamp had earlier said would be an early league title game.

With the win, Wallowa moved to 6-1 for the season and Cove fell to 5-2.

The Cougars conclude regular season play Friday against Powder Valley (2-4).

Coach Brockamp said Powder Valley is "big, mean and nasty" and essentially has nothing to lose. He expects a physical game, which usually plays into Wallowa's hands.

Brockamp said he has seen four films of the team in which they used four different offenses and a variety of defense strategies, "none of them very good."

Brockamp expects Wallowa will face Crane in the opening rounds of post-season play.



Paul Wahl/Chieftain
Wallowa's Patrick Ritthaler tallied 125 yards rushing against Cove on Friday night. He also caught an 81-yard pass from quarterback Gus Ramsden.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

This week's Athlete of the Week is Joseph Charter School sophomore Ellyse Tingelstad.

A member of the combined-school Enterprise Outlaws cross-country team, Tingelstad placed first in the women's varsity at the Oct. 12 Helix Stubblebusters meet on a cold and windy day. Unlike many of the other runners, the tough Tingelstad ran in her team uniform, with no cold weather attire.

Tingelstad also competes in track for her school.

Ellyse Tingelstad

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EHS football team dumps Union

By Steve Tool
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The Outlaws brought the big guns to their battle with Union Oct. 13. When the field of battle cleared, the Outlaws 11-man squad walked away from the carnage with a 27-0 victory.

"It was a good win for the boys," coach Rusty Eschler said. "They're pretty excited."

In a game that the coach called cold and miserable, he said the team played remarkable ball with stellar efforts on both sides of the line, particularly defense.

"Coach Magera did a great job getting those guys ready," Eschler said.

The coach noted that the team had to make a number adjustments from playing eight or nine-man football to 11-man.

"Some of the kids who played in certain positions got moved around, and we had new

kids on the field," Eschler said. "Some of our freshmen had to play and stepped up and did very well."

Eschler said that the entire defense was to be congratulated for its efforts.

"They only threatened us one time, and that was their opening drive, and after that, we pretty much shut them down," Eschler said.

On offense, Garrett Thorne led the charge with 161 yards rushing and a TD.

Jake Coggins had 73 yards rushing and a touchdown.

Senior Cole Farwell had 40 yards on the ground and a touchdown.

Dylan Marr had 76 yards receiving while Trace Evans hauled 22 yards from the sky. Justus Evan had a touchdown on a 75-yard kickoff return.

The win left the Outlaws with a 1-0 league record and 2-2 on the year.

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— Rusty Eschler
Enterprise High football coach

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