



Coy Aschenbrenner is brought down by Dufur defenseman Russell Peters in Friday's home game.

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Runners do well at Firman event

By Steve Tool
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The Wallowa Valley combined cross-country team made its presence known at the Bob Firman Invitational at Eagle, Idaho, on Sept. 21-22. The freshman boys, in particular turned in strong performances.

Henry Coughlan led them to a second-place finish with 121 points in a field of 25 other teams. Coughlan finished with an amazing third against 255 other competitors, turning in a time of 16:51.70. Bayden Menton placed 11th overall with

a time of 17:30.60 while teammates Zac Knapp and Ian Goodrich finished with times of 17:52 and 19:19.50, respectively.

On the varsity side, junior Ellyse Tingelstad led the way to the girls team's 14th slot in a field of 34. Tingelstad finished 18th overall with a 20:13.90 time over the 5,000 meters while Ashley Wilson posted a 21:32.40 time. Ella Coughlan and Karli Bedard kept up the momentum with times of 21:36.60 and 21:48.80 respectively.

The team next travels to Baker for the Baker Invitational on Friday, Sept. 28.

Amaro moves to QB for Enterprise

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The Outlaws put in a valiant effort against sixth-ranked Dufur for their homecoming game Friday night but came up short against the Rangers, 52-16. Coach Rusty Eschler said the team played hard, but the Rangers were tough.

"Dufur is pretty darn good," Eschler said. Several Outlaws recorded outstanding stats with Trace Evans racking up 112 yards rushing and a touchdown. Jake Coggins was close behind with 93 yards on the ground and also nailed a two-point conversion.

On the receiving end, Coy Aschenbrenner caught a 20 yard TD pass from quarterback Jacob Amaro. Dylan Marr caught a three yard pass and had a two-point conversion. Amaro, in his first QB start, was 2 for 3 in passing with no interceptions. "He was a little nervous, but his teammates helped him through it," Eschler said. "He did a good job."

In spite of the loss, Eschler had high praise for his team. "The kids' spirits are still high, and they're a pretty good group of young men," he said.

The loss left the Outlaws at sixth place in 1A Special District 3 - West with a 1-3 league record. They travel to Sherman County on Friday for a 7 p.m. battle.



Outlaw Dylan Marr gets his hands around Dufur's senior runningback Anthony Thomas while teammate Garrett Thorne steps up for the assist in Friday's game.

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Ups and downs for Outlaw volleyball team

Lose to Stanfield, defeat Union in five sets Sept. 22

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The Outlaw Varsity Volleyball Squad had trouble getting its guns out of their holsters when they traveled to face Stanfield on Sept. 20. The ladies dropped three of four sets, 12-25, 16-25, 25-18 and 20-25.

Senior Shelby Moncrief racked up seven kills and served well, as did sophomore Rilyn Kirkland. Junior Carsyn Miller netted four kills and handed out five assists.

Coach Lisa Farwell said that Stanfield came out strong in the first set and caught the team on their heels a bit. The coach said the raucous homecoming crowd also appeared to intimidate the Outlaws, which in turn, impacted their play.

"We played tentatively at the net, and we are at our best when we're swinging away at the ball," she said. "Sets three and four were better for us, but it was too little, too late."

The Outlaws had somewhat better luck when they played at home Sept. 22. The team's first match saw a lackluster EHS fall in straight sets to Heppner, 25-12, 25-11 and 25-13.

Ashlyn Gray gathered 12 digs and Moncrief followed

with 11. Kirkland went 5 for 5 at the service line.

Farwell said that her team came out flat against Heppner and never got into the game.

"We didn't communicate with each other and played with zero energy," she said. "It was a disappointing match from start to finish."

The Outlaws picked up the pieces and came out strong against Union sending the hapless Bobcats home after a bruising five-set match. Set scores were 19-25, 25-18, 25-22, 9-25 and 16-14.

Gray had seven blocks and four kills. Moncrief added six kills and 14 digs and senior Lexie Gassett had 11 digs.

Farwell noted the team's improvement in the second match.

"For four sets against Union, we played tough and communicated well as a team," she said. "We worked hard at the net to try to shut down Union's offense and to put pressure on their defense. I was proud to see the team turn the day around after the disappointing match against Heppner."

The week left the Outlaws tied with Heppner for fourth place with a 1-2 Wapiti League record and 5-6 overall.

The Outlaws next host Weston-McEwen at home Sept. 27 then meet Pilot Rock and Grant Union at Pilot Rock on Sept. 29.

Fall tournament greeted by great weather

Alpine Meadows golfers couldn't have asked for a nicer September Saturday to play the fall tournament scramble. Temperatures not too hot, not too cold, but just right.

All eight four-man teams scrambled to win, but only Team 5 conquered those difficult pin placement putts to put their foursome in the green. Jerry Lamb, Dean Duquette, Harlan Menton and Chuck Haines took Low Gross honors with a 67.

Team 7, with players Tristan Beck, Pat Lynn, Marvin Gibbs and Dale Johnson, followed with Second Low Gross of 70.

In the net division (after subtracting handicap) Team 3 — Jay Butts, James Johnson, Willy Roberts and Casey Barstad — walked away with First Low Net, 53.

Second Low Net went to three gals and a guy, Lisa Larson, Rochelle Danielson, Nancy and Mac Huff with a 56.2.

The scramble was followed with a dinner of Spuds

tee time

Rochelle Danielson

and Splits — baked potatoes with unimaginable trimmings and banana splits, scooped with gooey good toppings.

Afterward, Jerry Hook, board president, expressed thanks of the annual member meeting. He gave a rundown of the 2018 season, thanking employees and volunteers who helped make the golf course more financially sound than it's been in years. Ernestine Kilgore, ladies president, expressed thanks to the gals for efforts put forth this year. She also expressed appreciation to Cycle Oregon volunteers.

Kathy Reynolds won a golf membership for 2019 in Drop Ball Raffle.

The course was closed Sept. 17 while the AMGC crew plugged the greens in the process of aeration. Sand was spread on the greens,

rolled and raked several times (over and over) into the holes, then watered.

The sanded greens will be bouncy for a couple of weeks which may frustrate golfers. Golf course aeration is a good thing. Healthier turf makes for happier, more accurate putting.

A Pleasant Surprise: Ray Milligan, accompanied by his daughter Joyce

Decker, on a visit to the golf course Thursday where he proceeded to do a little putting on the practice green. Ray, who celebrated his 99th birthday in May, showed he hadn't lost his touch; he sank his first four putts from a 10-foot distance or more.

Rochelle Danielson writes a weekly golf column for the Chieftain.



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