



OUTLAW GIRLS BRING THE HEAT



Wallowa Valley Cubs pitcher, Lexie Gasset, is already racking up the wins this season. The Cubs twice defeated Burns / Crane in its league opener on Friday, April 5.

Emergence victorious over Burns/Crane

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The integrated Wallowa Valley softball team opened league play on a high note with a pair of away victories versus Burns/Crane on Friday, April 5. The final results for the double header contests were 14-4 and 22-10.

Senior Lexie Gasset pitched the first game, painting the edges of the batters box, while giving up only three hits while mowing down five Hilanders. Offensively, Gasset helped her cause by going 2 for 3 with three RBIs. Sam McFarland was 2 for 3 with an RBI while Claire Farwell went 1 for 2 with three RBIs.

"These were not ideal conditions," coach Gary Gasset said. "It was really cold and windy, but it didn't rain until the very end. Not a good day for pitchers."

The second game saw more of the same. The Hilanders were put to the sword by a score of 22-10 in a six-inning battle that was shortened by the rain.

"It was going to be shortened anyway because of the score," Coach Gasset said.

Gasset again started the second game and pitched 2 2/3 innings, securing the win with two strikeouts. Freshman Liz Rowley came in on relief to pitch the remainder. She fanned four and gave up four hits and four runs.

In what can only be described as an extraordinary afternoon for Farwell, who scored three runs though going 0 for 0 for the day at the box in five trips to the plate. She walked four times and was hit by a pitch on her final trip to the plate.

Rylin Kirkland had the team's best day at the plate, going 3 for 4 with two doubles and three RBIs. She crossed the plate four times herself. Rowley was 3 for 5 with five RBIs and a base-clearing triple while scoring three times. Five different players suffered after being hit by misfire pitches.

"It wasn't a good day for anybody," Coach Gasset said. "When the pitcher doesn't have much control, you really don't want to go up to bat."

The Wallowa Valley girls are 2-0 in league play and 5-2 overall while ranked eighth in the state, according to OSAA.

Wallowa Valley baseball opens season with twin wins

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The integrated Wallowa Valley/Elgin baseball team swept in an away doubleheader against a united Burns/Crane crew on Friday, April 5. Coach JR Collier said the game was won by stellar pitching and consistent, if not overwhelming offense, particularly by brothers Gus and Zeb Ramsden.

Wallowa Valley blazed past Burns in the opener, outscoring their opponent 4-1 behind the pitching of Coy Aschenbrenner, who struck out one and walked three through 4 innings. Trace Evans came in for the

save, pitching the final three innings with three strikeouts and no walks.

"Our pitchers are good at hitting their spots," Collier said. "When hitters put the ball in play, our pitchers trust their defenders behind them."

The team scored runs in the first, second, fifth and seventh innings for the win.

The two brothers, Gus and Zeb Ramsden, led the team with the bats. Each brother went 2 for 5 at the plate, and Gus Ramsden garnered three steals throughout the contest.

"When we get runners on base, we tend to move them around to score," Collier said. "It wasn't a huge offen-

sive production, but it was enough."

The run in the first inning came when the two brothers--Gus Ramsden leading off and his brother following suit--each knocked a base hit. After Gus Ramsden's jump-start base hit, he then managed to steal his way to third with a base hit by his brother that brought him home. Gus Ramsden later scored a run in the fifth inning after a base hit and a stolen base. A subsequent error finally drove him home in the fifth. Later he would launch a triple, leading to a score soon afterward giving Wallowa Valley the final run.

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Gus Ramsden, along with brother Zeb, is making waves on the Wallowa Valley/Elgin baseball team. The WV nine are 6-1 on the season and ranked fifth in state 3A ball.

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