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Wallowa wallops Outlaws in return to football

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ENTERPRISE — Wallowa looked solid in its first full-contact football game in more than a year.

The Cougars amassed 465 yards of offense and found success through the air and on the ground on the way to a 42-0 road victory over Enterprise Thursday, March 11 — the first game of Season 2 for both squads.

“It only took one play, and it was like ‘Man, I love this game,’” Wallowa head coach Matt Brockamp said. “We missed playing football.”

Sophomore quarterback Lute Ramsden was dialed in, going 17-for-22 for 239 yards passing and five touchdowns — three to Zeb Ramsden and two to Tristin Bales — while also scampering for 129 yards and a score. His 46-yard TD run to open the scoring in the first quarter gave Wallowa the early 8-0 lead.

A long catch-and-run by Bales of 77 yards on a short



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Wallowa's Lute Ramsden runs between a pair of Enterprise defenders on Thursday, March 11, 2021, in Enterprise. Ramsden threw five touchdown passes and ran for a sixth in the Cougars' 42-0 win.

pass in the first quarter and another long catch-and run for a score — this of 72 yards on a screen pass to Zeb Ramsden in the second quarter — built Wallowa's lead to

20-0. Another scoring pass to Zeb Ramsden for a 25-yard TD later in the second quarter pushed Wallowa's lead to 28-0 at the break.

The Ramsden brothers

connected for the third time in the third — Lute throwing a pass on a fade route to Zeb in the end zone for a 20-yard score — before another dump off to Bales later in

the period went 17 yards to round out the scoring.

“We cleaned things up a little bit offensively,” Brockamp said. “We still had mistakes that were made, we had six penalties, some big holding calls. ... But, for the most part, offsides (and) illegal motion were much better than last year. They learned a lot last year. It was exciting to see a dominant performance in Wallowa County.”

The elder Ramsden finished with nine catches for 142 yards and the three scores. Bales finished with 87 yards receiving.

Defensively, Ryder Goller had three sacks and two tackles for loss. Jesse Duncan had 14 tackle assists, three solo tackles and an interception. And Zeb Hermens had four solo tackles, six tackle assists and a sack.

“They (Enterprise) had some success early on a screen that they ran a few times. They caught us early in a linebacker blitz, and had some success with the screen which they kept coming back to,” Brockamp said.

“(But we) were able to play responsible football, and did a great job stopping the run for sure.”

The Outlaws struggled offensively, generating just 78 yards of total offense, and head coach Rusty Eschler said most of those yards came on screen passes.

“We helped by having guys that have not played before and are learning the game as we go,” he said. “Hopefully we can get it together this week and have a better showing against Union.”

Both teams are back on the gridiron at home Friday at 2 p.m. when Wallowa (1-0 overall) hosts Cove and Enterprise (0-1) entertains Union.

Joseph moves to 2-0

The Joseph Eagles scored a second win in their lone currently scheduled home game of Season 2 as they got past Dayville/Monument on Friday, March 12, 33-13.

Stats were not available for the Eagles (2-0 overall), who travel to Prairie City Friday, March 19.

Cougars, Eagles and Outlaws all win twice during the week

Cross-country runs strong at Milton-Freewater

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Wallowa started a 2-0 week with a home 25-20, 25-20, 25-21 sweep of Enterprise Tuesday, March 9, behind solid play on both the offensive and defensive ends.

“I keep seeing improvement from these girls each game,” Wallowa head coach Janea Hulse said. “The unforced errors are getting less and less. I am seeing the girls come together and working more as a team as each day passes.”

Shanna Rae Tillery led the offense with 13 kills, and the team was strong on the service line, Hulse said.

The frontline defense stood out, especially Haley Brockamp and Zoe Her-

mens. Hermens tallied eight solo blocks on the night, and Brockamp added six.

“Our middle blockers are coming on strong and making a huge difference in our offense,” Hulse said. “I am very happy with their progress.”

Jada Gray had nine kills and four aces to lead the Outlaws, and Claire Farwell recorded 11 digs on defense.

Enterprise 3, Pine Eagle 0

The Outlaws got into the win column for the first time in Season 2 with a home 25-12, 25-10, 25-18 sweep of Pine Eagle on Friday, March 12.

Liz Rowley led the offense with four kills. Claire Farwell had a big day from the service line with five aces, and Rosie Movich-Fields had six digs.

Joseph 3, Pine Eagle 0

The Eagles had no prob-

lem with Pine Eagle Friday, coasting to a 25-8, 25-2, 25-8 home win, their first win of Season 2.

Sabrina Albee had eight kills and a pair of blocks, and Cooper Nave had five kills. Joseph also saw an impressive serving run during the match as Aimee Meyers recorded 24 straight service points.

Joseph 3, Adrian 0

The Eagles completed their perfect weekend by sweeping Adrian at home Saturday, March 13, 25-10, 25-17, 25-21.

Sabrina Albee again led the Eagles' offense with nine kills, and Molly Curry added three kills and three blocks.

“The girls played together this weekend and are beginning to click,” head coach Jill Hite said. Sabrina Albee and Annabelle Russell showed great leadership on the floor both

days. It's exciting to see a group of girls begin to click and play together.”

Joseph (2-1 overall) plays four days in a row this week, with road matches Wednesday at Imbler, Thursday at Cove and Friday at Prairie City/Burnt River, before hosting South Wasco County Saturday.

Enterprise 3, Adrian 1

The Outlaws also finished an undefeated weekend, taking out Adrian Saturday in four sets, 25-13, 25-17, 20-25, 25-20.

“We are improving with every set,” head coach Lisa Farwell said. “My girls are gaining confidence as they gain experience and the lineup is starting to gel. Every one of the seven players who played in these three matches are contributing to the team effort, and their attitude as a team is one of not focusing on the last mistake, but look-

ing forward to the next play, the next serve, the next set. I have to single out Asiya Salim, who's playing a new role this season as our full time setter and killing it. Her hustle and work ethic are inspiring.”

Jada Gray led the offense with 13 kills. Savannah Vaughn had 13 digs and served up two aces, and Claire Farwell also had two aces.

Enterprise (2-2 overall) faced Wallowa Tuesday night, March 16, at home, then travels to Union Thursday.

Wallowa 3, Pine Eagle 0

Wallowa swept Pine Eagle Saturday, March 13, to wrap up a perfect week.

Scores and stats for the match were not available.

The Cougars (3-1 overall) faced Enterprise Tuesday, then travel to Imbler Friday and host South

Wasco County Saturday.

Cross-Country

Wallowa Valley coasted to victory in the Pioneer Run — a dual race against McLoughlin — on Saturday, March 13, in Milton-Freewater.

The Outlaws took the top three spots, with Zac Knapp winning in 15:56.1. Bayden Menton followed in 16:38.8, and Ian Goodrich placed third in 18:49.7.

Brenden Moore came in fifth in 19:30.9, and Weston Wolfe — the fifth Outlaw across the line — in 20:48.8.

On the girls side, three runners placed in the five-athlete race, and took second, third and fourth — Iona McDonald (23:08.8), Lottie McDonald (24:36.3) and Michalia Caine (24:43.9).

Wallowa Valley returns to the course Thursday, March 18, at the Mustang Invite in Heppner.

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