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Enterprise quarterback Jackson Decker (22) throws out a pass against the Rockets. The Pilot Rock Rockets defeated the Enterprise Outlaws 36-32 Thursday, Sept. 9, 2021, in Pilot Rock.

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Senior projects, he said, typically can't be started until a student is in their senior year, but given the meet was scheduled just a few weeks into the school year, he was given the option to start when he was wrapping up his junior year, and then spent much of the summer working on it.

He pitched the idea first to Moody, then to his senior project teacher at Joseph.

"When Bayden approached me last year I said, 'Go for it,'" Moody said.

With the approvals in hand, Menton set to work.

"After the school approved it, I was on my own," he said. I had to reach out to the state park and see if it was possible. (I) had to fill out a special use permit, (and) had to figure out what I could or couldn't do."

There were challenges along the way. Menton wasn't able to use paint or stakes for flags, which are materials often used to mark out cross-country course routes, due to state park rules. He's improvising, using cones, flags and special flag holders, he said.

Once he posted the race to athletic.net, a website that posts high school cross-country and track results, he saw another element that needed taken care of — timing. There, at times, have been more than 30 teams signed up for the event.

"Those were all things I had to figure out along the way," he said.

Moody noted those were all things Menton had to learn about organizing a race.

"He didn't realize how hard it is to put a meet on ... There were a lot of things that he's had to do to do this. He's learning," the coach said. "We've been up there at least three times, tweaking the course, getting it right, and anything else."

"Definitely needed the whole summer to figure things out," Menton added.

The race will feature junior high and high schoolers, but also will include an open race at the end for anyone who wants to take to the course. The first junior high race starts at 1 p.m. The varsity races begin at 3 p.m., and the open race is slated for 4:30 p.m.

"It's going to be an exciting day for us, it really is," Moody said. "It's going to turn out really well."

Joseph takes down rival South Wasco County

Chieftain staff

The Joseph Eagles ended a two-game losing streak to the South Wasco County Redsidies, scoring often in a 31-13, lightning-delayed victory at home Friday, Sept. 10.

Jaxon Grover continued his solid start, with his day including a 20-yard touchdown run and a 99-yard kick-off return. Gavin Russell added a 35-yard scoring run, Brad Wilcox caught a touchdown pass, and Harley Miller had a 15-yard touchdown run.

The Eagles (2-0 overall) hit the road for the next three games, beginning Friday, Sept. 17, at Dayville/Monument.

A second tough loss for Enterprise

The Enterprise Outlaws had another heartbreaking setback, falling on the road Thursday, Sept. 9, against the Pilot Rock Rockets 36-32.

The Outlaws scored with 80 seconds remaining to get within four points, but the Rockets recovered the ensuing onside kick to hold on and improve to 2-0, while the loss sent Enterprise to 0-2.

The Outlaws two losses this season have been by a combined total of six points.

Enterprise (0-2 overall) looks to shake the bad luck Friday when it hosts Imbler.



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Joseph's Trace Collier hits Redside ball carrier James Best to drive him out of bounds in the third quarter Friday, Sept. 10, 2021.



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Maci Marr of Enterprise passes a ball during the Outlaws' home match against Prairie City/Burnt River on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021. The Outlaws won in four sets.

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Jada Gray led the Outlaws in both matches with 11 kills against Cove and 10 against Prairie City/Burnt River. Maci Marr had 13 digs to lead against Cove.

Rilyn Kirkland had 12 assists against Cove and added six kills against PC/BR, and Liz Rowley had eight kills against Cove.

"We had a good week of volleyball," head coach Lisa Farwell said. "We are still making some unnecessary

mistakes, but we've cleaned up our serving and it's making a difference. My team also worked really hard on bringing positive energy to their teammates every play, regardless of mistakes, and I think that made the difference in some momentum swings, especially against Prairie City. I'm really proud of them and their hard work."

Enterprise (7-2 overall) is off until Sept. 21 when it travels to Imbler.

Eagles split the week

Joseph split a pair of matches last week, taking Union to five sets before falling 21-25, 25-15, 27-25, 15-25,

15-8 on the road Wednesday, Sept. 8, then turning around and sweeping Cove Thursday at home, 25-18, 25-19, 25-19.

Molly Curry led the Eagles with 12 kills against Union. She also had six against Cove. Cooper Nave had 12 kills against Cove and added nine against Union. She also had four aces in the two matches. Aimee Meyers had five aces against Cove.

Joseph (5-3 overall, 1-0 Old Oregon League) was at Wallowa Tuesday, Sept. 14, then plays at the East/West Classic in North Powder Friday and Saturday.

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"They definitely have a target on their back, and they know it. They're expected to win the title again this year," Moody said, referencing an OSAA poll that had the Outlaws as the top-ranked team.

Wallowa Valley enters the fall without its top runner from that squad, as Henry Coughlan transferred to Crescent Valley, but Moody still likes what he has on the team.

"They're going to have to work for it, with not having Henry on the team," he said. "...We've got some newcomers, some first year guys, that I think, by district, will be dang tough."

Wallowa Valley does have key returners from the title squad, including Knapp, Menton, Goodrich and Wolfe.

We're still solid with those four guys," Moody said. "Picked up Chase Homan from Joseph, and have an exchange student, Levi Ortswan, he's learning to enjoy it. He won the JV race at Union pretty easily."

On the girls side, Moody said Wallowa Valley has six runners that all are running at a similar clip. It's a young squad, though, with just one senior in Stonebrink and one junior in Nordtvedt. The rest are either freshmen or sophomores.

"They're all about the same time. We've got a lot of improvement to do," he said. "We gotta bump up (our times) about two minutes."

As usual, the girls will be competing in a challenging district that includes Union/Cove, Burns and Heppner.



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Michalia Caine, left closes in on the finish line for the Wallowa Valley during the Catherine Creek Scamper Friday, Sept. 10, 2021.

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