

Three youths win new rifles at competition

Brothers, teen girl deemed top shooters

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ENTERPRISE — Two boys and a girl each won a new .22-cal. semiautomatic rifle, Saturday, Sept. 18, during the Eagle Cap Shooters Association Youth Shoot.

Jaxom Grover took first place in the 8- to 12-year-old group.

His older brother Kooper Grover won first in the 13- to 17-year-old group.

The boys each took home a new Ruger 10-22 semiautomatic rifle.

Lillian Bostedt, 16, won a Rossi .22 semi-automatic rifle as the top female shooter of the day.

Kim Hutchison, of the Enterprise Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4307, said 36 youths turned out for the event.



Holly Hutchison/Contributed Photo
Jaxom Grover shows off the new Ruger 10-22 semiautomatic rifle he won Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021, at the Eagle Cap Shooters Association youth shoot north of Enterprise. With Grover is Kim Hutchison, of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars, one of the sponsors of the event.



Holly Hutchison/Contributed Photo
Kooper Grover shows off the new Ruger 10-22 semiautomatic rifle he won Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021, at the Eagle Cap Shooters Association youth shoot north of Enterprise.



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Lillian Bostedt won a Rossi .22 semiautomatic Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021, at the Eagle Cap Shooters Association as the top female shooter.

Most of them were from Wallowa County, but a few came from beyond the county.

“We had kids from as far away as Umatilla,” he said.

The youths competed in a poker shoot,

a bowling pin shoot and a “test-your-limits” shoot, Hutchison said.

The youths who scored high enough in the three events were determined the overall winners.

Competitors were offered firearms to use in the shoot, free ammunition and food during the event, according to a promotional flyer for it.

The event was sponsored by the ECSA,

the VFW, the Enterprise American Legion Post 157 and the Eagle Cap Shooters Educational Alliance.

The intention was in part to promote the alliances educational efforts on firearms,

according to Jack James of the ECSA.

Hutchison said upcoming Saturday events at the range include a rimfire shoot Oct. 2 and an “old soldiers” military weapons shoot Oct. 16.

Signup for the events is a 9 a.m. and the shoots begin at 10 a.m.

The gun range is at 69105 Ant Flat Road, seven miles north of Enterprise off of Highway 3.

LUTE RAMSDEN
Wallowa's Lute Ramsden did it all during the Cougars' first win of the season Friday, Sept. 24, a 36-22 victory over Union, as the quarterback had a hand in all five touchdowns Wallowa scored. He rushed for 238 yards and two touchdowns, passed for an additional 82 yards and a score, returned a kickoff 85 yards for a touchdown and took a punt 65 yards to the house.

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final quarter and marched 64 yards on 15 plays — all on the ground — finishing with a 1-yard touchdown by Pence for a 36-14 lead with 5:05 to play.

Pence grabbed an interception on the next possession to set up his fourth touchdown from 8 yards out, which was the final score of the game.

“They ate the clock, and we were kind of back on our heels, not coming forward, (not matching) that aggression and stepping forward and matching that intensity,” Eschler said.



Ronald Bond/Wallowa County Chieftain
Enterprise's Cody Fent (9) slides to tackle Dufur's Cody Phillips during a game Friday, Sept. 24, 2021.

The Rangers scored first in the second quarter on a touchdown catch by Landon Ellis for an 8-0 lead. Enter-

prise responded when Trey Stewart pulled in a screen pass and sprinted 86 yards for a score to keep Enter-

prise within 8-6.

“There were some bright spots and stuff in the first half. For some reason we came out flat in the second half, it's hard to say (why), but it kind of puts a damper on the whole game. Hopefully we'll grow from this. We've got lone here, and Elgin. Those are teams, if you look at our schedule, we played Pilot Rock, they're a playoff team. We played Dufur, they're a playoff team. Crane's a playoff team. Our schedule maybe looks a little more favorable toward the end, but we gotta be more aggressive.”

The Outlaws (1-3 overall) continue a four-game homestand Friday, Oct. 1 when they host Lone/Arlington.

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respond with a 10-2 run to go ahead 13-9 after a kill by Allison Stirewalt and a Joseph error. Three aces by Meyers during a 6-0 run, capped by a Nave kill, gave Joseph a 16-15 lead. The lead grew to 23-20, but Imbler had a final rally, tying the set at 23-23 on an ace by Harvest Coston. Curry, though, put down back-to-back kills to end the match.

“I think it was a really good game,” Nave said of the win against Imbler. “I think we played well as a team together, we just need to work on keeping our energy on an uphill climb, not going downhill at any times.”

Hite said before the season began the balance on the offensive side would be

an asset for the Eagles this season, and that is bearing itself out.

Nave agreed.

“For the past couple of years, we've had definitely one star player. We've relied too much on her, but now that we've spread the talent out a little bit I think it helps everyone have confidence in their hitting and their passing,” she said. “I think it helps the whole team dynamic not relying on one person.”

Hite said because of the balance on offense, the team is filling its positions better.

“I think it gives them each confidence in their own role,” she said. “OK, I know I need to play this spot, it is my spot,” instead of having to try and cover someone else's spot. The kids are doing a really good job playing their own spot.”

Also in the win against Imbler, Nave had a team high 18 digs, both Meyers

and McKenzie Keffer had 16 digs and Maggie Miller had 14.

Against Nixyaawii Saturday, Curry powered the offense with nine kills, Nave added six and both Emma and Sarah Orr had four. Later in the day against Griswold, Nave led the way with 10 kills, Emma Orr had four and Sarah Orr chipped in with three.

The Eagles have another key OOL matchup Thursday, Sept. 30, when they travel to Powder Valley.

Cougars drop two

Wallowa dropped two road matches in Old Oregon League play Saturday, Sept. 26, falling to Griswold in five sets, 22-25, 27-25, 25-22, 19-25, 15-8 and Nixyaawii in four sets, 25-23, 21-25, 25-13, 25-20.

Wallowa (2-10 overall, 1-4 OOL) next travels to Cove on Friday, Oct. 1.

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