

Lion girls soccer dominates Pirates

The girl's soccer team came into the game expecting a tough challenge against a veteran team but ran away with the game, 9-2

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The girls' Lion's soccer team put on a show of pure dominance on Tuesday, Sept. 8 against Marshfield. The Lions put up a staggering nine goals against Marshfield's two. Head Coach Vern Stewart said that his team was prepared for a fairly difficult challenge, but that proved not to be the case.

"We thought we were going to have a bit more trouble with them because there are a lot of seniors on that team," Stewart said. But the Lions came out

and took care of business. It's usually when one high school team dominates another that one dominant player plays at a level above everyone else. The women's soccer team, however, shattered that theory, as five different players scored goals that day, four of which scored two a piece.

The top scorers for the Lions with two a piece were Josie Mootz, Melissa McCasline, Kia Hemenway and Jasmin Lopez, all seniors except for Hemenway. The score board was also contributed to by senior Chelsea Bottorf with one goal.

Coach Stewart attributes his player success to a variety of teamwork-based skills. "Everyone was passing and moving well," Stewart said. "We were also talking and communicating very well, and of course our offensive finishing was great." The Lions now look to North Bend and Sutherlin this week. North Bend has a reputation of being a very strong soccer program (for both boys and girls) and Stewart looks to bring his team out with the same confidence and prowess as they did in their Marshfield contest.



Photo by Sam Wright
Freshman Cassidy Herbert leaps for a spike after an accurate set by Abigail Ladd.

Volleyball takes down North Bend, struggles with tournament

Lions will have to be patient with learning the new systems new Head Coach Gary Corwin is implementing

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The Lion's volleyball team traveled to North Bend on Thursday, Sept. 10 to play against the Bulldogs in its third match of the season. The Lions emerged victorious for the first time this season, beating North Bend 3-1. New Head Coach Jason Corwin attributed their success to the serving game and the ability to pass very well. "Our passing allowed us to get a lot of kills," Corwin said. Most notably, freshman Cassidy Herbert finished the match

with 23 kills, and senior Allyssa Ganchegui recorded 48 digs for the match. On Saturday, however, things went a bit different for the Lions. Cottage Grove High School hosted a volleyball tournament on Sept. 12, where the Lions played a total of six matches but only played the best out of three sets instead of the regular five, and the third set going only to 15 instead of the regular 25. Unfortunately, the Lions ended up going 1-5 that day. Coach Corwin says the team's main struggle is learning the new system. "There's different expect-

tations from me as the new coach," Corwin said. "We were trying different things since we were playing so many matches." Within the tournament games, Corwin switched up formations and strategies to experiment and see what would work. Unfortunately they ended with five losses. The Lions look to hosting Elmira Tuesday night and travel to Sutherlin on Thursday. Corwin says the team will focus on their serving and passing during practice to sharpen their skills.

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