

# Girls' Soccer

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"On one free kick, we didn't move with the individual player that was receiving the ball, and she was pretty wide open," Stewart said. The other goal came from a miscommunication between goalie and defender, who collided into each other, allowing Elmira to score.

"Elmira is always a tough place to play," Stewart noted. He also mentioned some incompetence in the officiating game, as Melissa McCasline went down with a head injury and the referees didn't stop the game.

"We just have to be able to play through it and try

to play our game," Stewart added. "We just try to go into every game the same and not let this get into our heads."

The Lions recently fell out of the top 10 in the rankings due to their strength of schedule, but these wins have reportedly boosted Cottage Grove back into the top 10, ranking at #7.

Stewart also reports that previously injured Melissa Thielman will be back from her concerning knee injury this week, as the MRI showed nothing seriously damaged in her knee.

The Lions will host Sutherlin on Thursday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m.



Photo by Sam Wright

Senior Melissa McCasline handles the ball against Sisters in their 5-2 victory on Tuesday.

# Boys' soccer wins big after loss

After a tough loss to Sisters, the Lions regrouped to beat Elmira 3-0

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The Cottage Grove Sentinel

The boys' soccer team traveled to Sisters to take on the Outlaws, but as it was with many other sports this week, Sisters seemed to be the program to beat. The only varsity team with a win over Sisters this week was the girls' soccer team. The boys' soccer squad fell to Sisters 3-0 on Tuesday, Sept. 29.

"Sisters was really good," Head Coach Brian Fish said. "We need to get better at competing in tough games."

Fish explained that the Lions have recently been starting off very strong, energetic and competitive, an issue that they struggled with earlier in the sea-

son. The loss brought the Lions down to 5-3, but Thursday they hosted a tough Elmira squad and bounced back from their shutout loss to a shutout win over the Falcons.

The Lions ran over the Falcons 3-0 on Thursday, Oct. 1, improving their record to 6-3.

Those who scored were sophomore Kyle Conley, whose speed and aggression has given him many opportunities to shoot on goal with two goals, and senior Bryce Allen, who Fish noted of making an excellent assist for the final goal of the game. He also reiterated the progress of the team this season, and the win gave him the notion that at least the team is moving in the right direction.

"I think we're going to have a much better second half of the season," he said. "We're starting off on a forward foot each game." What the Lions need to do now, according to Fish, is push harder in the second half and get the opposing team "on their back foot."

This week, the Lions coaches have moved a lot of players around to different positions, and that's where their focus of work will be during practice.

"We'll have to work on what the roles are for each player after moving them around," Fish stated. This will lead to a lot of preparation as the Lions travel to Sutherlin to face the Bulldogs on Thursday, Oct. 8.



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Austin Shipley (left), Kaiden Ramsey (mid) and Lucas Ward (right) congregate in the middle of the field.

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