

Warriors stay perfect in league

North Douglas volleyball team moves to 7-0 in league play

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After taking second in state last year, the North Douglas volleyball team is working to get back to top of the state.

The road to the top ran through Powers last Tuesday when the Cruisers came to Drain. Coming into the clash of top teams in the Skyline League, Powers boasted a 6-2 record. The now 19-5 Warriors – notably undefeated in league – were ready to show that they are the real deal.

The Warriors struck early and went up 11-1 in the first set. After a Powers timeout, Amy Dooley of North Douglas tallied off nine straight serves and guided the team to a 25-5 first set win.

In the second set the Warriors started to falter. Poor passes and missed serves kept Powers close throughout. It got as close as 14-12 but then North Douglas surged away with kills from Arianna Helgren and an 8-0 run, they won the set 25-16.

“The first game... everything we got a touch on was great,” said head coach Amy Campbell. “And sometimes [the game] just turns. And when you don’t have the same fire or intensity, those touches that you get don’t always turn into something that is playable.”

“Volleyball is a funny sport so when you have that fire and intensity those weird little



The North Douglas volleyball team celebrates after they win the second set against Powers on Tuesday at home. PHOTO BY ZACH SILVA

touches that you get can turn into something spectacular. We just had to try to get those back.”

In the third set, North Douglas continued to flounder chances as Powers was determined to make it a match. Point after point Powers was able to grind out points. While it was not always pretty and dependent on the staples of passing, setting and hitting, they tied the set at 14-14, which caused North Douglas to call a timeout.

“I told them that they needed to clean up their game,” said Campbell. “The first two games we had a lot of intensity and fire and we needed to get that back and clean up our game. We had way too many hitting errors and we were just a little tentative and not in our spots. We just lost a little bit of intensity.”

Powers then took the lead for the first time of the match at 15-14 but North Douglas rallied back and the set stayed within two points until the Warriors outlasted the Cruisers at the end to win 25-22.

With the win, the Warriors moved to 7-0 in league play. Campbell, who lost five seniors from last year’s successful team, noted that the team is not at the same level yet but are working to get there.

“I feel like we’re doing well. I feel like we have been steadily improving,” she said. “We had a lot of inexperienced players starting this season. They were skilled but they just didn’t have a lot of court experience. But they work really well together and they don’t give up. We’ve had several close matches where we had to claw our way out and we’ve done a pretty good job at that.”

Over the weekend North Douglas participated in the McKenzie Tournament where they placed second after losing to Culver, the number one ranked team in the 2A classification. Their next match is Thursday when they face Elkton at home. The Elks are currently in third place in league and were beat by North Douglas in straight sets earlier this season.

High school sports recap

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Cottage Grove Cross-Country

Last Saturday the boys and girls cross-country team travelled to Camp Rilea for the Three Course Challenge hosted by the Seaside cross-country team. This renowned course that boasts slow times features a mud pit in addition to a waist-high water crossing. Competing on the “hard” course, Konrad Raum took 35th with Jimmy Talley finishing a second behind him in 37th. On the girls hard course, Nadia Witt took 116th and Kenzie Parsons 135th in the field of 166 runners.

Cottage Grove Volleyball (4-5)

After losing the opening Sky-Em league match to Sisters, last week the Lions bounced back. Last Tuesday they defeated Elmira in straight sets at home. Thursday they edged out Sutherlin on the road to win 3-2. The team is now 2-1 in league play and tied for second with Sweet Home.

North Douglas Football (3-1)

Last Friday North Douglas defeated Siletz Valley at home 54-16. North Douglas was led by running back Caleb Parks who rushed for 177 yards on just five carries and scored three touchdowns. Parks was also two-for-two through the air for 41 yards. As a team, North Douglas compiled 459 yards and held Siletz Valley to just 170 yards. Additionally, Siletz Valley had the ball for 35 minutes of game time while North Douglas had just 11 minutes of possession. At 2-0 in league play, North Douglas is now first in their league.

Elkton Football (2-1)

The Elks fell to Camas Valley on the road Friday 52-6. Elkton is now 0-1 in league play.

Elkton Volleyball (13-4)

After dropping their last league game, Elkton volleyball went 2-0 last week defeating both Powers and Glendale in straight sets. They are now 5-2 in league play where they sit in third place behind North Douglas and Days Creek.

Yoncalla Football (2-2)

Last Friday the Eagles overpowered Mapleton on the way to a 94-44 win.

Yoncalla Volleyball (2-6)

The Eagles fell at home to North Douglas 3-0 last Tuesday. They are now in 7th place in league.

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