

Fast start guides Warriors to win

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Caleb Parks steps out of a tackle and into the end zone for a touchdown.

The actual deer that wandered onto the field multiple times during Friday night's football game had more success getting to the end zone than the visiting Antlers.

Despite any animals running on the field, it was North Douglas (2-0) and a second-quarter scoring, well, bonanza, that lifted the team past Bonanza (1-1) 58-32 at home.

"Last week we came out slow, finished really hard. We talked about coming out hard and getting after it, getting our foot on the throttle," said North Douglas head coach Rocky Rodgers. "We did that [tonight]."

The Antlers got things started in the first quarter forcing a fumble and returning it 60 yards to set up a touchdown that put the team up 6-0. The Warriors answered with 44 straight points before halftime.

It was Caleb Parks making his mark in the game during that stretch as he tallied off three rushing touchdowns including a 64-yard score. Parks finished the game with 235 yards rushing on 15 attempts.

"Credit to all the linemen, some of those were wide open. Like, 10-foot holes that I got to run through. It's nice to run through big gaps like that so credit to them," said Parks.

Starting with a Parks interception late in the first quarter, the Warriors put together a stretch of half a quarter of football where they scored three touchdowns and, with the assistance of successful inside kicks, never

gave up the ball.

"We worked really hard on special teams this week. We talked about how we can't take special teams off, we've got to hustle," said Rodgers. "The kicks - Chase (Rodgers) did a great job getting that hop in the kick. So I mean, they were hustling down and recovering those."

In the second half, Bonanza came out firing as they scored a pair of touchdowns before the Warriors could answer.

"They definitely played hard and didn't give up throughout the game at all. Especially in that second half, they came out way more fired more than we were and I think that comes with a lot of credit to how tired we were," said Parks. "We were, man, you go in the locker room and everyone is just panting and breathing hard. Just a lot of burnt, hard-worked guys."

The Warriors found their rhythm again in the fourth quarter as Wyatt McDaniel and Tyler Kallinger both rushed for touchdowns. Kallinger finished with 70 yards rushing and was three-for-nine passing for 57 yards and two touchdowns. McDaniel had 66 yards rushing.

Killian Bond rushed for 40 yards and an outchdown for the Warriors.

After a slow start in the first week of play, head coach Rodgers was pleased with the team but is looking for an entire game from them.

"We need to put four quarters of football together. And you know, our motto right now is get better every week so Monday we'll get back at it and go from there," said Rodgers.

The Warriors travel to Hosanna Christian (1-0) on Friday.

Elks overpower Eagles

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For the Elkton volleyball team, there was a moment in each set when the end result seemed up in the air. But each time the Elks faced a swell of adversity, the team was able to rally together as they defeated the visitors from Yoncalla in straight sets.

Or maybe there was something else at play.

"Is it going to be really terrible to say it was luck?" said Elkton head coach Tera Monroe. "I don't know, I guess the girls just wanted a win. But I don't know if they were like, 'We're going to do what we have to do.' It's freaking lucky. What do you want me to say?"

Regardless, of how they got there, the Elks (7-1) were able to hold off the Eagles (3-4) for the 27-25, 25-19, 25-21 victory.

In the first set, the Elks pulled away early but three straight aces from sophomore Kenzie Walton helped spur a quick 5-0 run for the Eagles to bring the team within one. But it was Elkton coming up big late as Margret Byle was subbed in and

made her presence felt with a pair of late kills. With Yoncalla point away from victory at 24-23, it was Elkton's outside hitter Ashley Robertson also recording a pair of kills in the final points to secure the first set for the Elks.

In the second set, tied at 19, it was Elkton's Sam McCall who put together six consecutive serves that the Eagles struggled to return and took the team out of their offense and, ultimately, out of the set. Yoncalla rallied late in the third set but it was too little, too late as the Elks marched to victory.

"I was really hoping we would take this match because I wanted to move up [in the standings]. I think it's still our errors. We are still making too many mistakes," said Yoncalla head coach Monet Sheffield.

With Yoncalla's gym under construction, the Eagles start the season with eight straight away games. The team will have their home opener this Thursday. The league schedule had not been kind with the team facing North Douglas, Days Creek and Elkton to start things off; all three teams are currently

ranked in the top-seven of the 1A rankings.

"Today I had the conversation with our AD, like, why did you stack me up with all these hard games right now?" said Sheffield. "Give me one that we could just tuck away and say, 'Yay, we did it.'"

Yoncalla got their chance to celebrate at the end of last week as they defeated New Home Christian and Riddle last Thursday. Against New Hope, Shaunasi Hardy had nine kills while Cassidy Bragg had nine aces. Bragg added 11 aces against Riddle.

For the Elks, the team finished last week with a pair of wins over Mohawk and Camas Valley. Despite just one loss on the season, head coach Monroe is still looking for more from her team.

"It is early and I personally would like to see us doing better this early in the season but they're doing fine," she said. "We definitely need to work on our passing and we need to work on hitting the ball harder. I mean, everybody wants to do that."

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High School Sports Recap

A look back at the second week of action

Cottage Grove Water Polo

The girls' team defeated Sheldon 12-8 last week at home. The team were spurred on by a second quarter that saw five goals scored from five different Lions.

North Douglas Volleyball

The Warriors stayed undefeated in league as they beat Glendale at home last Tuesday.

At a tournament in Reedsport over the weekend, the 1A North Douglas took on a range of 2A teams. They beat Weston-McEwen, lost to Coquille and defeated Lost River.

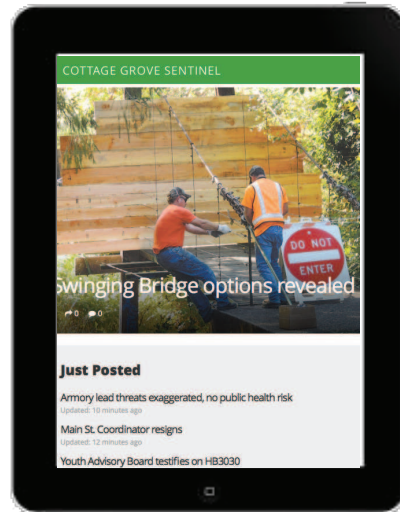
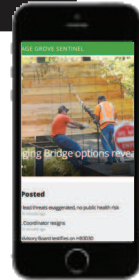
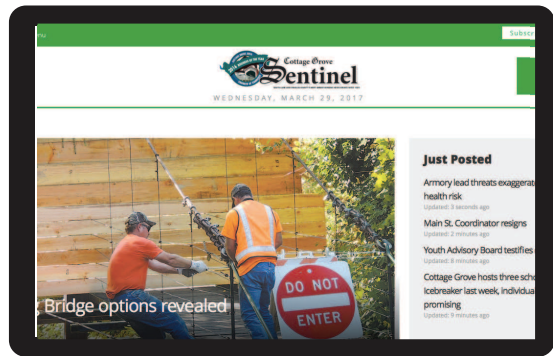
Yoncalla Football

The Eagles' Saturday game at Triad was cancelled due to smoke.

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