

Football from B1

Grove found some grit before the first half came to a close.

“We basically had eleven guys that played the entire game and that’s a lot to ask from guys, but they came out and played hard,” said head coach Chad Smith after the game.

School officials could not be reached for comment regarding the absence of players by the time of printing.

While the reason for so many absences from the sidelines is still unfolding, the players present at last Friday’s cold, wet matchup refused to give up.

“I couldn’t be more proud of those guys and the things that they did. It was exciting to watch those guys go out and play the game and play hard,” said Smith.

At a point where many less resilient teams would give up the fight, and despite the large halftime deficit and half a season’s worth of tribulations in their memory, the 14 players dressed down for this game had perhaps their



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The Lions started at a deficit from before the first whistle as they only dressed 14 players. 11 of them played almost every down on offense and defense.

most productive stretch of offensive football against the Pirates.

Senior running back Daetrayl Berry broke free for his first long run of the season, taking it 42 yards for the score in the second quarter to make it 35-7.

Junior quarterback Joey Spink, filling in for sophomore Logan Lowrey, also had his most productive passing game of the season, finding Jacob Dunn for three passing touchdowns, including a 61-yarder in the second quarter.

“We needed guys to step up and make plays. [Berry, Spink and Dunn] kinda came up, stepped up and did what we wanted them to do,” said Smith. “Obviously, Jacob’s a great athlete. He’s going to make plays wherever he’s at and we’re fortunate to have him on our side. He had a great game and Joey was getting the ball out to him to let Jacob do the things he’s capable of doing.”

Amongst the adversity and lopsided final scores, Dunn remains a bright spot for the Lions in the 2019 season and his presence on the field was never more noticeable than in this contest, something Smith was quick to mention.

“He’s a great player. It’s not like the other teams don’t know about him. They know about him and they’re putting two, sometimes three guys on him and he’s still making these unbelievable plays and scoring points for us.”

Despite some positive takeaways from the league opener, the road unfortunately doesn’t get much easier moving forward. The Lions (0-4, 0-1) will host Marist (3-1, 1-0) this Fri., Oct. 4 with the Spartans coming off a 53-19 victory against Elmira last week. Marist enters the game ranked seventh in the state 4A rankings.

Volleyball from B1

completely different team. We had 21 kills and 20 hitting errors which has plagued us all season.

Nonetheless, this was a tournament that provided North Douglas with their stiffest, most consistent competition yet. There were five teams who held spots in the OSAA 1A top-10 rankings represented at the tournament, the Warriors (#7) and league rival Days Creek (#4) included.

“There were a lot of teams ranked above us when we went in there. When they did the RPI rankings and kind of came up with a [tournament] schedule, we were towards the bottom actually. We weren’t one of the top teams so I was really proud of them for going in there yesterday,” Reed continued.

After the morning victory against Damascus, North Douglas then lost 0-2 to the aforementioned Days Creek - the eventual tournament champion - putting them into

the consolation bracket.

“We just have this mental block against Days Creek and can’t figure out how to get out of it. When we went over to the other gym and saw we were playing Days Creek, it was, like, instantly the girls are panicked,” said Reed about the loss to their fellow Skyline League rival.

From there, the Warriors defeated 2A Reedsport 2-1 before the loss to Damascus in their second match-up of the day, getting beat handily 0-3 (14-25, 19-25, 18-25).

“This year we’ve been working on meshing this team together because it is kind of an unusual compilation of girls,” Reed added.

“Trying to get them to all play together and be consistent, we’re still working on that. The last couple years they’ve had a superstar on their team ... when times were tough, those superstars would pull them out of whatever they needed to pull them out of and we don’t have that and the girls know that.”

On the day, the team was led by sopho-

mores Halli Vaughn (22 kills), Samantha MacDowell (34 digs) and Cydni Dill (4 aces), seniors Riley Jo Olds (15 kills), Nicki Derrick (13 kills), and Natalie Draeger (11 kills), as well as team tournament MVP and freshman Brooklyn Williams.

“She just had a solid day,” said Reed. “She didn’t make a ton of mistakes. She did the things we needed her to. She had solid stats and she didn’t make a ton of hitting errors. That’s why [as a freshman] she ended up with her spot. She’s very confident.”

With six matches remaining in a season that is quickly winding down, the Warriors are a deep, talented team that will continue looking for the chemistry and consistency that can propel them forward once the play-offs arrive.

North Douglas next travels to Glendale (1-10, 0-7) where they will look to secure a win and keep pace with current league leader Days Creek.

DAUGHERTY AQUATIC CENTER REOPENS OCTOBER 1ST

South Lane School District is excited to announce the grand reopening of the Warren H. Daugherty Aquatic Center on October 1, 2019 after an extensive year-long renovation project. The renovation was funded largely by a bond that was passed by Cottage Grove voters.

In addition to the main

pool that was included in the original plan, the district was able to add a warm water pool to the project thanks to the generosity of donors both from within our community and from supporters across the state with a connection to the historic pool.

The City of Cottage Grove has also been a fi-

nancial supporter and partner on the project.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held in front of the aquatic center at 4:30 pm on October 1st, followed by an open house from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm, and a free public swim from 6:00-7:00 pm. The free swim was highlighted by a community “jump in” (at approx-

imately 6:10) to celebrate the opening of the pool.

There were hundreds of guests for the opening of the pool, and further media coverage will be available in the next edition of the Sentinel on Oct. 9. If you have questions, please contact Chris Wells (541-780-2145) or Brian McCasline (541-942-3381 ext. 130).



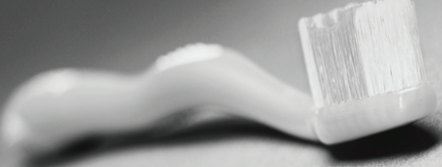


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