

# Local Sports Wrap-up

## Cottage Grove

**Volleyball:** After an enthralling league-opening win against Siuslaw nearly two weeks ago, the Lions kept up their winning ways last week, defeating Marshfield 3-1 (26-24, 25-19, 20-25, 25-15) and Elmira 3-0 (25-13, 25-16, 25-9), both on the road, to go to 7-5 overall on the season and 3-0 in league play.

The Lions upcoming matches are Thurs., Oct. 3 at home against Marist (1-8, 1-2) and Tues., Oct. 8 when they will travel to Florence for their second match against Siuslaw (6-5, 1-2).

**Cross country:** The Lions hosted their only home meet of the season two weeks ago at the Harrier's Challenge at Dorena Reservoir and headed up to the Portland area last Sat., Sept. 28 for the Nike Portland XC event where 27 girls teams and 24 boys teams participated in the division three varsity 5,000 meters, in which Cottage Grove was included.

For the boys, four of their six total runners achieved personal records, including freshman Jaden Owens (17:34.60), junior Maycol Pablo Herrera (20:47.00), sophomore Brayden Russell (21:45.30) and freshman Tyler Russell (21:51.60). Junior Calvin Wilke (23:55.20) set his 2019 season record and junior Jaden Thuesen ran his fourth varsity 5k of the year, finishing in 19:39.80.

The girls were nearly as successful as sophomores Eternity Reimche and Evie Smith once again led the Lions pack, finishing in 22:09.50 and 22:32.00, respectively. Sophomore Kajsja Merz (24:40.20) and senior Lizbeth Zarate-Hernandez (26:21.00) both set their season records and, most notably, freshman Helen Leal-Coronel set her new personal record, finishing in 26:16.40, and shaving a full 26 seconds off her previous best.

The Lions next event will be this Sat., Oct. 4 at the Oxford Classic held at Drake Park in Bend, Ore.

## North Douglas

**Football:** Looking to carry momentum after a big week three win against Bonanza, the Warriors made a rainy drive to Lowell (3-1, 1-0) last Fri., Sept. 27 and lost 72-30, falling to 1-3 overall on the season and 0-1 in league play. One of North Douglas' biggest matchups of the season comes next week when they travel West down Highway 38 to take on Elkton on Fri., Oct. 4 at 3 p.m.

## Elkton

**Football:** Unlike their rivals in Drain, the Elks' season got off to a strong 2-0 start, but experienced a setback last Fri., Sept. 27 when they made a long away trip to Mapleton, losing 52-6 in the cold and rain to a still-undefeated Sailors squad (4-0, 1-0). The Elks are now 2-1 overall on the season and 0-1 in league play. They will compete with North Douglas next week when both teams will look to get their first league victory of the 2019 season.

**Volleyball:** Since a Skyline League opening loss to North Douglas on Sept. 17, the Elks have rattled off three consecutive league wins against Riddle 3-1 (25-20, 19-25, 25-8, 25-23) on Sept. 24, and Glendale 3-0 (25-5, 25-10, 25-6) and New Hope Christian 3-0 (25-6, 25-12, 25-15) on Sept. 26. In the latter two matches, senior Aspy Luzier combined for 23 kills, nine digs, and six aces while fellow senior Sam McCall contributed 13 aces, seven kills and 10 digs.

The Elks now sit with a tidy 8-2 overall record and are 7-1 in league play, their only loss coming to the aforementioned North Douglas. Elkton takes on Umpqua Valley Christian (4-7, 2-6) on Thurs., Oct. 4 at 6 p.m. before participating in the 2019 Eagle Invitational at Damascus Christian on Sat., Oct 6.

## Yoncalla

**Football:** The Eagles (2-2, 1-0) stayed tough after consecutive

blowout losses to Triad and Camas Valley, taking down Oakridge (2-2, 0-1) 67-44 in a high-scoring away game that gave Yoncalla a win in their first league matchup of the year.

Yoncalla's next contest is Fri., Oct. 4 at 7 p.m., a tough home matchup against league rival Lowell (3-1, 1-0) who is coming off a decisive victory against North Douglas last week.

**Volleyball:** The Eagles (4-8, 1-6) had lost back-to-back league games to Camas Valley and Umpqua Valley Christian entering this past week, but were able to right the ship with a five-set win over Riddle 3-2 (17-25, 25-16, 25-23, 16-25, 15-13) on Thurs., Sept. 26. It was Yoncalla's first win in Skyline League play.

With two more league matches this week, at New Hope Christian (1-8, 1-7) and home against Pacific (4-8, 1-6), the Eagles have an opportunity to get the rest of their season pointed in the right direction.

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**Hunter Safety**  
Every hunter has the responsibility to enter the field well-prepared to hunt in a safe, ethical manner; the future of our hunting heritage depends on it. ODFW's **Hunter Education Program** has outlined the following information to ensure that hunters are aware of the primary firearm safety rules and the most common causes of hunting incidents. The four primary rules of firearm safety:

- **MUZZLE** – Control the direction of your muzzle at all times.
- **TRIGGER** – Keep your finger outside of the trigger guard until ready to shoot.
- **ACTION** – Treat every firearm as though it were loaded – Open the action and visually check if it is loaded. Firearms should be unloaded with actions open when not actually in use.
- **TARGET** – Be sure of your target, and what is in front of it and beyond it. To help avoid being mistaken for game, ODFW strongly advises hunters and other outdoors enthusiasts to wear blaze orange. Blaze orange clothing makes it much easier for one hunter to spot and recognize another hunter or outdoors enthusiast because nothing in nature matches this color. Because deer and elk see blaze orange as grey your hunting will not be affected. Consider wearing both a blaze orange vest or jacket and a hat so you will be visible from all directions.

**The most common causes of hunting incidents are:**

- Hunter judgment mistakes, such as mistaking another person for game or not checking the foreground or background before firing.
- Safety rule violations, including pointing the muzzle in an unsafe direction and ignoring proper procedures for crossing a fence, obstacle, or difficult terrain.

Other causes of hunting incidents:

- Lack of control and practice, which can lead to accidental discharges and stray shots.
- Mechanical failure, such as an obstructed barrel, improper ammunition, or malfunctioning safety. No hunter enters the field expecting to be the cause of, or victim of, a hunting incident. The vast majority of incidents can be avoided by proper preparation and awareness.

**Hunter Safety Alerts**  
**Marijuana Grows on the Increase**  
With the increase of unlawful marijuana grows being located on State and National land hunters should be aware of their surroundings while recreating. If you observe camp sites away from main roads, irrigation equipment, cultivated areas or marijuana plants, leave the area immediately from the same direction you entered. Note the location of the suspicious activities and report that information to your local law enforcement agency or the Oregon State Police TIP line, 1-800-472-7888.

**Oregon is Black Bear Country**  
Follow these guidelines to avoid conflicts:

- Keep food in bear-proof containers or store in trunk vehicle.
- Be aware of your surroundings at all times.
- Know that by calling in an animal, you may attract bear.
- Carry bear spray and know how to use it.
- Watch for fresh bear signs such as tracks, droppings or diggings.
- Be careful when field-dressing a deer or elk. Make noise; talk and laugh so bears know you are there.
- If you have to leave the carcass overnight, hang it at least 10-12 feet off the ground and 5-6 feet from nearby trees in an open area.

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