

Local Sports Wrap-up

Cottage Grove

Football: In a tough matchup in what has been a tough season through the first five games, Cottage Grove (0-5, 0-2) was thoroughly beaten by visiting Marist (4-1, 2-0) 62-6.

The Lions next game is away on Thurs., Oct. 10 against Elmira (2-3, 1-1) at 7 p.m.

Cross country: The boys and girls teams traveled to Bend last Sat., Oct. 5 for the Oxford Classic at Drake Park, where they battled the thin, high-desert air where personal and season records were tough to come by.

Senior standout Jimmy Talley sat out his second race in a row. The boys team had six runners with freshman Jaden Owens first across the line (44th overall; 17:53.73). Other finishers were junior Jaeden Thuesen (87th; 19:23.30), junior Maycol Pablo Herrera (115th; 20:48.95), sophomore Andy Wiley (125th; 22:06.90), freshman Tyler Russell (126th; 22:09.03) and sophomore Brayden Russell (127th; 22:11.98).

For the Lions girls' team, sophomore Evie Smith (61st; 22:32.04) was once again the first finisher, followed by fellow sophomore Eternity Reimche (93rd; 24:08.87), freshman Helen Leal-Coronel (107th; 25:57.27), sophomore Piper Youngmayr (112th; 26:47.03), senior Lizbeth Zarate-Hernandez (113th; 26:53.92) and sophomore Kajsa Merz (114th; 27:26.95).

The teams' next event is this Sat., Oct. 12 at the Paul

Marimath Invitational at Philomath High School in Philomath, Ore.

Soccer: Both the boys and girls teams had only one game last week, both on Thurs., Oct. 3 with the boys team (5-3, 2-1) losing at Junction City (2-7-1, 2-2) 2-1 for their first league loss of the season. They now sit one game behind Marist in the Sky-Em league standings and will next play Marshfield at home on Thurs., Oct. 10.

The girls (5-4, 3-0), however, picked up a win at home against the same Tigers team, drubbing Junction City (0-10, 0-4) 6-1 behind four goals by junior midfielder/forward Sawyer Weybright. The Lions have five league games remaining as they battle it out with Marist for the top spot in the Sky-Em standings. The girls travel to Marshfield on Thurs., Oct. 10 for their next game.

North Douglas

Volleyball: After enduring a McKenzie RPI tournament full of highs and lows, the Warriors (15-6, 8-1) returned to league play last week and didn't lose a set in their two matches. They first defeated Camas Valley (13-3, 8-2) in straight sets, 3-0 (25-16, 25-23, 25-10), last Tues., Oct. 1 to pull within one game of league leader Days Creek. They continued their winning ways on Thurs., Oct. 3 beating Glendale (1-12, 0-9) in similar fashion, 3-0 (25-10, 25-11, 25-11).

North Douglas has five remaining league games with their next coming on

Thurs., Oct. 10 at home against Riddle (7-9, 5-4).

Elkton

Volleyball: The Elks had a busy week with two league games on Tues., Oct. 1 and Thurs., Oct. 3 as well as a long drive to Clackamas County for the Damascus Christian Tournament last Sat., Oct. 5 where they played an additional two matches. Unfortunately, Elkton was unable to come away with a win in any of the four contests.

They were first defeated last Tues. by a strong Days Creek team 3-0 (25-9, 25-12, 25-10) then traveled to Umpqua Valley on Thurs. where they again lost in straight sets, 3-0 (25-22, 25-18, 25-15). After consecutive losses in the Damascus tournament, the Elks return home for two of their final three games, next taking on Camas Valley on Sat., Oct. 12.

Yoncalla

Football: After a hard-fought victory last week at Oakridge, the Eagles (2-3, 1-1) once again fell below

.500 overall with a 66-15 loss at home to Lowell (4-1, 2-0), a team that now sits tied atop the league leaderboard with Mapleton. Yoncalla couldn't contain Lowell wide receiver Brian Lemon, who finished with only four receptions, but took three of them in for touchdowns.

The road won't get easier this week for Yoncalla as they travel to Mapleton (5-0, 2-0) to take on a Sailors team that has won all of their games by double digits.

Volleyball: Despite losing their second match of the week to New Hope Christian 3-1 (18-25, 25-23, 25-21, 25-16), the Eagles (5-9, 2-7) started off the week with their second consecutive league victory of the season, this time over Glendale, 3-0 (25-15, 25-2, 25-23).

Yoncalla has just five matches remaining on their schedule and will not play again until Sat., Oct. 12 when they play Powers at 3 p.m. in the North Douglas gym.

Aqua Lions from B2

Iverson Bascue and Fisher Nash as well as one additional score from Braeden Buckland.

Lacking a full girls squad, South Albany sent nearly the exact same team out - all boys save for one - for a second match against the Cottage Grove girls.

The Aqua Lions went into halftime in a 1-3 hole but, much like the boys before them, stepped it up in the second half, matching the Redhawks 2-2 to end with a final score of 5-3 South Albany.

The Aqua Lions got goals from M.J. Raade, Mikayla Baird and Cassidy Poetzl.

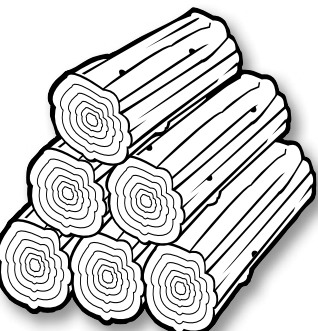
While the Lions were looking to come away with victories in the new Daugherty Center's opening weekend for water polo, the players themselves didn't let the outcomes dampen their excitement.

"Coming back here is going to be a lot better on everyone's stress levels," said senior Fisher Nash. "It didn't feel like home for a while, but now it does."



NICK SNYDER/COTTAGE GROVE SENTINEL

M.J. Raade (8, dark cap) takes a shot towards goal against South Albany. Her goal brought the Lions within 1, 4-3.



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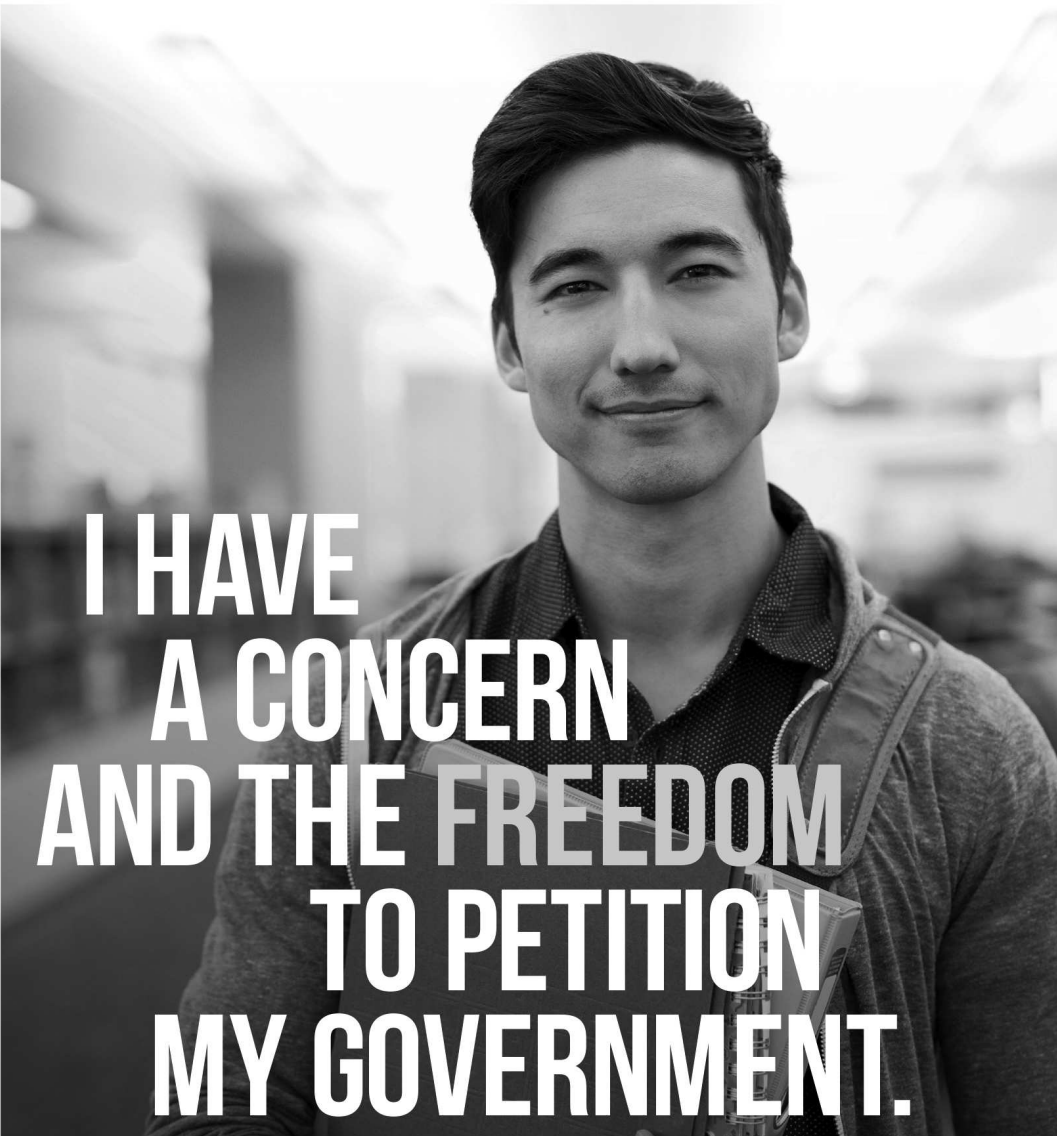


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