

CG Lions boys' soccer puts best feet forward

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After a frustrating loss to Marist last Tuesday (March 9), or as Coach Vern Stewart described it, "a great lesson in humility," Cottage Grove's boys soccer team had an amazing turnaround this past week.

On Thursday (March 11), the Lions took on the Marshfield Pirates at home, fighting to the literal end of the game, and finishing in a tie with a final score of 2-2.

Stewart was proud of the way his team stepped up after the loss, noting that his boys have "great guts and determination, and a never-give-up attitude."

In the first half, the Pirates were able to take the lead roughly 10 minutes in on a questionable penalty kick. At half time, the score was still 1-0 in favor of Marshfield.

The Lions came back



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The Lions boys' soccer team picked up a tie and a win this week, going 2-2 against the Pirates and then shutting out visiting Siuslaw 8-0. The Lions play again tonight when they host Elmira at 6:30 p.m.

strong in the second half, with Aldo Rea scoring a goal at the 50-minute mark to tie the game. With five minutes left in the game, the Pirates pulled ahead, despite Ty Kishen saving three of the

four penalty kicks taken by Marshfield.

With only 11 seconds to go, Cottage Grove had a corner kick, which Evan Snauer successfully nailed to tie the game with six seconds left.

Then, on Tuesday (March 16), the boys returned to their home field to face off against Siuslaw High School. The Lions issued a stunning defeat, with a final score of 8-0.

Stewart recognized that

Cottage Grove's opponents fought hard, graciously noting, "Siuslaw is a new program so hats off to them."

Rea opened the scoring with a goal in the first 35 seconds of the game, fol-

lowed by a goal from Jaden Cameron. Rea scored another goal after that only ten minutes into the game, with Cory Butts scoring the fourth goal in the half, bringing the score to 4-0 at half-time.

In the second half, Cameron scored a second goal, and Rea scored his third, bringing the score to 6-0.

With 20 minutes left in the game, Gabriel Cortes scored another goal for the Lions, and in the final 10 minutes, Hector Ceritos scored from the penalty spot to end the game early, with a final score of 8-0.

In addition, Snauer had two assists and was indirectly responsible for assisting one other goal for the Lions.

With a tie and another win under their belts, the Lions record is currently 3-1-1. Cottage Grove hosts Elmira tonight (March 18), beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Pets from B1

and games on Kat's tablet.

"This cat is so happy," said Kat. "She makes people smile, so I share her with the world on Facebook and Instagram under; 'Boogie's Shuffle.'"

Two Christmas's ago, Boogie weighed less than 4 pounds. So, Kat bought her a Guinea pig's Santa

costume and then decided to do something fun for animal shelters/rescues. She began creating mewvie sets with different costumes and props.

"Then a friend asked me to make a calendar for charity. So, I created a calendar for our animal rescue shelter and entered Boogie in Dharma Rescue's calendar contest." said Kat. "Dharma rescues 'disabled

dogs and cats and gives them a new leash on life'. The animals would otherwise be euthanized at other shelters. Boogie raised \$750 and won third place."

Boogie was also the winner of the FB group 'Helping Persians' Halloween picture contest.

"Our goal is to help other animals and inspire others to open their hearts and homes to special need an-

imals," Kat said. "In 2020, Boogie won first place in the calendar's cat category contest for Dharma and again raised \$750. Her 2021 charity calendar raised over \$1,200."

Boogie's trademark is a hair bow, she has dozens of bows.

"She wants everyone to know that bows are great, but she stops at hats," Kat said.

TIPS:

"Interaction is important for special needs animals," said Kat, "We make sure she has time interacting with us and her feline sisters and brothers. Boogie is like a paraplegic cat, she does not climb up on the furniture, so we put her on the couch so she can sit with everyone. Each evening all the kitties have treat time, they eat together

and play together. I hope this article inspires others to consider adopting special need animals."

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