

Sweep from B1

Grove holding on strong for sets two and three. Gracie Arnold had a stellar game, serving 100 percent and landing three aces against the Lady Spartans. Arnold also had seven kills and two blocks. Taylor McKay also served 100 percent for the evening, and Bella Costa came away with another of the team's aces. In the front row, the girls showed no mercy, with



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The Lady Lions gather during a timeout. Cottage Grove swept visiting Marist last Thursday and will play again tonight at home against Marshfield.

Izabell Senters putting down eight kills and one assist block, as well as Avery Hutchins, who had three kills and four blocks.

Also noteworthy in the game were Matty Ladd with four kills and three assist blocks, as well as Peyton Kidd with four kills.

The Lionesses (2-1 in league) faced off against Siuslaw's Lady Vikings (1-2 in league) on Tuesday night (March 16), with final results unavailable as of press time.

Cottage Grove plays again tonight (March 18), when they host the Lady Pirates of Marshfield for a double header, with games at 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Elks from B1

— and then we had another fumble as we were going in. That really hurt us." By the fourth quarter, the Wolverines had scored again, only to have Alsea's major playmaker, Owen Aldous, nab a pick six that brought the Wolverines ahead by three touchdowns. "It went right through our tight end's hands," said Lockhart. "Aldous intercepted it and he ran it back."

Aldous gave the Elks a run for their money, with 13 rushing attempts for 143 yards, five touchdowns and one conversion on the ground. As Lockhart noted, "He was tough to tackle, we just couldn't get ahold of him." Still, the Elks were relentless throughout, fighting to the very end. According to Lockhart, "We bounced back again, and we scored again, so we answered every single time — but we still ended up losing by two scores." Despite the loss, the

Elks had some standout plays in the game. Running back Cooper Peters had 19 attempts, rushing for 134 yards and grabbing an interception. Peters also had two touchdowns — one from 22 yards and another at 25 yards — picking up conversions for both. Elkton's other running back, Nathan Rausch, had 10 attempts on the ground and 91 yards. Rausch also had a seven-yard scamper touchdown, picking up a conversion on the ground as well in the in the fourth

quarter. Quarterback Jace Clevenger was 11-of-21 passing, including two touchdowns and 139 yards. Both of the Elks' tight ends, Ben Bowen and Conner Anderson, picked up touchdowns as well, both for 25 yards. Bowen also he had six receptions for 68 yards, as well as a conversion in the third quarter. Anderson had five receptions and 77 yards. Lockhart explained that the teams were evenly matched on both

sides. "The kids were really great towards each other, both sides, great sportsmanship," said the Lockhart. "Both sides felt like they were equally matched teams. They're well-coached over there though, that's for sure, and they played a good game." In all, Lockhart came away from the game on a positive note. "I was really proud of our guys," he said. "We fought the whole way through, and it was definitely a battle. We still have great confidence, and we feel very capable

in what we can do." Going into the next game, Lockhart plans to make some necessary adjustments. "We're going to change some offensive schemes a little bit and try to make it a little easier on our personnel," he said. "And defense, we'll just keep working on wrapping up." The Elks play again on Friday (March 19), when they host Gilchrist, beginning at 3 p.m.

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