WESTERN OREGON ROUNDUP

Volleyball team splits matches at home tournament

Itemizer-Observer staff report

MONMOUTH — Western Oregon University's volleyball team went 2-2 at the Division II West Region Showcase on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The Wolves (4-3 overall) opened the tournament with a 25-12, 25-21, 25-23 win over Cal State San Marcos on Thursday. Alisha Bettinson had a match-high 17 kills.

Mackenzie Bowen recorded a team-high 13 digs.

WOU lost to Chaminade 18-25, 25-18, 27-25, 26-24 on Friday.

Western Oregon opened Saturday with a 16-25, 25-22, 18-25, 25-21, 15-3 victory over Fresno Pacific on Saturday before falling to Cal State East Bay 18-25, 32-34, 25-15, 25-18, 15-9.

Bettinson was named to the all-tournament team after recording 66 kills and 47 digs during the weekend.

The Wolves open Great Northwest Athletic Conference play on the road, traveling to Saint Martin's on Thursday and Seattle Pacific on Saturday.

MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY PLACES THIRD AT HOME **MEET:** Western Oregon's men's cross-country team finished third at the Ash Creek Invitational on Friday afternoon.

The Wolves finished behind Simon Fraser and Alaska Anchorage in the team standings. Thomas Normandeau led the Wolves with a 10th-place finish, completing the 6.2-kilometer course with a time of 19 minutes, 18.5 seconds. Alan Ekanger placed 16th in 19:25.1.

The women's squad finished ninth in the team standings.

Cassie McKinney led the Wolves with a 33rd-place finish. McKinney completed the 4.6-kilometer race in 17:52.3. Felicia Covey took 46th in 18:19.9

Western Oregon is off until Sept. 23, when the Wolves will compete at the San Francisco State Invitational.

WOMEN'S SOCCER SPLITS MATCHES: Western Oregon's women's soccer team picked up its first win of the season, defeating Chaminade 2-0 on Sunday.

Alyssa Tomasini scored both goals for the Wolves - breaking a 0-0 tie in the 63rd minute.

WOU (1-3 overall) lost to Hawaii Pacific 3-1 on Friday. Kaili Brundage gave the Wolves a 1-0 lead in the 11th minute, but Hawaii Pacific scored three goals in 10 minutes in the second half to earn the victory.

Western Oregon opens GNAC play at top-ranked Western Washington Saturday at 4 p.m.

FOOTBALL RALLY FALLS SHORT: Western Oregon (0-2 overall, 0-1 GNAC) put together a late rally, but the Wolves lost to Central Washington 30-23 on Saturday afternoon.

The Wildcats built a 30-10 lead in the fourth quarter before the Wolves pulled close.

Linebacker Bo Highburger recovered a fumble and returned it 79 yards for a touchdown with five minutes to play.

A 57-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Nick Duckworth to Torreahno Sweet brought the Wolves to within one possession with 1:27 to play. Central Washington recovered the onside kick to preserve the victory.

Duckworth finished the game with 284 yards and two touchdowns.

Receiver Paul Revis had 12 catches for 114 yards.

Western Oregon will play at Western New Mexico Saturday at 11 a.m.

The Wolves' home-opener will be Sept. 23 at 1 p.m. against Humboldt State.



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Western Oregon sophomore Cassie McKinney (241) races past a pack of runners during the Ash Creek Invitational at Western Oregon University on Friday afternoon.

CENTRAL ROUNDUP

Boys soccer defeats Barlow, improves to 3-0

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GRESHAM — Central's boys soccer team defeated Barlow 3-1 on Thursday to remain undefeated (3-0).

Eduardo Gonzalez, Evan Hoover and Christian Lua scored for the Panthers.

"We started the game a little slow and gradually picked up the pace," coach Joe Orozco said. "We started moving and passing the ball better and kept the pressure on them. We didn't let them create any good plays."

Gonzalez scored on a header to put the Panthers up 1-0 in the first half.

"After that, we played more relaxed, but kept the pressure on them the whole game," Orozco said.

Hoover scored in the second half, thanks to a pass from Ceja. Lua scored the Panthers' third goal with about 10 minutes left in the match, Orozco said. "We dominated most of

the second half. Our passing was way better than the first half," he said.

Central played North Marion Tuesday after press time. The Panthers host Cas-

cade Thursday at 5:30 p.m. FOOTBALL FALLS TO **MOUNTAIN VIEW:** Central's football team lost to Mountain View 28-21 on Friday.

The Panthers fell behind 21-0 in the third quarter before seeing a rally fall short.

Quarterback Peter Mendazona threw for 248 yards and three touchdowns. Jesse Cable had four catches for 138 yards and two touchdowns. Running back Hunter Chase had 11 carries for 69 yards.

Central (1-1 overall) hosts Glencoe Friday at 7 p.m.

CROSS-COUNTRY PLACES 17th, 18th AT ASH CREEK: Central's boys cross-country team placed 17th at the Ash Creek Invitational on Saturday, while the girls squad finished 18th.

Bailie Hartford led the girls with a 49th-place finish. Hartford completed the 5,000meter course in 21 minutes, 41.37 seconds. Naomi Vega took 90th in 23:07.80.

Jonathon Brown led the boys team with a 62nd-place finish in 17:57.72. Jaydon Aydelotte placed 74th in 18:08.24.

The Panthers will compete at the MWC preview meet at Willamette Mission State Park in Brooks on Sept. 20 at 3 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL SPLITS **OPENING MATCHES:** Central's volleyball team opened Mid-Willamette Conference play with a 19-25, 25-21, 25-19, 14-25, 15-13 loss to Silverton on Sept. 5 before beating South Albany 25-12, 22-25, 25-16, 25-8 on Thursday.

"Our loss to Silverton was tough," coach Claudine Mendazona said. "We had a lot of great, long rallies that we won, but unfortunately in the end, we have little things we have to clean up to get the W."

Central responded with a victory over the Rebels, which saw Krista Omlid record 14 kills and 21 digs. Sydney Nash had 32 assists.

The Panthers (3-1 overall, 1-1 MWC) played Crescent Valley Tuesday after press time.

Central hosts Lebanon Thursday at 6 p.m. The Panthers will compete at the Dallas Tournament Saturday at 8 a.m. before playing at Dallas Tuesday at 6 p.m.



