

Sports

POWDER VALLEY VOLLEYBALL

Badgers sweep 7 matches

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Powder Valley swept seven volleyball matches Thursday through Saturday at the Powder Valley gym in North Powder.

The Badgers, ranked No. 1 in the Class 1A rankings, opened Old Oregon League play Thursday, hosting Wallowa.

"This also served as our Annual Pink Game, in honor of Riki Anderson and to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research," said Powder coach Marji Lind.

"One of our volleyball seniors, Josi Krieger, organized the event and did a wonderful job."

Decked out in pink, Powder Valley was able to defeat Wallowa 25-19, 25-18 and 25-17.

"Wallowa is a tough team, and gets stronger each time we see them," Lind said.

Team totals were: 10 aces, 94.5% serve percentage, 39 kills, 4 blocks, 38 assists and 55 digs.

"The girls started out a little rocky in the beginning, but as the match progressed, they got a little stronger each time," Lind said.

Friday and Saturday, Powder Valley hosted the first East-West Volleyball Classic. The tournament consisted of 14 teams playing a total of 42 matches.

Powder Valley started out with Grant Union, who is coached by Powder graduate Ali Abrego.

Powder Valley won 25-19, 25-17. The Badgers served 13 aces with 89.8% serving and amassed 21 kills, 2 blocks, 19 assists and 24 digs.



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Powder Valley's Keanna Bingham goes up for a kill attempt.

Next was Country Christian, a Molalla school which has a powerhouse history in volleyball.

"Again the girls played really great ball and defeated the Cougars 25-14, 25-21," Lind said.

Powder had 2 aces, 91.8% serving, 20 kills, 2 blocks, 20 assists, and 22 digs.

Friday's final match was against undefeated Perrydale.

"They did not disappoint. It was an outstanding and competitive match throughout," the Badgers coach said.

"However, the PV girls rose to the occasion, defeating them 25-22, 25-22."

Powder had 4 aces,

95.9% serving, 24 kills, 3 blocks, 25 assists and 68 digs.

Saturday the Badgers started out facing Heppner.

Lind did not have stats for this match. Powder Valley defeated Heppner 25-12, 25-14.

The second match of the day was against undefeated Damascus Christian.

"The Badgers really had to dig deep through that match after dropping the first set 23-25," Lind said.

"However, upon reaching the other side of the court, the girls huddled, regrouped, re-focused on the game plan and went out with determination to execute that game plan. They

were able to defeat Damascus 25-8 that second set. We then found ourselves headed into the quick tie-breaker to 15. Again the girls worked so well together, with moments of brilliance and awe, coming out with a great win 15-9."

PV ended the day and tournament against Pilot Rock, with another win 25-10, 25-9.

"All in all, a great weekend, bringing our overall record to 15-1," Lind said.

Now Powder prepares for another big weekend of league play, hosting Imbler on Thursday, traveling to Pine Eagle on Friday and then traveling to Joseph on Saturday.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Seahawks hold off Steelers, 28-26

By Will Graves
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — The faces around Russell Wilson have changed as the Seattle Seahawks rebuild themselves on the fly. One thing, however, has not. Seattle goes as its ever imaginative quarterback goes.

And in the second half in a place where the franchise hadn't scored let alone won in two decades, Wilson's resilience propelled the Seahawks to their best start in six years.

Wilson threw for 300 yards and three touchdowns to give the Seahawks the lead, then used his legs and smarts to protect it in a 28-26 victory that pushed Seattle to 2-0 for the first time since 2013, the year Wilson guided the franchise to its only Super Bowl victory.

Sure, it's early. Yet the Seahawks proved both opportunistic and aggressive,

hallmarks of their dominant run behind Wilson and the "Legion of Doom" defense earlier in the decade.

"Really fired up about this start," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said after picking up his 100th victory with the Seahawks, including playoffs. "We have so much improvement. We have so many areas and ways we can get better."

Having Wilson certainly helps. His perfect 28-yard rainbow to rookie DK Metcalf midway through the fourth quarter put the Seahawks in front by nine, and three expertly timed scrambles on Seattle's final drive helped drain the final 5:34 off the clock.

"We were battle tested today and we found a way to win a great game," said Wilson, who completed 29 of 35 passes while becoming the fifth-fastest player in NFL history to reach 200 career touchdown tosses.

ROETHLISBERGER EXITS

The Steelers fell to 0-2 for just the second time in Mike Tomlin's 13-year tenure and could be without quarterback Ben Roethlisberger indefinitely. The 37-year-old watched the second half from the sideline in a baseball cap following a right elbow issue that popped up late in the second quarter when he grimaced several times after releasing passes.

Pittsburgh head coach Mike Tomlin said he had no initial details on the nature of Roethlisberger's injury and refused to blame Pittsburgh's performance on Roethlisberger's absence.

"We lost a number of guys in this game, but that wasn't the reason we didn't win the game," Tomlin said.

Backup Mason Rudolph completed 12 of 19 passes for 112 yards with two touchdowns and an interception.

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

Timbers lose at home

By Anne M. Peterson
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PORTLAND — A second straight road win got D.C. United a step closer to securing a playoff spot.

An own goal put United up in the 25th minute and the team held on for a 1-0 victory over the Portland Timbers on Sunday. It was United's second straight win after a three-game losing streak.

United (12-10-9) was denied another goal before halftime. Television replays appeared to show the ball cross the goal line before Timbers midfielder Eryk Williamson cleared it out.

"We got the goal in the first half and the second half we dug in to keep the clean sheet and get the three points," United striker Wayne Rooney said. "I think it was a tough game but the important thing is the three points."

The loss snapped a two-game winning streak for the Timbers (13-12-4). It was the Portland's fourth loss at home, most since the 2012 season.

The Timbers played a depleted squad against United with only 16 players available.

TELEVISION

All Times PDT
Monday, Sept. 16
Cleveland at NY Jets, 5:15 p.m. (ESPN)
Tuesday, Sept. 17
WNBA semifinals 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. (ESPN2)
Seattle at Pittsburgh, 4:05 pm. (ROOT)
Wednesday, Sept. 18
Seattle at Pittsburgh, 4:05 pm. (ROOT)

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday's Scores
Adrian/Jordan Valley 42, Crane 36
Aloha 56, Gresham 6
Ashland 49, Springfield 0
Banks 35, Sweet Home 20
Beaverton 47, Liberty 20
Brookings-Harbor 28, Bandon 14
Butte Falls/Crater Lake Charter 68, North Lake 0
Cascade Christian 49, Klamath 27
Central 17, McKay 0
Clatskanie 59, Highline, Wash. 36
Colton 20, Vernonia 12
Coquille 48, Glide 0
Corbett 35, Stevenson, Wash. 0
Crater 56, Willamette 7
Crook County 49, Cottage Grove 0
David Douglas 66, Madison 7
Days Creek 52, Prospect 0
Dayton 35, South Umpqua 21
Eagle Point 29, Redmond 27
Eastside Catholic, Wash. 44, Central Catholic 21
Elgin 87, Cove 0
Elkton 20, Myrtle Point 8
Estacada 40, Molalla 13

Gervais 46, Gaston 20
Gilchrist 27, Crow 24
Gladstone 36, Marshfield 25
Grant 29, Newberg 28, OT
Grants Pass 12, Summit 7
Harrisburg 27, Blanchet Catholic 0
Heppner 30, Santiam 0
Hidden Valley 63, Pleasant Hill 12
Hillsboro 54, St. Helens 14
Homedale, Idaho 28, Baker 7
Hosanna Christian 46, North Douglas 6
Illinois Valley 38, Gold Beach 18
Kennedy 47, Regis 26
La Grande 48, The Dalles 14
La Pine 22, Madras 3
Lake Oswego 44, Jesuit 41
Lakeridge 41, Clackamas 28
Lebanon 28, Dallas 20
Lowell 66, Nestucca 38
Mapleton 48, Chiloquin 14
Marist 35, Seaside 3
Mazama 15, Cascade 13
McKenzie 58, Jewell 32
Mohawk 36, Glendale 26
Mountain View 48, Sandy 13
Mountainside 49, Century 0
North Bend 51, North Eugene 0
North Medford 62, Jefferson PDX 30
North Valley 14, Corvallis 19
North Salem 27, Elmira 0
Nyssa 27, New Plymouth, Idaho 0
Oakland 66, Reedsport 16
Oakley, Idaho 46, Enterprise 6
Oakridge 50, Bonanza 36
Pendleton 49, Hood River 38
Phoenix 27, Newport 0
Portland Christian 54, Riverside 8
Powder Valley 38, Wallowa 26
Putnam 43, Milwaukie 14
Rainier 34, Scio 12

Reynolds 64, Franklin 0
Richland, Wash. 28, Hermiston 14
Roosevelt 37, Centennial 20
Roseburg 42, McMinnville 0
Santiam Christian 46, Douglas 0
Scappoose 41, Forest Grove 14
Sheridan 32, Willamina 0
Sherman/Condon Co-op 47, Prairie City 16
Sherwood 42, Sprague 14
Silverton 46, South Albany 7
Siuslaw 28, Philomath 19
South Eugene 34, Ridgeview 12
South Medford 16, Canby 13
South Wasco County 68, Monument/Dayville 19
Southridge 61, Lincoln 42
St. Bernard's Catholic, Calif. 43, La Salle 41
St. Mary's 55, Lost River 0
St. Paul 68, Dufur 18
Stanfield 20, Central Linn 7
Stayton 27, Astoria 19
Sunset 30, South Salem 7
Sutherlin 33, Taft 18
Tillamook 46, McLoughlin/Griswold 0
Umatilla 19, Salem Academy 0
Union 56, Imbler 14
Vale 41, Ontario 30
Valley Catholic 22, Sisters 19
West Albany 41, Crescent Valley 0
West Linn 49, McNary 14
West Salem 44, Bend 19
Westview 37, Glencoe 21
Wilsonville 41, Churchill 7
Woodburn 52, Junction City 13
Yamhill-Carlton 40, Jefferson 14

Saturday's Scores

Henley 35, North Marion 16
Onaska, Wash. 32, Amity 14
Triad School 74, Yoncalla 27

BAKER CROSS-COUNTRY



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Splattered with mud, Baker's Sydney Keller finished second in the Catherine Creek Scamper Friday to lead the Bulldogs to the team championship.

Baker girls win at Catherine Creek

■ Bulldog boys finish second in their race

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Baker runners led the way Friday at the 43rd-annual Catherine Creek Scamper cross-country race near Union.

Baker's girls edged Heppner by two team points to claim the girls team championship.

Baker's junior varsity girls also ran away with their team title.

Baker's boys varsity placed second in the team race for the first three flights, placed third in the JV race and fourth in the varsity race for flights 4-7.

In the girls race, Sydney Keller placed second individually with a time of 21:46.

On the boys side, Kale Cassidy also placed second with a 17:31 clocking.

The Baker teams travel to Warrenton Saturday for the Three Course Challenge on the Oregon coast.

Catherine creek Scamper

(Baker results)

Boys varsity, flights 1-3

Team scores — Enterprise 8, Baker 32, Union 34, Pasco 44, Stanfield 56, La Grande 68, Heppner 90, Vale 108, Veritas 108, Southwest Christian 118, College Place 128, Pendleton 150, Ontario 178, Mac-Hi 212, Adrian 220, Four Rivers 226, Grant Union 244, Elgin 258, Umatilla 270.

Individual — 2. Kale Cassidy, 17:31. 13. Lucas Stearns, 19:02. 14. Jake Cuzick, 19:09.

Boys varsity, flights 4-7

Team scores — Enterprise 26, Union 26, Pasco 30, Baker 72, Nyssa 130, Ontario 134, College Place 174, Heppner 202, La Grande 208, Stanfield 210, Pendleton 264, Southwest Christian 280, Mac-Hi 306, Elgin 314, Grant Union 334, Adrian 360, Veritas 378, Vale 378, Umatilla 380, Four Rivers 390.

Individual — 8. Gavin Stone, 20:29. 11. Shane Cunningham, 20:46. 15. Hayden Younger, 21:02. 22. Angel DeArco, 22:17.

Boys JV

Team scores — Fruitland 55, Pasco 74, Baker 94, Union 118, Enterprise 142, Riverside 150, Ontario 151, College Place 170, Pendleton 287, Southwest Christian 306, La Grande 308.

Individual — 4. Seth Rushton, 20:28. 12. Jordan Mills, 22:14. 22. Tyler Hester, 22:58. 34. Gabriel Bott, 23:48. 37. Seth Mastude, 24:05. 43. Ian Jesenko, 24:32. 47. Theoddeus Pepera, 24:50. 61. Erthen Hatfield, 26:00. 67. Caleb Shaw, 26:30. 68. Connor Jensen, 26:34. 81. Ryan Hansen, 30:04. 91. Dan Wachtel, 33:43.

Middle School Boys

Team scores — Fruitland 55, Sager 93, Union 96, Vale 99, Enterprise 141, Condon 144, La Grande 188, Four Rivers Prep 230, Sunridge 231, Pilot Rock 256, Baker 258.

Individual — 35. Jayson Arenas, 11:40. 36. Peyton Waters, 11:42. 48. Daniel Brown, 12:11. 87. Jacob Staehle, 15:54.

Girls varsity

Team scores — Baker 81, Heppner 83, Enterprise 85, Pasco 109, Union 111, La Grande 164, Umatilla 236, Elgin 254, Pendleton 270, College Place 289, Griswold 290, Veritas 309, Vale 314, Mac-Hi 371, Southwest Christian 401, Stanfield 409, Ontario 445.

Individual — 2. Sydney Keller, 21:46. 8. Corah Downing, 22:46. 24. Sydney Lamb, 24:35. 39. Salena Bott, 25:30. 43. Lacey Jones, 25:58. 57. Jayden Rice, 26:40. 61. Rebekah Shaw, 26:58.

Girls JV

Team scores — Baker 65, Grant Union 71, Enterprise 75, Pendleton 83, La Grande 89, Adrian 137, Pasco 162, Union 243, College Place 291.

Individual — 4. Natalia Turner, 26:11. 6. Filippa Krarup, 27:02. 14. Kaitlyn Waters, 28:05. 24. Payton Jones, 29:25. 31. Zoe Carlson-Morrow, 30:11. 41. Victoria Hoffman, 32:48.

Middle School Girls

Team scores — La Grande 19, Union 59, Enterprise 79, Vale 117, Fruitland 125, Elgin 135, Sager 202, Sunridge 211, Four Rivers Prep 278, Grant Union 281, Baker 349.

Individual — 47. Jessica Mercado, 14:01. 49. Jersey Alexander, 14:11. 65. Lilly Collins, 16:14. 68. Bostyn Carradine, 19:03. 69. Delaine Kenny, 19:04.

SCOREBOARD

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Saturday College Football Scores

EAST

Illinois 31, UConn 23
Navy 42, East Carolina 10
West Virginia 44, NC State 27

SOUTH

Duke 41, Middle Tennessee 18
Jacksonville St. 49, E. Washington 45
Kansas St. 31, Mississippi St. 24
Louisville 38, W. Kentucky 21
Miami 63, Bethune-Cookman 0
Mississippi 40, SE Louisiana 29
Tennessee 45, Chattanooga 0
The Citadel 27, Georgia Tech 24, OT
Virginia Tech 24, Furman 17

MIDWEST

Minnesota 35, Georgia Southern 32
Missouri 50, SE Missouri 0
Nebraska 44, N. Illinois 9
Northwestern 30, UNLV 14
TCU 34, Purdue 13

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 55, Colorado St. 34
Army 31, UTSA 13
Oklahoma St. 40, Tulsa 21

FARWEST

Nevada 19, Weber St. 13
Wyoming 21, Idaho 16
Oregon St. 45, Cal Poly 7
Oregon 35, Montana 3
Oklahoma 48, UCLA 14
Utah 31, Idaho St. 0
UCF 45, Stanford 27
Arizona St. 10, No. 18 Michigan St. 7
Washington 52, Hawaii 20
BYU 30, No. 24 Southern Cal 27, OT
Colorado 30, Air Force 23, OT
California 23, North Texas 17