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Twehues said Collins and Hand were new starters this week.

“They really stepped up, and I’m proud of how they played tonight,” Twehues said. “We’re all playing different positions, and I’m proud even though we’re working out some kinks.”

Ukiah/Long Creek head coach Linda Studtmann said her players worked out some jitters at the start of the match.

“They had to get over that part,” Studtmann said.

She said although the team lost Dorothea Johnson to an injury the previous day in a 3-1 loss to Nixyaawii, which included two 1-point set losses, “they pulled together and did really well.”

Dayville/Monument faced two tough teams Saturday at Central Christian High School, Camas Valley (ranked No. 11) and Central Christian (No. 7). The Tigers, currently ranked No. 44, lost both matches with Camas Valley winning 25-16, 25-17 and 25-12 and Central Christian winning 25-15, 25-18 and 25-12.

“Against Camas Valley Aubreianna Osborne had five kills, Denali had 10 assists,” said coach Osborne. “We had great teamwork and hustle.



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter
Dayville/Monument senior Denali Twehues slams the ball to Ukiah/Long Creek.

We shadowed the ball and had amazing saves.”

In the game with Central Christian, Aubreianna Osborne had five kills, Hand and Barker each had one kill and Twehues had 14 assists.

“The entire team served very well in both games and had excellent coverage,” the coach said. “I was very proud of our team’s performance playing such high-ranked teams from Redmond.”

The Mountain Lions host the Tigers at 5 p.m. Friday in Ukiah. Dayville/Monument will face Crane at 5 p.m. Saturday on the road. Ukiah/Long Creek faces Crane junior varsity on Saturday at 6:30 p.m.



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter
Ukiah/Long Creek Mountain Lions head coach Linda Studtmann encourages her team during a timeout in Friday’s game against the Dayville/Monument Tigers in Dayville.

Ukiah/Long Creek netters gain confidence as season rolls out

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

Three returning starters on the Ukiah/Long Creek Mountain Lion junior varsity volleyball team are leading the team this season.

Senior Brooke Harrison and juniors Jenny Kim and Dorothea Johnson are starting this year. Sophomore Isabella Orr also started some of the games last season.

Head coach Linda Studtmann, who has coached for six years, co-coaches with Reagan Enriquez. This is Enriquez’s 11th year with the team.

Studtmann said she’s impressed with the entire team.

“They work well together, want to help each other improve and encourage each other both in practices and games,” she said. “I’ve seen determination, desire to improve and leadership abilities, including stepping in to help teach the new athletes.”

The team includes one senior, eight juniors, three sophomores and no freshmen, but is “young” experience-wise, Studtmann said. For three foreign exchange students and three local girls, it’s their first time playing the sport, but they are picking up skills quickly, the coach said.

“They are trying hard and can be a very competitive opponent,” Studtmann said.

This is Harrison’s fourth year playing volleyball.

“This team is pretty great, and we’ve grown as a family,” she said. “I’m proud of them for working as a team, and I’m excited to see what they can become next year.”

The Mountain Lions lost a match to the Dayville/Monument Tigers 3-0 on Friday in Dayville, the Tigers winning 25-17, 25-14 and 25-16. They also lost a game to the Nixyaawii Golden Eagles junior varsity team the previous night, but the coach said they showed a lot of drive in that game, as they pushed Nixyaawii to 3-1, the Golden Eagles winning with scores of 24-25, 25-11, 25-20, and 26-24.

Ukiah/Long Creek swept Burnt River in their first game of the season



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter
Ukiah/Long Creek Mountain Lion junior Jenny Kim gets to the ball with her teammates senior Brooke Harrison (1) and Kitty Vaughn (3) standing ready in Friday’s game against the Dayville/Monument Tigers in Dayville. Tigers in back, from left, are Haylee Collins, Katie Barker (4), Aubreianna Osborne (1), Denali Twehues (5) and Aubrey Bowlus (23).

UKIAH/LONG CREEK VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

- Sept 27: vs. Dayville/Monument in Ukiah, 5 p.m.
- Sept. 28: @ Crane JV, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 4: @ Burnt River JV in Unity, 3 p.m.
- Oct. 5: vs. Adrian JV in Dayville, noon
- Oct. 11: vs. Condon JV in Long Creek, 1 p.m.
- Oct. 19: vs. Harper in Long Creek, 1 p.m.



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter
Ukiah/Long Creek Mountain Lion junior Lucchese Douglas serves the ball in Friday’s game against the Dayville/Monument Tigers in Dayville.

on Aug. 29 with scores of 25-7, 25-17, and 25-9.

Studtmann said her goals for the team include improving their volleyball skills and ending the season better than they began.

“Of course, we would like to win some games, but more important is building character, responsibility and sportsmanship, both on and off the court,” she said.

For her returning players, she would like to see “more attacks, gaining confidence in their abilities to set up and the ball and spike it,” she said.

“We want to see the girls improve

their serving skills, and be able to return those hard serves and spikes,” she added. “Working together and communication is important, and we’ve seen some good improvement in communication already.”

Ukiah/Long Creek will host Dayville/Monument at 5 p.m. Friday in Ukiah.



Contributed photo
Columnist Rod Carpenter sent in this photo taken after a recent tuna fishing trip on the Oregon Coast.

SHOOTING THE BREEZE

Tuna fishing

I just got home from a tuna fishing trip off the Oregon Coast, and if you love to fish, I highly recommend you give it a try. My brother and I have been talking about doing a tuna trip for years. This year we decided to pull the trigger. We gathered up some friends and booked a trip with Yaquina Charters out of Newport.

The boat cast off at 6:30 a.m. for a 12-hour trip. After a relatively uneventful two-hour ride, we were out to the warm water current and started trolling. We lucked into a beautiful day with relatively calm seas. It wasn’t long until we got a strike. I was amazed at just how hard it was to reel in a tuna. Talk about fun! The action wasn’t hot and heavy but more slow and steady. The captain and mate worked hard to make sure we had a good time.

Ten folks were on the boat fishing, and all took turns fighting the fish. It was a good thing too, because you wanted a break after hauling in your tuna. We fished for eight hours and landed 38 tuna and lost five. The biggest fish we caught was around 20 pounds, but most of them were around 10 pounds. We had a great time, and now I’m writing as I can my catch.

Tuna fishing can be done off the Oregon Coast between July and October. The fishing is dependent on the warm ocean currents that the tuna follow. Last year the currents didn’t come anywhere near the coast, and the fishing was nonexistent. This year it is only 25-40 miles out, and the fishing has been great. The weather plays a big role as well. If the seas are rough, they will cancel the trip and either refund



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your deposit or book you for another day.

Charters run \$270 to over \$400 depending on how long you

are out and how many people are on the boat. Twelve hours is about as short as a trip can be because of the time it takes to get out to the fish. My brother wants me to begin planning for a 30-hour trip next year. I’m not sure my stomach can take that.

When you are looking to book, make sure you know how you will be fishing. Folks more interested in catching lots of fish lean toward hand lining. I wanted to fight some fish so we booked with a boat that relied mostly on traditional poles. The boat will provide all the fishing gear. You just need to bring a strong stomach and good attitude.

Have a great fishing story? Drop us a line at shootingthebreezebme@gmail.com.

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