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Battle Mountain's Lilliana Ochoa controls the ball and moves downfield during Saturday's home match with West Wendover.

Battle Mountain collects first win of the year, settles for tie in extra time

By Tony Erquiaga
Range Media

After struggling to find its way at the beginning of the season, the Battle Mountain High School girls soccer team is quietly turning its season around.

Following a 2-2 tie to Whittell, the Longhorns collected their first win of the season this past weekend and were moments away from a sweep of West Wendover.

The doubleheader weekend with the Wolverines began Friday afternoon on the Nevada-Utah border. West Wendover broke through for the first goal, early in the first half, when Battle Mountain tied the contest in the final minutes of the opening half, as Kendall Mudd broke through the defense and found the back of the net.

Mudd added her second goal of the match in the second half and Juliet La Riva provided the insurance with a goal of her own in the 3-1 win.

The two teams packed up and drove west on Interstate 80 and played on Tim Knight Field in Battle Mountain on Saturday.

It was a near carbon copy of the Friday meeting, with the Wolverines jumping in front in the first half. Mudd had an opportunity to tie the match later in the first half, only to have a penalty kick saved.

The Longhorns finally broke through in the 57th minute, as Lilliana Ochoa tied the contest at 1-1. Five minutes later, Mudd broke free and gave Battle Mountain a 2-1 advantage.

The Longhorns had opportunities to add to the goal total but could not find the back of the net. Battle Mountain missed a second penalty kick as well.

With added time a normal in soccer, West Wendover took advantage of that and



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Battle Mountain's Harlee Andersaon throws the ball back in play.

tied the match in the 85th minute, when Battle Mountain was called for a penalty in the box/ The Wolverines capitalized and tied it at 2-2 on the PK. Moments later, the final whistle blew.

Battle Mountain stands at 1-2-2 in the Northern 2A. The top four teams advance to the state tournament in Ely on Oct. 30-31.

Battle Mountain traveled to Lovelock on Tuesday and results were not available at press time.

The Longhorns play their next four matches on the road, traveling to Yerington on Sept. 25, and Dayton on Sept. 26.



TONY ERQUIAGA •Range Media
Battle Mountain's Kendall Mudd chases down a free ball during Saturday's home match with West Wendover.



PEGGY JONES • Range Media
Pershing County's Quinton McKinney races down the sideline on his way to a touchdown during the Mustangs' 36-6 win over Quincy on Friday.

Pershing County rolls past Quincy 36-6, improve to 3-0

Mustangs open league play against Coral Academy
By Peggy Jones
Range Media

The Pershing County Mustangs remained unbeaten on the season with a 36-6 victory over Quincy, Calif., this past Friday night at Joe Yanni Field in its first home football game of the season.

The Mustangs have outscored their three opponents this fall 121-19.

Quinton McKinney led the way, scoring five of Pershing County's six touchdowns and adding two 2-point conversions.

"Quinton was the star of the night," said PCHS coach Mike Brooks. "He had five of our touchdowns and added two more 2-point conversions."

McKinney also contributed defensively, while Brooks said Ryan Houston and Houston Allen played well on offense and Jaxson Happy had a strong defensive game.

The victory improved Pershing County to 3-0 following earlier wins over Portola, 20-13, and GV Christian, 65-0.

Despite the lopsided victory, Brooks said the Mustangs still have things to clean up as they move into league play.

"We played fairly well and came away with the win, but we definitely had some glaring mistakes that we need to take care of this week as we prepare for league play," Brooks said.

Brooks said most of those mistakes involved penalties, particularly effort penalties behind the play that cost the Mustangs yardage.



PEGGY JONES • Range Media
Pershing County's Quinton McKinney, chases down a Quincy ball carrier during Friday night's 36-6 Mustang victory.

Friday was also Future Mustang Night, with younger players joining the high school team on the field before the game.

"Thanks to all the kids that came out and joined us on the field pregame," Brooks said. "It is always awesome and the high school kids love it as much as the kids!"

The Mustangs begin Northern 2A play on Friday, when they host Coral Academy of Science-Reno at 7 p.m. Coral Academy enters the game with a 2-1 record. Coral's squad is one that is considered a team that could make the postseason in the 2A.



PEGGY JONES • Range Media
Above: Pershing County's Jaxson Happy talks with coaches and teammates on the sideline during Friday night's game against Quincy. Below: Players, cheerleaders and fans fill the field and stands on Future Mustang Night.





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Lowry head coach Chris Entwistle talks with his team prior to a home match with Sparks.

Lady Bucks soccer team heads into league play on a high note

Lowry outscores Debbie Smith CTE, Wooster 18-1 in final crossover matches
By Tony Erquiaga
Range Media

With a change in the playoff structure this fall, every match for the Lowry High School girls soccer team is meaning something. A point system was brought back in the Northern 3A, making crossover matches that more important. The Buckaroos concluded crossover play with the Northern 3A West last week with an 8-1 road win at Debbie Smith CTE on Sept. 8, and a 10-0 blanking of Wooster in Reno on Sept. 11. In its last three matches, Lowry has outscored its opponents 26-1. To improver to 4-6-1 overall. The Buckaroos finished crossover play 4-3-0.

Lowry 8, Debbie Smith 1
The Buckaroos scored early and often in the first half against the Mavericks, taking a 5-1 advantage into halftime. Lowry added three more goals in the final 40 minutes, falling a goal short of the mercy rule. Julie Chavez collected a hat trick for the second consecutive match, netting three goals. Lowry spread out the wealth in the other four goals, with one each from Luna Alvarez, Yareli Garcia, Ixia Hernandez and Ava Swensen. Garcia and Swensen each had two assists and Adalyn Entwistle and Alvarez one assists each. Allyson Barajas had six saves.

Lowry 10, Wooster 0

Lowry boys pick up home wins over enCompass Academy, Debbie Smith CTE
Leon nets hat trick against Explorers
By Tony Erquiaga
Range Media

The Lowry High School boys soccer team was back on its home field for a pair of matches this past weekend. Lowry took on enCompass Academy on Friday afternoon, and beat the Explorers 7-0. Unknown to the Buckaroos, the Reno school played with a coed squad. The match was shortened to 35 minutes in each half, but the contest ended by the mercy rule, with Lowry winning 7-0. Jonathan Leon collected a hat trick for the Buckaroos with three goals and an



TONY ERQUIAGA •Range Media
Lowry's Annelyse Swensen moves the ball down the field against Sparks.

Lowry netted five goals in each half, with the match ending at the 60-minute mark. Swensen got herself into the hattrick fun, scoring four goals, with Chavez doing it again with three of her own. Swensen and Chavez lead Lowry in goals with 11 and nine, respectively. Garcia added two goals and three assists; Natalie Andrade added a goal and Amya Betes an assist. Lowry is back on the road this weekend, playing Fallon on Friday at 4:45 p.m. and Fernley on Saturday at 11:45 a.m.

Lowry 1, Debbie Smith 0
It was a much different story on Saturday afternoon, as Lowry took on Debbie Smith CTE Academy. The Mavericks are a second-year school in Reno. After a scoreless first half, Giovanni Diaz took a pass from David Becerra and provided the lone goal of the day. Lowry improved to 5-4-1 on the season. The Buckaroos host Spring Creek on Saturday at 11:45 a.m.



TONY ERQUIAGA • Range Media
Lowry's Cruz Flores puts the ball in play with a corner kick during Friday's match with enCompass Academy.

NIAA Board to choose new executive director Sept. 23

Three candidates will be considered for position
By Robert Perea
Range Media

The Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association Board of Control is scheduled to select a new NIAA Executive Director on Sept. 23. The Executive Director Search Subcommittee on Sept. 3 chose Todd Cutler, Dennis Holmes and Cate Sgroi as the three finalists from a field of six candidates. The Board of Control is scheduled to hold its Fall 2026 meeting Sept. 22-23 at Bishop Gorman High School in Las Vegas. The agenda states that item 23 to select a new executive director on the second day of the meeting, Sept. 23.

The NIAA began searching for a new executive director following the resignation of Timothy Jackson effective Aug. 1. Jackson held the position for just two years after replacing Donnie Nelson.

He previously served as the director of athletics for the Clark County School District and athletic director at Durango High School.

The Executive Director Search Subcommittee is comprised of Alex Woodley of Reno, a member of the Washoe County School District Board of Trustees; Gregg Malkovich of Fallon, a member of the Churchill County School District Board of Trustees; and Colin McNaught of Las Vegas, the principal at Cimarron-Memorial High School.

Six candidates for the position were considered by the subcommittee, which met Sept. 3 and narrowed the field to three finalists.

Todd Cutler is the Superintendent of Lake Tahoe Unified School District. He began his career in education in 1993 in Douglas County and served as an assistant football and wrestling coach. From 1995-98 he taught and coached at Clark High School in Las Vegas.

He served as principal and assistant principal in Virginia City and Fernley, as a school improvement analyst/administrative coach at the Western Nevada Regional Training Program and has served as superintendent in four school districts in California.

He has been superintendent of the Lake Tahoe Unified School District since 2020. He was elected mayor of Fernley in 2006 and served until 2009, when he became superintendent of the Lassen Union High School District in Susanville.

Holmes is the Superintendent of the Pershing County School District. He began his career as a teacher in Billings, MT in 1990, became an assistant principal in 2002 and was principal of Billings Senior High School from 2006-2016.



Cate Sgroi



Dennis Holmes



Todd Cutler

He also served as principal in Gillette, WY from 2016-2018, and was an associate superintendent in Wyoming from 2018-2023, assistant principal at Centennial High School in Las Vegas in 2024.

Has served as superintendent in Pershing County since 2024 and is currently the superintendent liaison to the NIAA.

Sgroi has been an NIAA assistant director since July 2024. She worked in the Clark County School District from 2013-2024 as a biology teacher, coach, athletic director, student success instructional facilitator, and assistant principal at Sierra Vista High School, then in 2022 became Secondary Student Athletics Office Director for CCSD.

Review Time — How am I doing? How many stars?



I haven't talked to you in a while and for some of you, this is the first time I am talking to you. For those that don't know me, I can be a little unfiltered at times and speak my mind. I say stuff that's on my mind that I probably shouldn't. All in all, I am really a nice guy. Here is your chance to send me a review. Please be kind

We are now about a month into the new venture of making the sports sectional, a regional look and I am very happy how his has gone and looked. In a couple months, I will have been in the same job for 32 years, and have built relationships across Nevada. I have taken those relationships and ran with it. I feel and hope you do, that Northern Nevada is one big family. We are not in the Wells, Elko, Carlin market yet and I say yet. You never know. Ha. But from the reaches of eastern Nevada, traveling on Interstate 80 to Battle Mountain, Winnemucca and Lovelock, with a detour to McDermitt on 95 and another detour on 95 to Fallon and Fernley — everyone knows everyone. I hope people want to see Silver Stage, Oasis Academy and Pyramid Lake stories. There will be Eureka stories as well and we ran Round Mountain/Tonopah football and volleyball stories. I know I take sports more serious than other publications. There are publications that think they are an urban/city paper but

in reality a rural paper and put sports on the back burner and local sports suffer. You are not a college town. It's my goal and hope, that you want to read about what is going on with other rural schools in the 1A, 2A and 3A. These are the schools at the core of Nevada. They built Nevada. Rivalries' are taken to the next level. I always joke and say the 3A is the best A. Am I biased, probably. You can say that in Southern Nevada with Virgin Valley, Moapa Valley and Boulder City. Those rivals hate each other, love each other and need each other. Any feedback is welcome. Myself, Robert and Peggy want to make this the best we can. I also have great contributors that have helped as well.

I usually find something or someone to yell at or call a moron but everyone is acting halfway like human beings. We are a month into the school year — a month — where does the time go? Before you know it, it will be basketball and wrestling season. There haven't been many surprises in high school fall sports this fall. The teams that are good, are still good. The ones that are bad — well appear to getting worse. What or whom am I suppose yell at? The Colin McNaught Cup (oh sorry Superintendent's Cup) has started in Clark County. This award is for the 30 football teams playing as independents to avoid playing Bishop Gorman. I hope Colin, the speech and debate champion of all time, is on hand to give the championship trophy out. OK!!! So, I yelled at someone. Colin makes it too easy. Contact Tony Erquiaga at tony@range-mediaco.com



JOHN BAKER • Provided to Range Media
Oasis Academy's Jesselle Bayoneta dives to try to save a ball during Saturday's match against West Wendover.

Oasis Academy volleyball loses pair of close matches to Longhorns, Wolverines

By Robert Perea
Range Media

The Oasis Academy volleyball team battled on nearly even terms against both Battle Mountain and West Wendover last weekend before coming up just short both times.

None of the four sets on either Friday against Battle Mountain or Saturday against West Wendover were decided by more than five points, and five of the eight were decided by either two or three points.

However, it was Battle Mountain that came away with the win Friday night, 25-22, 25-22, 21-25, 25-20.

Saturday was even closer, as Oasis held control in all the sets but was unable to finish. West Wendover won the first two sets.

Oasis held on to take the third set but lost the fourth and deciding set, as West Wendover claimed the 26-24, 26-24, 20-25, 27-25.

The Bighorns will try to take the next step this week, when they host Silver Stage at 5 p.m. Wednesday, and play at Coral Academy Friday at 5 p.m.



JOHN BAKER • Provided to Range Media
Oasis Academy's Sophia Moya tips the ball over the net.



JOHN BAKER • Provided to Range Media
Reese Laca of Oasis Academy bumps a pass during last Saturday's match against West Wendover.

Lowry volleyball splits final two crossover matches with Truckee, Debbie Smith

By Tony Erquiaga
Range Media

The Lowry High School volleyball team concluded Northern 3A West crossover play with road trips to Truckee and Reno this past weekend.

The Buckaroos played Truckee tough in the first set on Friday night in the Sierra Nevada Mountains but the Wolverines swept their way to victory 25-19, 25-16, 25-15.

Lowry was in Reno Saturday afternoon to play Debbie Smith CTE Academy. The school is in its second year, located at the old Hug High School site on Sutro and McCarran.

The Buckaroos swept the Mavericks 25-16, 25-19, 25-19 to improve to 5-11 on the season. Lowry finished 3-3 in crossover matches.

Lowry traveled to Battle Mountain on Tuesday for a non-conference meeting and results were not available at press time. Th road warriors continue this week, with trips to Fernley on Friday at 6 p.m. and Dayton on Saturday at noon.

BMHS boys soccer drop non conference match to West Wendover

Staff Report

The Battle Mountain High School boys soccer team stepped out of Northner 2A play, to travel top West Wendover for a non-conference match with the Wolverines.

Even though the West Wendover girls play in the 2A, the Wolverines' boys team plays in the Northern 3A East.

West Wendover defeated Battle Mountain 5-1, as the Longhorns scored their first goal of the season in five matches.

Battle Mountain hosts Sage Ridge on Saturday at 3 p.m. and travels yo Dayton on Saturday, Sept. 26, for a noon start.

Fernley volleyball finishes crossovers, opens league play this week

By Robert Perea
Range Media

After finishing up crossover play against West Division of the Northern 3A earlier this week, the Fernley High School volleyball team opens league play Friday night.

The Vaqueros won two crossover matches last week, beating South Tahoe 16-25, 27-25, 14-25, 25-17, 15-3 on Sept. 8, then winning in three sets over Incline on Sept. 9, 25-18, 25-22, 25-23.

Coach Diane Chain said the Vaqueros played well in both matches and that the work the team has emphasized in practice is beginning to show more consistently.

"The things we are focusing on in practice are starting to show more consistently

in each set," Chapin said. "I felt we greatly improved in our service game and our offense gets better each match."

Chapin said outside hitters Emma Masters and Trista Menesini were strong in both matches with Menesini leading the way with 5 kills in each match. Defensively Jocelyn Escartin had 17 digs against South Tahoe, and Grace Chapin and Leah Holmes "are playing tough at the net," she said.

The Vaqueros were scheduled to host Sparks in their final crossover match Wednesday, and open league play against Lowry at 6 p.m. Friday. Next week they host Smith Valley in a nonleague match at 6 p.m. Tuesday, then travel to Elko at 6 p.m. Friday and Spring Creek at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Mustangs show grit against reigning 2A state champion

PCHS off until Sept. 25-26 with road trip to Dayton, Yerington

By Peggy Jones
Range Media

The Pershing County girls soccer team returned from a difficult road trip to Ely without a win, but Coach Kelly Brooks said the Mustangs played some of their best soccer of the season.

Pershing County fell to White Pine 3-0 Friday and 2-0 Saturday. White Pine is the defending 2A state champion.

The Mustangs faced an unusual challenge before the games even began. They made the trip with only 10 players, leaving them one player short on the field and with no substitutes available.

Three players also came down with stomach bugs Saturday morning.

Brooks said none of that changed the team's determination to play.

"Not once did these girls ask to reschedule, not once did these girls ask if we should just forfeit, not once did they even hang their heads due to their situation," Brooks said. "Instead, they went out and they played their hearts out."

Despite the losses, Brooks said the Mustangs played smart soccer, connecting short passes to move the ball downfield, communicating well and taking good defensive angles to disrupt White Pine's scoring opportunities.

Alejandra Piñeda and Camila Garcia carried the ball deep into White Pine territory several times and created shooting opportunities.

Nayeli Acosta and Mary McBride controlled the middle of the field and contributed on both offense and defense.

Lily Reynolds played outside midfield in both games, joining the offensive attack while also dropping back to help defensively.

Brooks said outside defenders Mili Gonzalez and Fatima Arteaga had their best games of the season, playing aggressively and consistently beating White Pine players to the ball.

Josie Brooks played center defense for the first time and helped organize the back line, while Aaliyah Lora played goalkeeper throughout the weekend.

Brooks praised Lora's saves and the improvement she has made in her first season playing the position.

Desiree Vidrio contributed at both ends of the field, moving forward to take shots and then racing back to stop White Pine breakaways.

"She goes out of her way to be involved in every play in any way that she can, and it is really fun to watch," Brooks said.

Brooks said the weekend showed how far the team has come despite what appeared on the scoreboard.

"This is the toughest group of girls I have ever had the pleasure of coaching," she said. "We did not get a win, but we played the best soccer we have played all season."

The Mustangs returned home Tuesday to face Battle Mountain. Results were not available at press time.

They return to the road Sept. 25-26 to play Dayton and Yerington.



PCHS SOCCER
The PCHS soccer team, their coaches and helpers line up for a group shot earlier in the season. From left to right: Assistant coach Eva Nelson, Addie Brooks (helper), Alejandra Piñeda, Camila Garcia, Nayeli Acosta, Desaray Vidrio, Fatima Arteaga, Elanie DeLosReyes, Josie Brooks, Lily Reynolds, Mary McBride, Milli Gonzalez, Aaliyah Lora, Coach Kelly Brooks and Masey Brooks (helper) Not shown: Evelyn Gonzalez, Natalie Gonzalez.

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Wells/McDermitt football game canceled

Staff Report

The scheduled football contest between Wells and McDermitt set for this past Saturday in McDermitt was canceled due to the Bulldogs not having enough players to field a team. The Leopards were awarded the 2-0 win by forfeit.

McDermitt is scheduled to host Virginia City on Saturday.

Pyramid Lake volleyball claims pair of league wins

Chavez shines at cross country meet at Damonte Ranch

By Robert Perea
Range Media

The Pyramid Lake High School volleyball team beat Sage Ridge in five sets and Mineral County in three for its first league wins of the season.

The Lakers took possession of second place with those wins at 2-1 in league play entering this week, behind Smith Valley, which is 4-0. Sage Ridge and Mineral County are both 2-2.

After Sage Ridge won the first set, the Lakers bounced back to win the next two, then finished the match with a strong fifth set to win 22-25, 25-19, 25-9, 20-25, 15-11.

The Lakers carried that momentum to Hawthorne, where they beat the Serpents 25-16, 25-17, 25-15. The Lakers were scheduled to host Virginia City Tuesday, before hosting Carlin at 5 p.m. Thursday. Next week, they are scheduled to play at Excel Christian at 5 p.m. Sept. 22 and host Coleville at 5 p.m. Sept. 24.

FOOTBALL

The Lakers' football team suffered a tough loss, 60-6, at Hawthorne. After a



close first quarter ended with Hawthorne up 14-6, the Serpents scored 32 points in the second quarter to take control.

Pyramid Lake is scheduled to host Carlin this Thursday at 7 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

Pyramid Lake sent two runners to the 3rd Annual Cross Country@ The Ranch Twilight Invitational at Damonte Ranch, and got a strong performance out of freshman Jayar Chavez in the boys varsity race.

Chavez finished 17th with a time of 18:51.79. Junior John Kelly also ran well, finishing 35th with his time of 21:02.24.

This week the Lakers are scheduled to run in the Battle of the Rattle 5K race on Saturday at Rattlesnake Mountain in Reno.



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McDermitt's Ebony Crutcher (2), Legacy Scott (1) and Skylah Tobey (11) come to the bench during a time out.

Wells knocks off McDermitt in four sets

By Tony Erquiaga
Range Media

The McDermitt High School volleyball team wrapped up a stretch of three straight home matches, taking on Wells this past Saturday in a 1A East contest.

The Bulldogs, looking for a third straight victory in league play, got off to a quick start, winning the first set 25-17. McDermitt built a 20-10 lead in the opening set, taking advantage of a number of defensive miscues by Wells.

The margin remained at 10 points at 22-12 and 24-14, when the Leopards avoided set point three different times. McDermitt won the set on a hitting error by Wells.

However, the Leopards came back to

claim the final three sets 25-17, 25-21, 25-20.

Wells jumped out to a 9-3 lead in the second set, forcing McDermitt to call an early timeout. The gap grew to 17-7 and 20-10, as the Leopards controlled the set.

The third set went back-and-forth, with Wells grabbing a 21-18 lead off a kill and ace. Trailing 24-19, the Bulldogs stayed in the set with kills from Ebony Crutcher and Legacy Scott.

Wells held onto win the set, following a McDermitt defensive error.

The Bulldogs held an early advantage in the fourth set, only to see the Leopards battle back and win the match on an ace.

McDermitt travels to Eureka on Friday for a 5 p.m. start and Lund on Saturday at noon.

Vandals volleyball team sweep Railroaders, fall to Muckers, Braves

Eureka football rolls past Carlin to improve to 3-0

By Tony Erquiaga
Range Media

The Eureka High School volleyball team was busy last week, with three matches in three days.

The Vandals collected their first league win of the year, beating Carlin in easy fashion, 25-19, 25-17, 25-11 on Thursday, Sept. 10, on the Railroaders home floor.

Brooke Watts led Eureka with 10 kills, as the senior added three aces. June Callister and Trinity Hudson each had two kills, with Anna McKay and Avery Berg heading the serving attack with six and five aces, respectfully.

In addition, Watts had three aces and Charlee Sestanovich, Reagen Mello and Mya Tognotti finished with one ace apiece.

Mello contributed a team-high three blocks, Watts two and Tognotti added two digs. McKay led the way with 12 assists.

Eureka was back at home on Friday, Sept. 11, and played a five-set thriller with Tonopah.

The Vandals raced to a 25-12 in the first set, with the Muckers doing the same in set two.

The momentum shifted once again in set three, with Eureka winning set three,

25-19. The Vandals could not close out the match, with the Muckers claiming set four 25-21. Tonopah closed out the fifth set 15-12 to win the match.

Melissa Johnson stepped up with a team-high 12 kills, with Mello adding seven kills and four aces.

Watts knocked down five kills to go with three aces and Trinity Hudson had four kills. McKay added three aces and two kills and Danika Goff had a kill.

Hudson and Mello each picked up three blocks, Berg four digs and McKay and Berg had 18 and seven assists, respectfully.

The busy three days ended on Saturday, Sept. 12, at home, as Owyhee swept Eureka 25-18, 25-23, 25-14.

FOOTBALL

Eureka hosts McDermitt on Friday and Wells on Thursday, Sept. 24. The Vandals travel to Round Mountain on Sept. 35 and Lund on Sept. 26.

The Eureka High School football team continued its winning ways, easily knocking off Carlin 38-6, on the Railroaders' home field to improve to 3-0 in the Northern 1A and 3-1 overall.

The lone loss was to Pahrnagat Valley, the reigning 1A state champion.

Eureka has a bye week and returns to action when it hosts Wells on Thursday,

Fernley soccer teams open league play this weekend

By Robert Perea
Range Media

The Fernley High School boys and girls soccer teams will begin to see how they stack up against the rest of the Northern 3A East when they begin league play this week.

The Fernley girls team hosts Lowry at 11:45 a.m. Saturday to start league play.

After losing 3-0 to Truckee on Sept. 9, the Vaqueros entered this week with a 4-5 overall record.

They were scheduled to host North Tahoe Wednesday in their final scheduled Northern 3A crossover game against West Division teams.

It's uncertain whether an Aug. 24 game against Wooster that was canceled because

Washoe County schools were closed that day due the Hawk Fire will be rescheduled.

Against Truckee last Wednesday, the Vaqueros put up a strong defensive front, led by goalie Lilliana Perez, who made 21 saves. Paige McCallum made two saves and Sophie Mossner had one in their time in the net.

BOYS SOCCER

The Fernley boys soccer lost 12-0 to Truckee on Sept. 9, and 3-0 to North Tahoe on Sept. 12.

The Vaqueros have had a rough beginning to the season, with an 0-9 record and have been outscored 53-0.

They open league play Friday at Elko at 4:45 p.m. and play Saturday at West Wendover at 11:45 a.m.

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Above left: Fallon’s Lexie Malama-Gomes lines up a short putt during the Sept. 9 Northern 3A meet in Winnemucca. Right: Riley Guerrero drives a tee shot during last week’s meet in Winnemucca. Guerrero, a returning state qualifier from last season, finished third in the first meet of the season in Dayton and tied for fourth at Lowry.

Fallon’s Guerrero places third in opening 3A golf meet

By Robert Perea
Range Media

Fallon’s Riley Guerrero, who placed 26th at the 3A State Tournament last year, shot 95 in the first meet of the season at Dayton on Sept. 8. The next day at Lowry, Guerrero shot 99 to finish in a 3-way tie for fourth place with Makinley Hislop and Maite Bengochea of Lowry.

Lexie Malama-Gomes shot 123 both days for the Greenwave.

Truckee’s Allison Mortimeyer was the low medalist both days, shooting 72 at Dayton and 75 at Lowry. Caitlyn Nielson of Elko placed second with a score of 88 at both meets.

With just two players competing, the Greenwave didn’t post a team score. Truckee won both meets, with a team score of 380 in Dayton and 390 at Lowry.

This week the Northern 3A was scheduled to play on Monday in Spring Creek and Tuesday in Elko. Next week the teams will play Sept. 21 in Fallon and Sept. 22 in Fernley.

Ladies Golf Results —

The nine-hole gross/net tournament on Aug. 31, and Sept. 1, had Alyssa Jones as the low gross winner with a score of 44 in the first flight. Lisa Carlson was not far behind with a score of 46 as the second low gross winner.

Anne Sample was the low net winner in the first flight with a score of 36. The second flight had Tina Wilson as the low gross champion with a score of 56. The second low gross winner was Sherry Murphy with a score of 63.

The low net winner was Tami Anderson with a score of 42. On September 7th, Alyssa Jones was again the low gross winner with a score of 44. Anne Sample was the low net winner with a score of 42.

On Tuesday, Sept. 1, the ladies also played a gross/net tournament. The low gross winner in the first flight was Lisa Carlson with a score of 90. She continued her awesome day of golf with the fewest putts with 29, two chip-ins, and birdie on hole 2. Congratulations, Lisa.

The low net winner in the first flight was Lori Woodland with a score of 75. In the second flight, Pam Hope was the low gross champion with a score of 110.

The low net winner was Maria Bengochea with a score of 79. Marlea Pointer was closest to hole 2 with a distance of 13 feet 1 inch. Cathy Irons had a chip-in.

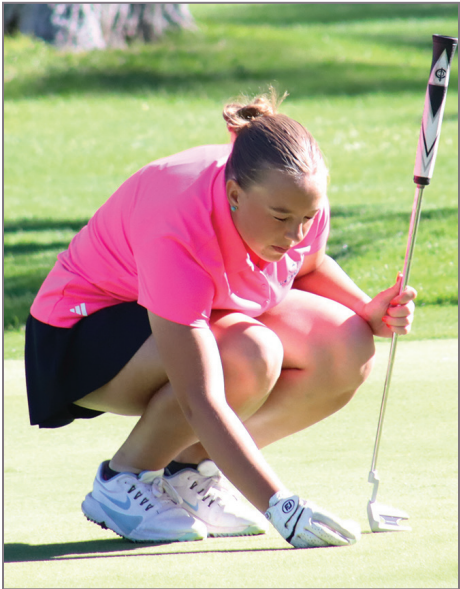
On Tuesday, Sept. 8, the ladies played the Pro’s Posse which is a net only tournament. The first flight low net winner was Lori Woodland with a score of 75.

Lisa Carlson was not far behind with the second low net score of 77. In the second flight, Maria Bengochea was again the low net winner with a score of 72.

Cathy Irons was the second low net winner with a score of 78. Cathy was also closest to hole 2 with a distance of 58 feet 4 inches. Marlea Pointer had the fewest putts with 28 and also had a chip-in.

Congratulations to all of the winners.

Lowry golfers finish third in season-opening Northern 3A tournaments



Lowry’s Bailey Miller lines up a putt during her round.

By Tony Erquiaga
Range Media

It happens every fall in northern Nevada — the Lowry High School girls golf team are the final squad to get the season going, as the Northern 3A started up last week in Dayton and Winnemucca.

As of the first week, there were just seven full teams in the Northern 3A.

Once again, Truckee is the team to beat, winning the first two tournaments by a comfortable margin.

At Dayton Valley on Tuesday, Sept. 8, an Arnold Palmer designed course, Truckee won with a team score of 380. Elko placed second at 415 and the Buckaroos, under the direction of second-year head coach Ty Lucas was third at 422, 40 strokes better than a year ago.

South Tahoe (442) Spring Creek (451), Fernley (451), Debbie Smith CTE (529) and Sparks (560) completed the team scores.

Truckee’s Allison Mortimeyer was the low medalist with an impressive round of even-over par 72, followed by Elko’s Caitlyn Nielson (88) and Churchill County’s Riley Guerrero (95) were second and third, respectively.

Makinley Hislop, who missed out on advancing to the state tournament by one shot last year, led the Buckaroos with a 102.

Freshman Hadlee Corbitt, was a shot behind her teammate at 103. Maite Bengochea (107) and Bailey Miller (110) had the final kept scores for Lowry. Savannah Ortiz carded a 114 and Anna Haylett (122). Haylett is a freshman as well. Miller is the lone senior on the squad.

Hislop, Bengochea pace Buckaroos on home course

The Northern 3A came back to Winnemucca on Wednesday, Sept. 9, where the scores were higher for the most part.

Truckee won with a team score of 390. Elko placed second at 406 and the Buckaroos, under the direction of second-year head coach Ty Lucas was third at 409, 53 strokes better than a year ago.

South Tahoe (432) Spring Creek (473), Fernley (477) and Sparks (562) completed the team scores.

Truckee’s Allison Mortimeyer was the low medalist with an impressive round of 3-over par 75, followed by Elko’s Caitlyn Nelson and Vanna Broadbent (97) were second and third, respectively.

Hislop and Bengochea paced the Buckaroos with rounds of 99 and Corbitt and Ortiz followed with scores of 104 and 107. Haylett and Miller each shot 118.

Lowry places third in Spring Creek

Lowry was right back to the course, competing in Spring Creek on Monday, Sept. 14.

If the top three teams sound like a broken record, because it’s the same finish as in the first two weeks,

Truckee shot 378 to win the tournament, with Elko second at 404 but Lowry closed the gap to three strokes, placing third at 407.

Spring Creek (417) finished fourth on its home course, followed by South Tahoe (460) and Fernley (469).

Mortimeyer was the low medalist at 75, with Nielson (91) in second.

Hislop led the way for the Buckaroos at 97, with Bengochea carding a 99. Miller shot 105, Corbitt (106), Ortiz (113) and Iris Ramirez (121).

The Northern 3A stopped in Elko on Sept. 15, and results were not available at press time.

The Northern 3A is still using a point system this year but in a change, there will be a regional tournament on Oct. 6, at Tahoe Donner Golf Course in Truckee.

The regional champion is guaranteed a spot in the state tournament at Ruby View Golf Course in Elko on Oct. 13-14.

It is possible to take three teams but the other two have to meet the qualification rules.

Team Qualifying

The league/region champion is guaranteed a spot in the state tournament.



Lowry’s Anna Haylett chips on to the seventh green during last Wednesday’s Northern 3A tournament at Winnemucca Municipal Golf Course.

Additional teams (up to the maximum of three) may advance to state only if they shoot a qualifying score.

3A team qualifying standard: team score average of 140-over-par per round.

Teams within the maximum allotment per league/region and that meet the qualifying standard may bring four golfers, regardless of whether or not each golfer meets the individual qualifying standard.

A fifth and/or sixth golfer must meet the individual qualifying standard of 35-over-par per round in order to join the team at state.

Exception: If a team’s fifth golfer does not meet the individual qualifying standard, the team may bring a fifth golfer to

serve only as an alternate in the event one of the four team members cannot play due to injury or illness.

Individual Qualifying

This section also applies to a qualifying team’s fifth or sixth golfer.

The individual with the best (lowest) score not already on a qualifying team is guaranteed a spot in the state tournament. Additional golfers up to a maximum of six may advance to state only if they shoot a qualifying score.

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Lowry’s Hadlee Corbitt hits her drive on the first hole.

PCHS volleyball victorious over Coral Academy in home opener

By Peggy Jones
Range Media

The Pershing County High School volleyball team picked up its first home win of the season Thursday, Sept. 10, sweeping Coral Academy in three sets before falling to Sierra Lutheran in four sets Saturday.

Playing in front of a home crowd for the first time this fall, the Mustangs came out strong against Coral Academy, taking the first two sets 25-16 and 25-15. The third set was much closer, with the teams battling back and forth before Pershing County pulled out a 27-25 victory to complete the sweep.

PCHS coach Monica Halverson said the atmosphere of the first home game added to the excitement for her players.

“Home games are always so much fun because of the fans in the stands and the girls have so much adrenaline pumping through their bodies,” Halverson said.

She was particularly pleased with the way the Mustangs responded when the third set became tight.

“So proud of my girls for not giving up, changing their strategies and fighting for their first home game win together,” she said.

Khloe Montes led the Mustangs with a season-high 11 kills, along with two aces and five digs. Arya Garland recorded five kills, three assists and eight digs, while Avani Rosas had a season-high 11 assists



Pershing County's Khloe Montes goes up for an attack during the Mustangs' match against Coral Academy.

and two aces. Whitlee Diaz added a season-high six kills and two aces.

Two days later, Pershing County traveled to Carson City and Sierra Lutheran High School, where the Falcons handed the Mustangs a four-set loss, 18-25, 25-27, 25-17 and 14-25.

Halverson said the Mustangs started solidly but struggled with errors and communication against a consistent Sierra Lutheran team.

Pershing County battled back in the second set before falling 27-25, then responded with its strongest set of the match, winning the third 25-17.

Montes provided strong hitting from the left side, while Cami Watson contributed with blocking at the net.

Halverson said defensive communication was a problem at times, allowing Sierra Lutheran to find openings on the court.

The Mustangs struggled again in the fourth set, with errors and old habits contributing to the 25-14 loss.

Halverson said both wins and losses are part of the team's development and give the players something to work on in practice.

“As a coach, I look forward to how each player grows and how they contribute to the team,” she said. “The players

have come such a long way, and they will continue working hard to make this season one they are proud of.”

The Mustangs now have a break in their schedule before traveling to Battle Mountain to face the Longhorns Sept. 23.



Pershing County's Avani Rosas sets the ball backward to Whitlee Diaz during the Mustangs' match against Coral Academy.



Pershing County's Jerzie Jones, left, and Mollee Houston rotate positions during the Mustangs' match against Coral Academy.

Fernley Women's Golf Club Results, Sept. 8 Game: Book-Ends

Red Tees

- 1st: Cori Browning, 35
- 2nd: Nancy Newton, 35
- 3rd: Patty Liljeberg, 36
- 4th: Jana Garner, 36

Purple Tees

- 1st: Karen Holcher, 37
- 2nd: Verl Ely, 41

Closest to Hole #11: Rita Hanifen, 20' 7"
Closest to Hole #14: Kathy Kennedy, 17'9"
Birdies: Cheri Grutkowski, Hole #2; Jana Garner, Hole #17
Chip-In: Rita Hanifen, Hole #3
Low Putts: Rita Hanifen, 29

Fernley girls golfers eye the long game

Vaqueros to host home meet Tuesday

By Robert Perea
Range Media

With a regional tournament serving as a state qualifier this year, the Fernley High School girls golf team is treating the early events as the groundwork for the finish that matters.

The Vaqueros tied Spring Creek for fifth place at Dayton in the first meet of the season on Sept. 8 with a team score of 451 but were nine strokes out of fourth place and 29 away from third in their opening meet.

Hailey Hall and Isabella Martinez each shot 109, Brylee Harry posted a 113 and Scarlet Garvin added a 120 as the team's scoring four. Kaia Ressler finished at 124 and Remmi Dunn carded a 129.

The next day at Lowry, Fernley's team score of 477 placed them sixth. Hall led with a 114, followed by Harry 117, Ressler at 122 and Garvin at 124. Martinez shot 126 and Ainsley Blackorby finished with a 134.

Coach Brian O'Neill said the opening stretch showed how small mistakes can change a round.

“The girls realized that minimizing the big mistake can have such an impact on your score and approach to the next hole,” O'Neill said. “With an end of the season state qualifier, it's about getting better each time out and peaking at the end of the year.”

This week the Vaqueros were scheduled to play in Northern 3A meets Monday

in Spring Creek and Tuesday in Elko. Next week they will play in Fallon on Monday and host the league meet at the Golf Club at Fernley on Tuesday.

Team Qualifying

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Fernley's Hailey Hall sends a chip shot toward the green during last week's Icebreaker Tournament in Winnemucca.

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May leads Oasis Academy runners at North Tahoe Madman Mills Motivational

By Robert Perea

Range Media

With most of its strongest results coming from the younger divisions, Oasis Academy relied on individual performances last Friday at the North Tahoe Madman Mills Motivational meet, led by freshman Vinzenzo May, who placed 21st in 24:00 in the 2.8mile freshman boys race. Zayden Maynez finished 30th in 26:31.

In the sophomore boys 2.8mile race, Keagan Craig led Oasis with a 29thplace finish in 25:59.

Oasis fielded four runners in the 3.3mile

varsity boys race. Leonidas Arcoraci finished 69th in 27:51, followed by Elijah Jones (96th, 34:25), Jose Montalvo (98th, 36:05) and Kamron Bracken (102nd, 37:49).

In the frosh/soph girls 2.8mile race, Sonora McInturff finished 63rd in 39:11, Faith TorresMay placed 65th in 39:31, and PhoenYx Mathes finished 71st in 46:18.

Oasis did not have runners in the varsity girls division.

This week the Bighorns are scheduled to compete in the Run the Rubies Elko Invitational in Lamoille Canyon on Friday, with the first race beginning at 1 p.m.

Fallon cross country girls place 5th, boys 6th in North Tahoe meet

By Robert Perea

Range Media

The Fallon cross country teams turned in solid performance at the North Tahoe Madman Mills Motivational meet last Friday, highlighted by a fifth place finish from the varsity girls and a tight one-minute spread among Fallon’s top four varsity boys.

The Fallon girls placed fifth with 155 points, while the boys placed sixth with 171 points.

In the 3.3-mile varsity boys race, the Greenwave was led by Jackson Barbee, who finished 28th in 24:39.

Cody Frey (25:13), Lars Rasmussen (25:19) and Tayven Martinez (25:40) followed in tight succession, giving the Greenwave a compact scoring group that separated them from several teams behind them.

Alex Sorensen finished 54th in 27:34

for the Greenwave, Levi Bradford placed 72nd in 28:26, Alexander McBride finished 76th in 29:12, and Alex Bacallo placed 89th in 32:11.

Freshman Cayson Lacow posted Fallon’s top individual finish of the meet, placing third in the 2.8-mile freshman boys race in 19:02.

Issabelle Walter-Chicas-Garibay added a seventh-place finish in the frosh/soph girls race, and Cassandra Hooper led Fallon’s varsity girls with a 13th place finish in 28:30.

Hooper was followed by Aubrey Strickland in 21st place in 30:54, Ella Bassham finished 62nd in 36:06, Melody Garcia-Bishop placed 64th in 36:35, Kylee Moore finished 66th in 36:57, and Abigail Lacow placed 67th in 37:16.

This week, the Greenwave is scheduled to compete in the Silver Stage 3K on Saturday at Veterans Memorial Park in Boulder City.

Preece paces BMHS cross country team at North Tahoe Madman Mills Motivational

Longhorns hit the Rubies on Friday

By Tony Erquiaga

Range Media



The Battle Mountain High School cross country team headed west to the hills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, to run in the North Tahoe Madman Mills Motivational in Tahoe City, Calif.

Sophomore Libby Preece was the lone runner for the Longhorns, in the 3.3-mile varsity race, finishing 61st in a time of 36 minutes, 4 seconds.

North Tahoe sophomore Lucia Avril won the race at 23:52, followed by Spanish Springs’ Taizley Felsted. Three Reno runners rounded out the top five.

Reno took home the team crown with

27 points, closely followed by Spanish Springs (33).

In the girls 2.8-miles frosh/sophomore race, Megan Aguilar finished 57th in a time of 35:45.

On the boys side, Kaleb Hart ran in the 2.8-mile sophomore race and finished 32nd in a time of 26:41.

Battle Mountain travels to Elko on Friday for the Run the Rubies Invitational.

Fernley turns in solid individual results at North Tahoe meet

Vaqueros head south to Boulder City for Silver State 3K

By Robert Perea

Range Media

With the team entering its first hard training block of the season, the Fernley High School cross country team turned in several solid individual results at the North Tahoe Madman Mills Motivational meet despite running on heavy legs.

Fernley’s top finishes came from Cael Wilson’s 11thplace finish in the varsity boys race and Ayden Johnson’s 13thplace finish in the freshman boys division.

Wilson led the Vaqueros in the 3.3mile varsity boys race, placing 11th in 22:28, the top overall finish for Fernley on the day. Daniel Hiles finished 54th in 26:33.

In the 2.8-mile freshman boys race, Johnson placed 13th in 22:33, giving Fernley its second top-15 result. Parker Johnson finished 34th in 28:34.

“The kids ran well given the heavy legs,” coach Kristian Slater said. “We were able to get a couple of medals on the boys side with Ayden Johnson in the freshman race and Cael Wilson in the varsity race.”

Fernley’s sophomore boys also ran well in the 2.8mile race. Mason Varner placed 23rd in 24:38, Addison Davis finished 27th in 24:58, and Cameron Farr placed 39th in 29:21.

In the varsity girls 3.3-mile race, Regan Scott led Fernley with a 36thplace finish in 32:20. JoJo Cardinal placed 47th in 33:52. Wynter Angus finished 58th in 35:19, and Kaylee Nicolas placed 72nd in 39:22.

“We will look to continue our training through the next couple of the weeks and will be racing on heavy legs,” Slater said. “Training is going well and we will look to be getting ready for our first set of 5ks coming soon.”

Next up for the Vaqueros is the Silver State 3K in Boulder City this Saturday.

Nighthawks claim first league win

By Robert Perea

Range Media

The Silver Stage High School volleyball team claimed its first Northern 2A win of the season last Saturday, winning a back-and-forth battle over Coral Academy in five sets.

Silver Stage won the first, third and fifth sets to earn the win, 25-21, 22-25, 25-23, 15-25, 15-9.

Priscilla Hesselguesser had seven kills for the Nighthawks, Noelani Puaauli added five and Brooke Lehman and Lauren Broughton each had four. Joselyn Fayaud and Robin Smith each made 11 digs and Smith added 21 assists.

This week the Nighthawks were scheduled to play at Oasis Academy on Wednesday. Saturday they travel to North Tahoe for a match at noon.



LHS CROSS COUNTRY

Lowry’s Patrick Moses races during the Reed Invitational on Sept. 5, in Sparks.

Lowry girls finish third in annual Cross Country @ The Ranch Invitational Twilight Edition

Thomas is runner-up in girls 5K race, Hoagland 16th in boys race

By Tony Erquiaga

Range Media

It is a one-of-a-kind meet in Northern Nevada and the Lowry High School cross country team is usually the first to sign up.

The Buckaroos traveled to Reno on Saturday evening for the third annual Cross Country @ The Ranch Invitational-Twilight Edition, at Damonte Ranch High School.

Damonte Ranch is coached by Lupe Cabada, the brother of Sergio Cabada, a coach at Lowry. Both were star runners in the 1990s for the Buckaroos.

The varsity races started at 8 p.m. and 8:35 p.m., making this the only Twilight race around the area.

Lowry senior Alyla Thomas finished second overall in a time of 19 minutes, 46 seconds to help her team to a third-place finish.

Galena junior Gioia Coudriet won the race at 17:50, with teammates Emme Ream (20:13) and Kinsley Wilcox (20:30), third and fourth, respectfully.

Damonte Ranch’s Ruby Snook (20:53) placed fifth.

Taylor Soderstrom was next across the line for the Buckaroos in a time of 22:52 to place 20th, with Azure Sagers (22:53.08), Makaylah Thomas (22:53.12) and Ajerra Thomas (22:56) in 22nd, 23rd and 25th.

Adell Hall rounded out the Lowry runners in 31st with a time of 25:31.

Galena ran away with the team title, scoring 21 points, followed by Douglas (75), Lowry (80), Damonte Ranch (88) and McQueen (101).

Buckaroo senior Natalia Cassinelli hit the course for the first time this season and placed sixth in the 5,000-meter JV race in a time of 27:26.

In the boys varsity race, senior Cooper



LHS CROSS COUNTRY

Lowry’s Andrew Lockie (left) and Dominique McClerkin race together,

Hoagland paced the six Lowry runners, finishing 16th in a time of 18:50. Teammate, Patrick Moses wasn’t far behind in 21st at 19:29.

Anden Thomas (20:14) finished 31st, with Edward Moyer (20:19) and Francisco Renteria (20:31), placing 33rd and 34th, respectfully. Josiah Merki was 37th in a time of 21:06.

Galena had the first four runners across the finish line, with Ayden Mosby winning at 16:07.

Galena claimed the boys team title as well with 18 points, followed by Douglas (64), McQueen (71), Lowry (105) and Damonte Ranch (114).

Lowry had three runners in the JV boys race, with freshman Sebastian Fuchslin placing 15th with a time of 22:53. Fellow freshman Dominique McClerkin (26:46) was 33rd and sophomore Andrew Lockie (26:53) was 34th.

Lowry travels to Elko on Friday for the Run the Rubies Invitational.



LHS CROSS COUNTRY

Lowry’s Alyla Thomas races during the Reed Invitational

Jackson, White lead North Texas to commanding 44-6 win over UNLV

DENTON, Texas (AP) — Tayven Jackson passed for two touchdowns and ran for another, Jahiem White scored twice and North Texas defeated UNLV 44-6 on Saturday.

With 70 new players, including 53 transfers, and a season-opening 52-16 loss to defending national champion Indiana, the Mean Green were impressive in their home opener against a team that was expected to battle for a Group of Six play-off spot to give new coach Neal Brown his first win at North Texas.

Jackson was 15 of 26 passing for 233 yards, including a 32-yard TD to White that made it 13-0 in the first quarter. White had 124 yards and 12 carries, reaching the end zone on a 5-yard run on the opening possession of the second half for a 27-3 lead.

Jackson had a short touchdown run in the first half and a 16-yard connection with Max Reese in the third. Brendon Haygood had a rushing touchdown and Dominic De Freitas kicked three field goals.

North Texas (1-1) forced five fumbles and recovered three, had four sacks and picked off one pass.

The Rebels (1-2) were limited to two field goals from Ramon Villela.

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Battle Mountain rallies for wild win at Incline

Longhorns make home debut Friday against Lincoln County
By Tony Erquiaga
Range Media

There have been some crazy games in the Battle Mountain High School football and Incline rivalry series and the two teams did not disappoint again on Thursday, Sept. 10, in Incline.

The Longhorns overcame a second-quarter deficit and outscored the Highlanders 22-6 in the second half to remain undefeated on the season at 3-0.

Battle Mountain took an early 6-0 lead in the first quarter off a short touchdown pass from Daniel Lara to one of his favorite receivers in Chase Lutz.

Moments later, the back-and-forth offensive fight began, as Incline's Wyatt Reed broke free for a 63-yard touchdown run and a 7-6 Incline advantage.

Late in the first quarter, Incline's Matias Tarazona scored from two yards out to increase the margin to 13-6 after the missed extra point.

Battle Mountain closed the gap to 13-12 in the second quarter on another touchdown pass from Lara to Lutz but Incline's offense continued to move the ball and scored late to lead 20-12 at halftime.

A third touchdown pass from Lara early



The Battle Mountain and Incline captains meet before kickoff before their game on Sept. 10, in Incline

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in the third and a 2-point conversion tied the contest at 20. On the play, Lara escaped the pocket and Lutz did his best toe tap in the back of the end zone, with his feet inches from the back of the end zone.

With two minutes to play, Lutz provid-

ed the winning touchdown, scoring on a short run.

Lutz had four touchdown catches two 2-point conversions.

Battle Mountain hosts Lincoln County on Friday at 5 p.m.

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Fallon volleyball falls in road match at Truckee

By Robert Perea
Range Media

The Churchill County High School volleyball team was swept in three sets at Truckee on Sept. 9, losing 25-19, 25-17, 15-18.

Raegan Johnson and Audrey Fruzza paced the Greenwave offense with nine kills apiece. Kalaya Downs anchored the defense and passing game, recording a double-double with 24 assists and 10 digs.

Fallon was scheduled to play Smith Valley in a nonleague match Monday night and Debbie Smith Academy in a Northern 3A crossover match Tuesday, before going to Dayton Friday for its first Northern 3A match of the season at 6 p.m..

Mid-season bye gives undefeated Fallon chance to fine-tune for second half

Greenwave head to Spring Creek following week off
By Robert Perea
Range Media

With five games down and five to go in the regular season, Churchill County High School football coach Calvin Connors considers this week’s bye as perfectly placed chance for the Greenwave to fine tune things for the second half of the season and a potentially deep playoff run.

The Greenwave beat Sparks 58-0 last Friday, their third straight dominating league win after two dramatic wins over 5A foes.

At 5-0 at the halfway point of the regular season, coach Calvin Connors noted that splitting the schedule into two distinct halve gives the Greenwave a built-in opportunity to evaluate their strengths and implement some new plays and formations they want to use in the second half of the season and in the playoffs.

“It’s 100% that way and we use this time to implement more stuff that we didn’t show in the first half of our season,” Connors said.

The break follows dominant performances against Truckee – where the Greenwave scored on offense defense and special teams – and a blowout of Sparks that allowed second-and third-string players valuable game time.

“Our goal every week is to get better

and better, so by the time you hit the end of the regular season and the postseason, you’re peaking at the right time,” Connors said. “That Truckee game was a good culmination of being battle tested early on in our season.”

Camden Richardson threw two touch-down passes against Sparks, one to Calin Anderson and the other to Drake Rowlett, while Rio Segura tossed a pair to Dylan Lanterman Amolar. Rylan Clark, Nathaniel Bianchi, Kenyon Wilson and Jaeshon Pearson each ran for a score.

The defense contributed a safety and held Sparks to minus-24 total yards for the game.

Connors said he’s pleased with how the Greenwave has played in all five games, especially the way the offense, defense and special teams have all contributed.

“We haven’t gone into a game yet this season that felt like we didn’t do a good job,” he said. “We’re picking each other up in all phases and that’s a sign of a really good team.”

The Greenwave return to action next week at Spring Creek, but Connors said they will spend most of their bye week focused on themselves before they put together a game plan for Spring Creek.

“We’re just going to keep looking to get better during this bye week and work on our foundation, what we have in offense, defense, and special teams-wise, and then start to build off of that foundation in all three phases,” he said.

Longhorns split road matches with Oasis Academy, Yerington

BMHS heads to West Wendover on Friday
By Tony Erquiaga
Range Media

The Battle Mountain High School volleyball team concluded a four-match road trip with a split against Coral Academy and Yerington and sit at 7-11-1 overall and 3-3 in the Northern 2A.

“We are continuing to look for an offensive rhythm in each set we play,” said BMHS coach Julia Ramirez. “The mindsets they take with them on the court have improved along with their mental toughness. We are looking to improve the level of play we are at as the season continues on.”

On Friday in Reno, each of the four sets were close, with Battle Mountain winning the first two sets 25-22. Oasis Academy remained in the match winning the fourth set 25-21. The Longhorns regrouped in another close set, holding off the Bighorns 25-20.

Ella Matheus and Yadira Vazquez paced

Battle Mountain with five kills apiece, Paitynn Johns had four and Kamila Farias three. The Longhorns had a strong night at the service line with 24 aces, including eight from Keona Colver, four each from Farias and Vazquez, three apiece from Miranda Lomeli and Johns and Matheus added two aces.

At the net, Vaquez had three blocks, Matheus and Farias two each and Sofia Andrade and Lomeli had seven and five digs, respectfully.

Battle Mountain made the trip to Yerington on Saturday and the Lions won in three sets 25-15, 25-21, 25-17.

Vaquez had a team-high seven kills, Johns five and Farias three. Colver and Vaquez contributed two aces apiece, with Vazquez adding five blocks.

Lomeli picked up a team-high 10 assists and Andrade (14), Johns (12) and Farias (10) led the defense in digs,

Battle Mountain hosted Lowry on Tuesday and results were not available at press time.

The Longhorns travel to West Wendover on Friday.

FCS champion Montana State wins 17th straight game, knocking off Nevada 20-7

RENO (AP) — Justin Lamson threw a touchdown pass and Adam Jones ran for another in the first half for Montana State, and the Bobcats beat Nevada 20-7 on Saturday night to extend their program-best winning streak to 17 games.

Defending FCS champion Montana State (3-0), top ranked in the FCS Stats Perform poll, has the the second-longest winning streak in Division I, behind Indiana’s 18.

Lamson threw a 24-yard touchdown pass to Dane Steel to end a seven-play, 75-yard opening drive for the Bobcats. Myles Sansted made a 45-yard field goal in the first quarter and Jones scored on a 6-yard run late in the second to make it 17-0 heading into the break.

Nevada (1-1) drove deep into Montana State territory twice in the first half, but each drive stalled with a Luke Duncan interception. The Wolf Pack’s last two drives of the game ended with an interception and fumble.

AJ Bianco replaced Duncan in the second half and threw a 28-yard touchdown pass to Marshaun Brown with 11:38 left



in the game. Sansted iced it with a 29-yard field goal with 1:10 remaining.

Lamson was 15-of-23 passing for 179 yards. Jones finished with 86 yards rushing on 25 carries.

Duncan and Bianco combined for 19 of 36 for 167 yards with a touchdown and three interceptions. Dominic Kelley ran for 73 of his 84 yards in the first half for the Wolf Pack.

Up next

Montana State: Hosts Central Connecticut on Saturday.

Nevada: At Middle Tennessee on Saturday.



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Karlie Simper races a Wooster defender for the ball during the first half of their game on Sept. 9.

Fallon girls ready for league play after two shutout wins in last two crossovers

By Robert Perea
Range Media

The Churchill County High School girls soccer team dominated Wooster and Debbie Smith Academy last week in a pair of mercy-rule games, and now gets the change to test themselves against their 3A East league foes.

The Greenwave is scheduled to host Lowry at 4:45 p.m. Friday in the first league game for both teams.

Fallon is 4-2-1, and oddly enough, every game has been a shutout. Fernley has blanked their opponent in all four wins, didn’t score in either of their losses and the tie was 0-0 against North Tahoe.

Last Wednesday, the Greenwave beat Wooster 11-0. They scored five goals in the first 11 minutes, three by Karlie Simper and one each by Zayrah Miranda and Kortnie Simper. Karlie Simper’s four goal and Kortnie Simper’s second made it 7-0 at the half.

Thursday the Greenwave beat Debbie Smith Academy 9-0. They led 8-0 at the half with five goals by Karlie Simper, two by Miranda and one each by Emma Lewis and Savannah Anderton.

“These were the last two preseason games (crossover games with the West) for us,” assistant coach Neill Tunstead said. They are a very important part of our ramp up, to build up towards our own season in the East.”

Lowry is 4-6-1, and also played Wooster and Debbie Smith Academy last week, beating Debbie Smith 8-1 and Wooster 10-0.

Tunstead said the team feels confident and well prepared for league play.

“We are incredibly pleased with how we’ve played and improved as the weeks have progressed so far,” he said. “The team looks great again this season strong in every position.”

FALLON BOYS SOCCER

Angel Barajas and Acen Williams each scored goals to help the Churchill County High School boys soccer team to its second win of the season, 3-1 over Dayton, on Sept. 10.

The Greenwave improved their record to 2-6-2 overall as they begin league play this week. Fallon plays Friday at 3:45 p.m. at West Wendover and at 11:45 a.m. Saturday at Elko for their first Northern 3A games of the season



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Fallon’s Zayrah Miranda passes the ball between a pair of Wooster defenders.

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Northern 3A Football Power Rankings

Friday Frenzy. Northern 3A standings see first major shakeup of the season.

We have a clear No. 1, who wants to be 2, 3 or 4

By Tony Erquiaga
Range Media

Just when you think you have everything figured out in the Northern 3A, you have a Friday night that slaps you in the face and calls you a stupid you know what.

The demise of Truckee is exaggerated, Spring Creek not there yet and a Fernley slip up. That is why the 3A is the best A.

1. Fallon (5-0, 3-0) (LW: 1) After five straight games to start the season, the league-leading and reigning 3A state champion has a bye week.

It's sad to say but the Greenwave were probably on a bye week in their 51-0 win over Sparks. The score was 44-0 at half-time.

This week: Bye

2. Elko (3-1, 3-0) (LW: 3) Last week against Dayton could have been a trap game for Elko, as it hosted Dayton.

The Dust Devils are much improved after the program was on life support a handful years ago and brought back to life.

However, it looks like the Indians are getting their feet under them with their first-year head coach. Elko dominated Dayton.

This week @ South Tahoe

3. Truckee (2-2, 1-1) (LW: 4) Death, Taxes and Truckee Football. I apparently forgot that. I have been the ringleader of the Truckee isn't Truckee anymore talk. Well, I can now stick my foot in my mouth.

It looked like Spring Creek was going to be the darlings of the league, but Truckee said not so fast my friend.

The Wolverines jumped on the Spartans early and never looks back.

This week vs. Dayton

4. Spring Creek (3-1, 2-1) (LW: 2) Meanwhile, I was leader of the Spring Creek bandwagon from the start of the season. I still think they are a pretty good team. I did not expect the outcome against Truckee. But that was more about the Wolverines. In order to get to the top of the Northern 3A, the Spartans need to win these games.

This week vs. Fernley

5. South Tahoe (4-1, 2-1) (LW: 6) If I was surprised by the Spring Creek/Truckee score, I was doubly surprised with South Tahoe beating Fernley 19-16. It was the first game and Homecoming for the Vaqueros. The Vikings decided to spoil the party. Fernley graduated quite a bit from last year and is still finding its way.

This week: vs. Elko

6. Fernley (2-3, 1-2) (LW: 5) A usual lock for the Northern 3A postseason, Fernley is now looking to battle for one of those playoff spots. The Vaqueros lone league win was against Sparks and we can't learn anything from that.

With losses to Elko and South Tahoe and three straight games against Spring Creek, Truckee and Fallon, Fernley needs an upset somewhere in there. The season finale against Dayton could be a fight for a playoff berth.

This week: @ South Tahoe

7. Dayton (2-3, 1-2) (LW 7) This was Dayton's chance to show it can get back to playing competitive against the top teams in the 3A.

Instead, Elko showed by its still one of the bluebloods in the Northern 3A. In the long run, the Dust Devils are OK. They should easily beat Sparks but have Truckee, Spring Creek and Fallon to play. The season-finale versus Fernley could be for all the marbles.

This week: @ Truckee

8. Lowry (1-3, 0-2) (LW 8) The best thing to happen for Lowry was being on a bye week. The Buckaroos are the 49ers of the Northern 3A with injuries.

I don't see an electric substation anywhere near, so we can't use that as an excuse. Lowry gets healthy this week playing Sparks. In an SEC scheduling moment, Lowry finishes @ South Tahoe, vs. Spring Creek, A Truckee, @ Fernley and vs. Fallon. The schedule maker needs to be burned at the stake.

This week: vs. Sparks

9. Sparks (0-4, 0-2) (LW: 9): It is disheartening to see how Sparks has fallen. New schools, open enrollment and being an inner-city school has taken students away from the school. It stinks, but the Railroaders may need to look at going independent.

This week @ Lowry



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Fernley quarterback Elijah Devold throws a pass during the Vaqueros game against South Tahoe last Friday

South Tahoe capitalizes on Fernley turnovers to shock Vaqueros

Fernley hits the road to face Spring Creek

By Robert Perea
Range Media

Five costly turnovers doomed the Fernley High School football team last Friday, overshadowing a resilient defensive effort in a narrow 19-16 loss to South Tahoe.

With the help of those five Fernley turnovers, South Tahoe's defense held the Vaqueros to 165 total yards, limiting Fernley to just 30 total offensive plays, compared to South Tahoe's 60, allowing the Vikings to control the clock and keep the Fernley offense sidelined.

The missteps started on the first offensive play of the game, when South Tahoe's Max McLean intercepted a pass at his own 3-yard line.

That seemed harmless enough two plays later, when Isaid Solis tackled Eli Letton in the end zone for a safety to put the Vaqueros up 2-0.

Two possessions later, quarterback Elijah Devold ran 32 yards for a touchdown with 5:55 left in the first quarter, giving the Vaqueros a 9-0 lead.

South Tahoe turned Fernley's second turnover, a fumble at its own 37-yard line, into a 12-yard touchdown pass from Jonah Benavidez to Spencer Chen with 1:25 left in the second quarter.

Another fumble gave the Vikings the ball right back on the Fernley 11-yard line, but a delay of game penalty put the Vikings behind the chains and the Vaqueros were able to get a stop on fourth down to preserve their lead.

Letton's 5-yard touchdown run with 4:00 left in the third quarter gave the Vikings their first lead at 12-9.

Fernley fumbled and went three-and-out on its next two possessions, but the defense came up big both times with third-down sacks. When Jayden Esparza followed up a 47-yard pass from Eli



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Fernley running back Jayden Esparza looks for room to run.

Devold to Jayse Jones by breaking free for a 24-yard touchdown to put Fernley back on top 16-12 with 8:28 left in the game, it seemed the Vaqueros might weather the storm.

Then, after yet another defensive stop, the Vaqueros got the ball back at their own 19-yard line with about 6:30 left in the game, following a South Tahoe punt.

But the runover bug bit again. A fumble gave the Vikings the ball at the Fernley 20-yard line, and on 4th-and-15, Benavidez connected with Karter Mapes for their winning touchdown with 4:30 left in the game.

The loss drops the Vaqueros to 2-3 overall, but more importantly 1-2 and in a tie with Dayton for sixth place in the Northern 3A.

Vaqueros face a tough challenge as they try to bounce back this week, traveling to Spring Creek, where they have lost in their last four trips. They beat the Spartans 38-14 at home last year.

Spring Creek is 3-1 overall, 1-1 in the Northern 3A, with a 58-0 win over Sparks and a 35-18 loss to Truckee last week.



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Fernley linebacker Isaid Solis deflects a South Tahoe pass during the Vaqueros game against South Tahoe last Friday.

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