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Buckaroo Pride



TONY ERQUIAGA • Range Media
Taking over for her sister Matti, Lowry's Louise DeLong brings the football team on the field prior to kickoff this past Friday against Elko.

PCHS rolls past Green Valley Christian

Mustangs make home debut this week

By Peggy Jones
Range Media

The Pershing County football team made the long trip to Beatty worthwhile, rolling to a 65-0 victory over Green Valley Christian in the North/South Challenge.

Coach Mike Brooks said he was pleased with how the Mustangs played.

"We were very happy with how our kids performed after an overnight stay and long bus ride," Brooks said. "It was also very nice to play in much cooler temperatures compared to last season."

Quinton McKinney had a big game for the Mustangs, scoring two offensive touchdowns and returning a kick for another touchdown. He also recorded an interception on defense.

Pershing County spread the scoring around, with Thomas Brooks, Jaxson Happy, Eddie Aceves, Amare Rosas and Ryan Houston each scoring touchdowns.

Brooks also credited the Mustangs' work in the trenches.

"Our offensive and defensive lines played very well, with Brayden Padgett leading the way," he said.

The defense kept Green Valley Christian off the scoreboard while adding points of its own with a safety. Aaron Zelaya also recorded an interception, giving the Mustangs two takeaways through the air along with McKinney's interception.

Brooks called the trip a success and thanked parents for providing snacks and drinks for the players during the long journey. There was even some competition away from the football field, with Houston Allen winning the team's PlayStation tournament on the bus.

The Mustangs return home Friday, Sept. 11, to face the Quincy Trojans in a nonconference game. Junior varsity is scheduled for 4:30 p.m., followed by varsity at 7 p.m.

The game will also be Future Mustang Night.

"Quincy is off to a strong start, so we are happy to play them for our last contest before league play," Brooks said. "We are hoping to pack the stands and field with future Mustangs."



Leanne Cruz, Cruz Down Memory Lane Photography
Fernley's Brendon Magill ran for two touchdowns in last Friday's game against Sparks.

Road-weary Vaqueros to host South Tahoe in first home game

Home debut, Homecoming week as Vaqueros host South Tahoe

By Robert Perea
Range Media

After four consecutive road games, 1,115 miles and 22 hours of travel, the Fernley Vaqueros finally get to play their first home game of the season Friday night, and they'll bring with them the momentum of last week's 46-0 win at Sparks.

After two consecutive losses, both of which Fernley coach Anfernee Sloan believes his team should have won, the Vaqueros got back in the win column by

dominating Sparks.

But Sloan said more importantly, they did it by correcting several of the problems that cost them dearly in the back-to-back losses to Bishop and Elko.

"I'm not going to say we fixed it one week," Sloan said. "But I think we might have kind of cracked the da Vinci code there for a second and might have figured out what it is that we need to do."

First on Sloan's agenda for Friday night was improved tackling, after Elko runners consistently got extra yards after contact the week before. A close second was finishing drives on offense.

The Vaqueros had come up empty on five trips inside the opponent's 20-yard line the previous two weeks.

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Tonight, we are honored to recognize someone who has spent more than three decades making Winnemucca a better place not for recognition or a title, but simply because he saw a need and stepped up to help.

That person is Brad Bauman.

For more than 30 years, Brad has dedicated thousands of volunteer hours to our community through youth sports, conservation, outdoor education, and service to others.

His impact can be seen in programs, partnerships, and opportunities that continue to benefit local families today.

Brad's greatest passion has always been investing in young people. He helped establish the Winnemucca Buckaroo Club Wrestling program, giving boys and girls as young as five the opportunity to learn the sport.

That program became a foundation for generations of Lowry High School wrestlers, teaching discipline, confidence, perseverance, and sportsmanship long before they entered high school athletics.

Brad carried that same commitment into the Winnemucca Youth Football

League, serving as a coach, referee, board member, and eventually league president. He gave more than a decade to Winnemucca Little League as a coach, umpire, All-Star coach, mentor, and behind-the-scenes leader, always stepping in wherever he was needed.

Brad's service extends far beyond athletics. He helped make the James Kinney Community Fishing Pond a reality, creating a place where thousands of children and families can fish, enjoy the outdoors, and make memories together.

He has also mentored students through Trout in the Classroom and helped create outdoor experiences for individuals with disabilities through the Cody Louk DreamKeeper Foundation, where he has served since 2005.

What truly sets Brad apart is that he has never sought the spotlight. As one fellow volunteer put it, "He never looked for recognition or titles. He simply saw a need, found the right people, and got to work."

That spirit has earned Brad an affectionate nickname around Winnemucca: the "Mayor of Youth Sports."

Brad could not be with us tonight, but we hope he knows how much his community appreciates everything he has given to Winnemucca, and it is our honor to present him with the Our Town Hero Marigold Award.

Good Things Come in Three

Thomas trio helps Lowry girls to third-place finish at Reed Invitational

Moses leads the way for Buckaroo boys
By Tony Erquiaga
Range Media

Exactly how many Thomases do the Lowry High School girls cross country team need.

Well, this fall there are three of them, racing on a team that is the reigning 3A state runner-up. Come November, it's going to take all three to get back to that same place or even better.

Lowry traveled to Reed High School and Shadow Mountain Park last Saturday for the Reed Invitational. The Buckaroos finished third in the girls standings.

Leading the way for the Buckaroos was senior Alyla Thomas, placing third with a time of 21 minutes, 9 seconds.

Reno High School placed six runners in the top 10, including race winner, Avery Johnson in a time pf 20:02. Spanish Springs' Taizley Felsted (20:32) placed second.

Two more Thomas' finished in the top 18 and both are freshmen. Ajerra was 14th at 23:17 and Makayla finished 18th with a time of 23:31.

Lowry junior Azure Sagers (24:02) and Taylor Soderstrom (24:04) were not far

behind in 22nd and 23rd, respectfully.

Reno captured the team title with 27 points, followed by Spanish Springs (41), Lowry (74) and McQueen (91).

In the boys 5,000-meter race, Lowry junior Patrick Moses paced the field of seven Buckaroo runners, finish 19th with a time of 19:47.

Anden Thomas was 28th at 20:49 and sophomores Ben Bayles (21:09), Josiah Merki (21:37) and Edward Moyer (21:43) were 31st, 32nd and 33rd, respectfully.

Sebastian Fuchslin (23:33) placed 44th and Quincy Hall (25:26) finished 53rd. Both are freshmen.

Reno had six of the top-10 finishers, with Zachary Folen winning with a time of 16:59. Spanish Springs' Everett Bowlin was second at 17:04.

Reno took home the team title with 19 points, while Spanish Springs (42) placed second. McQueen (100), Lowry (112), Wooster (137), Reed (146) and Oasis Academy (184) completed the team scores.

Lowry had two boys run in the JV race, with Andrew Lockie (27:32) 37th and Dominique McClerkin (27:36) in 38th.

Lowry travels to Reno and Damonte Ranch High School for the Ranch Twilight Invitational.

Fallon teams both win Fernley 4K

By Robert Perea
Range Media

With the top two runners in the girls race and five of the top seven in the boys, the Churchill County High School cross country teams swept the team titles at the Fernley 4K on Sept. 4

Fallon freshman Issabelle Walter-Chicas-Garibay won the girls race with a time of 17:22, followed by sophomore teammate Aubrey Strickland in 17:29.

With 22 runners from seven schools, Fallon was the only school to have a full team of five runners and finished with 15 team points to win the girls team title.

Churchill County also dominated the boys race, placing five runners in the top seven. Freshman Cayson Lacow led Fallon with a second-place finish in 14:39, followed by senior Jackson Barbee in fourth at 15:32, sophomore Cody Frey in fifth at 15:45, junior Lars Rasmussen in sixth at 15:56 and junior Tayven Martinez in seventh at 16:06.

The Greenwave won the boys team championship with 20 points. Fernley was second with 55. Five schools field full teams and 52 runners competed.

Fallon's depth showed throughout the results, with additional top-20 finishes from Landon Liston and Michael Liston both finishing in 16:55, Alex Sorensen (16:59), Isaac Frederick (17:09), Levi Bradford (17:58), Alexander McBride (18:00), Alex Bacallo (19:27) and Thomas Alvarado (25:50).

In the girls race, Fallon also placed Melody GarciaBishop (22:07), Ella Bassham (22:30), Abigail Lacow (22:36), Kylee Moore (22:43) and Zoe Rasmussen (24:21) in the top 20, rounding out a strong early-season showing for both Greenwave squads.

This week the Greenwave are scheduled to run at the North Tahoe Madman Mills Motivational.

The meet is divided into freshman, sophomore and varsity boys and frosh/soph and varsity girls.



TONY ERQUIAGA • Range Media
Hailey Hall follows through after a tee shot during the Northern 3A Icebreaker Tournament in Winnemucca last week.

Experienced Vaqueros tee off new girls golf season

By Robert Perea
Range Media

With nine players on the team, including eight returning from last season, the Fernley High School girls golf team bring plenty of experience to the course this season.

The Vaqueros participated in an Icebreaker Tournament in Winnemucca last week, then were scheduled to open the season with two meets this week, Sept. 8 in Dayton and Sept. 9 at Lowry.

The Vaqueros have three seniors among their nine players. Hailey Hall and Scarlet Garvin return, while Brylee Harry is the teams newcomer. She played soccer last year as junior, but played golf as a freshman in Arizona.

Remmi Dunn, Kaia Roessler and Ainsley Blackorby are juniors, while Izzy Martinez, Elaina VandenBrink and Stella Serrano are sophomores.

"I'm optimistic about the season with so many returning players but also anxious to see what the other teams bring back," coach Brian O'Neill said.



TONY ERQUIAGA • Range Media
Fernley's Brylee Harry hits a drive during last week's Icebreaker Tournament in Winnemucca.

After opening the season this week, next week the Northern 3A heads to Spring Creek on Sept. 14 and Elko Sept. 15.



TONY ERQUIAGA • Range Media
Fernley's Izzy Martinez putts during last week's Icebreaker Tournament in Winnemucca.

Battle Mountain cross country team competes at Fernley 4K

By Tony Erquiaga
Range Media

The Battle Mountain High School cross country team saw action for the first time this fall, running at the Fernley 4K last Friday.

Sophomore Libby Preece led the way for the Longhorn girls, finishing sixth in a time of 20 minutes, 4 seconds. Megan Augilar placed 21st, stopping the clock at 25:51 and Claire Lunderman was 22nd at 45:10.

Churchill County's Issabelle Wal-

ter-Chicas-Garibay (17:22) and Aubrey Strickland (17:29) were first and second, respectfully. The Greenwave were the only school with enough runners for a team score.

Sophomore Kaleb Hart was the only Battle Mountain boys runner, placing 46th in a time of 21:44.

Fernley senior Cael Wilson won the race at 14:22, followed by Churchill County's Cayson Lacow (14:39).

Battle Mountain travels to Tahoe City, Calif., on Friday for the North Tahoe Madman Mills Invitational.

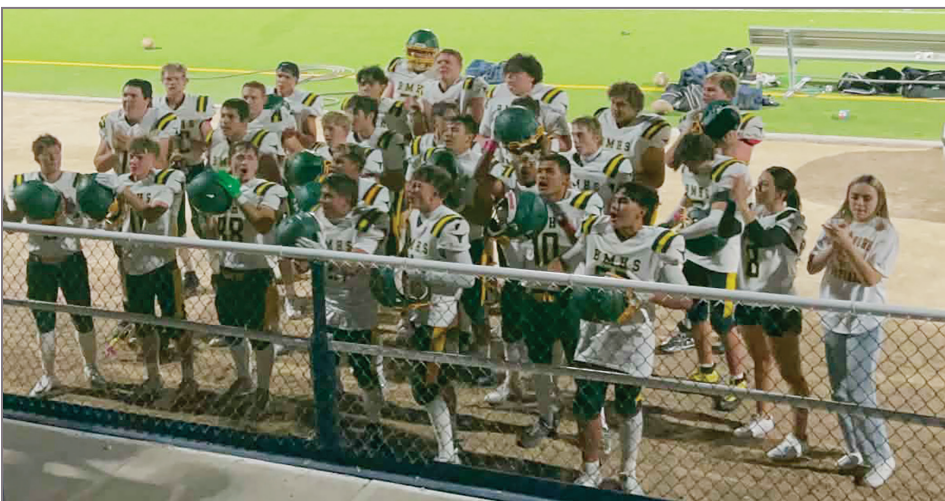
Pyramid Lake places three runners in top 25 at Fernley 4K

By Robert Perea
Range Media

The Pyramid Lake cross country team turned in a solid showing at the Fernley 4K on Sept. 4, placing three runners in the top 25 of a field that included seven schools.

In the boys race, junior Jayar Chavez led the Lakers with a third-place finish in 15:16, the highest individual placing among Pyramid Lake runners. Senior William Darrough followed in 17:35 to take 20th, junior John Kelly finished close behind in 17:37 for 21st and junior Zeke Davis (18:24) placed 27th.

In the girls race, senior Koge Redstone led Pyramid Lake with a fifth-place finish in 20:06.



SANDY BENGEOA LUTZ • Provided to Range Media
The Battle Mountain football team salutes the crowd after its win over The Meadows in Beatty.

Longhorns cruise to 41-6 victory over The Meadows at North/South Classic

By Tony Erquiaga
Range Media

Four weeks into the high school football season, Battle Mountain has played just two games to this point in the fall.

The Longhorns headed out on a long road trip, once again, traveling to Beatty this past Saturday to face The Meadows. Just like it was in the case of the White Pine match up, Battle Mountain had little trouble with The Meadows winning 41-6 in the final of three games in the North/South Classic.

Battle Mountain traveled to Incline on Thursday to begin Northern 2A play and results were not available at press time. The Longhorns make their home debut on Friday, Sept. 18, against Lincoln County.

SANDY BENGEOA LUTZ • Provided to Range Media
Battle Mountain's Damian Solis finds room to run.



Battle Mountain volleyball splits with Coral Academy, North Tahoe

Longhorns back on the road for two matches; host Lowry on Tuesday
By Tony Erquiaga
Range Media

The Battle Mountain High School volleyball team kicked a four-match, two-weekend road trip, with its furthest destination this past weekend.

The Longhorns first stopped in Reno this past Friday and closed out the weekend in Tahoe City, Calif.

“With this trip being our farthest one, we ended up performing well against both teams that we faced,” said BMHS head coach Julia Ramirez. “The progress the girls make each week is amazing to witness when they get to put all their hard work into the games we play. We look forward to settling into an offensive rhythm and working on being comfortable in uncomfortable situations.”

On Friday evening, Battle Mountain dropped the first set 25-20 to the Falcons, only to rally back 25-20, 25-18 and a dominating 25-13 win in the fourth set.

Senior Paitynn Johns and Kamilia Farias paced the hitting attack, with 11 and 10 kills, respectively, as Battle Mountain had 31 in the match. Ella Matheus and fellow junior Yadira Vazquez contributed

four and three kills, respectively.

Keona Colver had a team-high four aces, with Miranda Lomeli, Matheus, Farias, Vazquez and Johns each recording three aces. Colver (17) and Farias (14) paced the dig count, as Matheus and Johns had four each and Vazquez and Lomeli three apiece. Lomeli had a team-high 20 assists.

Battle Mountain faced one of the top teams in the league on Saturday, in North Tahoe. Even though the Lakers swept the match 25-14, 25-16, 26-24, Ramirez was happy with her team’s performance.

“Actually, I was not disappointed in our play at all,” said the coach. “We are one of a couple teams to play them that close like we did in the third set.”

North Tahoe is 10-0 on the season and has lost only one set all year — that being to Portola, Calif.

Johns finished with a team-high seven kills, with Farias and Vazquez adding five each and Matheus three. Rami McGrath, Johns and Vazquez each had a block and Lomeli 14 assists. Colver led the way with 13 digs, Johns seven and Matheus six.

Battle Mountain sits 6-10-1 overall and 2-2 in the Northern 2A and travels to Oasis Academy on Friday for a 5 p.m. start and Yerington on Saturday at noon.

The Longhorns are home on Tuesday to play Lowry at 6 p.m. and travel to West Wendover on Sept. 18.



TONY ERQUIAGA • Range Media
Battle Mountain's Paitynn Johns (11), Kamila Farias (9) and Rami McGrath.

BMHS girls score first goals of the year

Longhorns tie Warriors 2-2
Staff Report

After being shutout in its first two Northern 2A matches, Battle Mountain High School used its first two goals of the year to erase a 2-0 deficit to Whittell and tie the Warriors 2-2, this past Saturday at

Tim Knight Field in Battle Mountain.

Whittell led 2-0 after the first 40 minutes of play, when Battle Mountain cut the deficit in half in the 54th minute.

The Longhorns tied the match six minutes later.

Battle Mountain travels to West Wendover on Friday and hosts the Wolverines on Saturday at noon.

Lakers look to bounce back from loss in league opener

Staff Report

The Pyramid Lake High School volleyball team will be looking to bounce back this week after losing their Western 1A opener on Sept. 1 at Smith Valley, 25-16, 25-17, 25-20

The loss dropped the Lakers to 1-5 overall and 0-1 in the Western 1A. This week the Lakers were scheduled to play at Sage Ridge on Tuesday and at Hawthorne at 5 p.m. Thursday.

Next week they are scheduled to host Virginia City on Tuesday, Sept. 15 and Carlin on Thursday, Sept. 17, both at 5 p.m.



PEGGY JONES • Range Media
Evelyn Gonzalez, No. 12, pressures a Whittell player during Saturday's game. Gonzalez, a first-year player for the Mustangs, played the full 80 minutes in Pershing County's 2-1 loss.

Mustangs tie Quincy, fall to Whittell

By Peggy Jones
Range Media

The Pershing County High School girls soccer team battled through two close matches over the weekend, earning a 0-0 tie against Quincy, Calif., on Friday before falling 2-1 to Whittell on Saturday.

The Mustangs had just one substitute available against Quincy but held their opponent scoreless.

Coach Kelly Brooks said the girls fought hard throughout the game, with Lily Reynolds and Aaliyah Lora each playing one half in goal.

Mili Gonzalez and Elanie De Los Reyes were solid on the back line, while Fatima Arteaga made adjustments the team had worked on during the week and played well.

Desaray Vidrio, Mary McBride and Josie Brooks controlled the center of the field, while Alejandra Piñeda and Camila Garcia worked up front.

Garcia created several scoring opportunities and appeared to give the Mustangs the lead when one of her shots found the net, but officials called back the goal because another Pershing County player was offside.

Brooks also praised first-year players Evelyn Gonzalez and Natalie Gonzalez for stepping up their play and continuing to improve.

The Mustangs returned to the field Saturday and lost a hard-fought 2-1 game to Whittell while playing without their most experienced senior and their more experienced goalkeeper.

Those absences forced Pershing County to use a different formation, with McBride and Brooks moving to center midfield despite not having played those positions before.

“We were really impressed by their abilities to play those spots despite not



PEGGY JONES • Range Media
Mary McBride, No. 10, battles a Whittell player for possession during Saturday's game.

having played them before,” Brooks said.

Piñeda scored the Mustangs’ goal after receiving a pass from Vidrio.

Lora stepped into goal and made several saves, while De Los Reyes repeatedly chased down Whittell breakaways. Gonzalez and Arteaga also had strong games as outside defenders.

Brooks said Vidrio and Garcia “played their hearts out and were all over the field,” while Evelyn and Natalie Gonzalez held their own despite both being in their first year of soccer.

“Despite taking a loss, I am super proud of these girls because they don’t let anything stop them,” Brooks said. “They gave every ounce of effort they had for the entire 80 minutes of the game.”

The Mustangs travel to White Pine High School for games Friday and Saturday before returning home to host rival Battle Mountain on Tuesday, Sept. 15.



PEGGY JONES • Range Media
Natalie Gonzalez, No. 13, controls the ball during Saturday's game against Whittell. Gonzalez is playing soccer for the first time this season.



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Lowry girls golf team host preseason icebreaker tournament

Northern 3A plays Elko County doubleheader on Monday and Tuesday
By Tony Erquiaga
Range Media

In a bit of an ironic moment last week, the Lowry High School girls golf team hosted a preseason Icebreaker tournament, also featuring Elko, Spring Creek and Fernley.

Named for breaking the ice and getting to know other players in a tournament setting, the girls did not think they would get late-summer weather that was iced down.

Cool temperatures in the 60s and high winds greeted the players at Winnemucca Municipal Golf Course.

The regular season began on Sept. 8 and Sept. 9, in Dayton and Winnemucca, respectively. Results were not available at press time.

The Northern 3A makes its Elko County swing at Spring Creek Golf Course on Monday and Ruby View Golf Course in Elko on Tuesday.

Fallon hosts its tournament on Monday, Sept. 22, and Fernley hosts at The Ranch at Desert Lakes on Tuesday, Sept. 23.

This year, the Northern 3A is conducting a regional championship, with the 36-hole tournament starting on Oct. 5 at Lake Tahoe Golf Course.

The final 18 holes will be played at Tahoe Donner Golf Course on Oct. 6.

State Qualifying

For teams and individuals, a qualifying standard will be utilized. The standard must be met in the league/region tournament in order to advance to the state tournament.

Team Qualifying

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

tional 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.

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.

3A individual qualifying standard: score average of 35-over-par per round.



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Above: Lowry's Hadlee Corbitt putts on the seventh green. Below left: Maite Bengochea looks on after hitting a drive. Below: Savannah Ortiz hits her drive on No. 4.



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Lowry's Makinley Hislop hits her drive on the first hole at Winnemucca Municipal Golf Course.

Fernley Women's Golf Club Championships, Sept. 1-2

Club Champion

Low gross: Sandra Corsi, gross score 189/net 153

Club Champion

Low net: Bonnie MacQuarrie, 218/140

Flight 1

Low Gross: Jana Garner, 194/150
1st Net: Nancy Newton, 210/150
2nd Net: Marla Garrett, 212/154

Flight 2

Low Gross: Kathy Kennedy, 217/155
1st Net: Cheri Grutkowski, 218/154
2nd Net: Paula Reed, 219/155

Purple Flight

Low Gross: Verl-Lee Ely, 193/151
1st Net: Karen Holcher, 219/155
2nd Net: Valerie Montgomery, 210/164

Tuesday Sept. 1

Flight 1 Long Drive: Susan Kinstler
Flight 2 Long Drive: Cheri Grutkowski
Purple Long Drive: Lois Thiel

Wednesday, Sept. 2

Flight 1 Accurate Drive: Marla Garrett, 9'6"

Flight 2 Accurate Drive: Linda Garrett, 9'8"

Purple Flight Accurate Drive: Valerie Montgomery, 1'7"

Birdies/Eagles for both days: Patty Liljeberg, #7; Cheri Grutkowski, #4

Most Putts (Tie) Sandi Sewchok, 76; Ava Case, 76

Fewest putts for both days

Flight 1: Patty Liljeberg, 63
Flight 2: Kathy Kennedy, 63
Purple Flight: Valerie Montgomery, 67
Longest Putts: Sani Corsi 3'; Jana Garner 16' 5 1/2"

Tuesday Flight 1

Closest to Hole #7: Jana Garner, 20'7"
Closest to Hole #11: Marla Garrett, 26'11"

Tuesday Flight 2

Closest to Hole #7: Paula Reed, 5' 8"
Wednesday Flight 1
Closest to Hole #7: Patty Liljeberg, 6'5"
Closest to Hole #14: Jana Garner, 30'3"

Wednesday Flight 2

Closest to Hole #7: Paula Reed 26' 5"
Closest to Hole #14: Kathy Kennedy, 21' 11 1/2"

Wednesday Flight 3

Closest to Hole #7: Karen Holcher, 19'7"



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JOHN BAKER • Provided to Range Media
Fallon's Logan Casey blocks Truckee's Alan Cadena during the Greenwave's 47-21 win over the Wolverines last Friday night.

Fallon blasts Truckee to move to 4-0

By Robert Perea
Range Media

Just when it looked like Truckee might be poised to challenge Fallon, a 97-yard kickoff return by Nathiel Bianchi sparked a 27-point first-half explosion as the Greenwave improved their record to 4-0 with a 47-21 victory over the Wolverines on Friday night.

The Greenwave dominated on offense, defense and special teams, rolling for 366 yards on 52 offensive snaps, while Truckee managed 275 yards on 50 plays. Fallon quarterback Camden Richardson completed 14-of-21 passes for 134 yards three touchdowns. Calin Anderson caught two of the touchdowns, including the first score of the game that put Fallon on top 6-0 with less than a minute left in the first quarter.

Their second touchdown connection, a 7-yard pass in the final minute of the second quarter put an exclamation point on Fallon's 27-point quarter.

In between, after Truckee had scored to take a 7-6 lead, Nathaniel Bianchi took a kickoff return 97 yards for a touchdown to put the Greenwave up 13-7.

Alijah Juarez added a 65-yard touchdown run with six minutes left in the quarter, and just moments later, Maxton Richardson ran back an interception 72 yards to make it 27-7.

Rylan Clark added a touchdown run in the fourth quarter, to put Fallon up 40-14, and after a third Truckee touchdown, Maxton Richardson caught a 20-yard touchdown from Camden Richardson to finish the scoring.



JOHN BAKER • Provided to Range Media
Fallon quarterback Camden Richardson looks for a receiver during Friday's game against Truckee.

Juarez finished with 14 carries for 165 yards and a touchdown to lead the Greenwave attack that ran for 231 yards on 33 attempts.

The Greenwave forced two turnovers – the interception returned for a touchdown by Richardson and a fumble forced and recovered by Drake Rowlett – without committing one.

The Greenwave are now 2-0 in the Northern 3A and host Sparks at 7 p.m. Friday.



JOHN BAKER • Provided to Range Media
Fallon's Nathaniel Bianchi catches a kickoff during Friday's game against Truckee.



JOHN BAKER • Provided to Range Media
Fallon senior Maxton Richardson was presented with a \$1,000 scholarship by Nevada Sports Network during halftime of last Friday's game against Truckee.



TONY ERQUIAGA • Range Media
Elko's Isiah Stewart and Lowry's Kayson Clifton battle for the ball during Friday's game in Winnemucca, Stewart came away with the ball.

Lowry falls to Elko in 2026 home debut

Buckaroos off this week; host Sparks on Sept. 18

By Tony Erquiaga
Range Media

After spending the first three weeks of the season, driving back-and-forth from Winnemucca to Reno and Winnemucca to Dayton, the Lowry High School football team stepped on Jerry Tobin Field this past Friday.

Standing in the Buckaroos way, an old-time rival in the Elko Indians.

Under the direction of first-year, head coach Cayden Mitchen, not much has changed as Elko put a damper on the home debut with a 35-7 win.

The Buckaroos dropped to 1-3 on the year and 0-2 in the Northern 3A. The Indians improved to 2-1 overall and 2-0 in league play.

After trading punts to start the evening, Elko moved down the field on a 70-yard drive and put the first points on the board with a 4-yard touchdown run by Hagen Robinson to give the Indians a 7-0 lead with 4:17 left in the first half.

Following a punt by Lowry, Elko was back in the end zone on a spectacular catch and run by Isiah Stewart.

Stewart out jumped Lowry's Kayson Clifton and ran in for a 37-yard touchdown catch from Adan De Jesus and a 14-0 advantage.

Less than four minutes into the second quarter, the Indians added to their lead, with Riott Duke scoring on a 12-yard run. Those were the final points of the first half, as Elko led 21-0 at halftime.

The Buckaroos had momentum building out of halftime, when midway through the third quarter Jovahni Felix intercepted



TONY ERQUIAGA • Range Media
Lowry's Keston Unrein comes down with a catch near the sideline.

a pass by Ben Marvel and returned it 55 yards for the touchdown and 28-0 advantage.

Marvel was attempting to get rid of the ball and flipped to a receiver when it was picked off.

Lowry shook off the miscue with its best drive of the night, as Marvel connected with Keston Unrein on an 8-yard touchdown pass to cut the deficit to 28-7 with 35 seconds to go in the third quarter.

The Indians answered back at the start of the fourth quarter, as Duke rushed for his second touchdown of the night. The senior finished with 173 yards on 23 carries.

Lowry is on its bye week and returns to its home field on Friday, Sept. 18, to play Sparks at 7 p.m.



TONY ERQUIAGA • Range Media
Lowry's Manny Herrera goes airborne for a catch against Elko.



The news never goes extinct!

Fernley girls soccer splits with Incline, South Tahoe

By Robert Perea
Range Media

The Fernley girls soccer team opened the month of September with a 4-1 win over Incline on Sept. 1 before falling 3-0 to South Tahoe two days later.

Faith Mhondo led the Vaqueros against Incline with three goals, while Sabrina Portillo added one. Bronwynn Garrett, Tylie Gillespie and Cadence Alexander each recorded an assist. Goalkeepers Lilliana Perez and Lillian Munger combined for three saves.

Fernley generated chances against South Tahoe but couldn't break through, while Perez kept the Vaqueros in goal with 10 saves. Paige McCallum added two saves.

Fernley returns home this week, hosting Truckee on Wednesday at 4:45 p.m. and North Tahoe on Sept. 16 at 5:45 p.m.

Fernley boys soccer blanked in pair of games at Lake Tahoe

The tough start to the season continued for the Fernley High School boys soccer team last week in a pair of shutout losses.

On Sept. 1, the Vaqueros were beaten 6-0 at Incline. Highlanders' freshman Maximus Cruz scored three goals and added an assist to lead his team.

On Sept. 4, South Tahoe shut out the Vaqueros 9-0. No stats were provided for that contest.

The Vaqueros were scheduled to play at Truckee Wednesday, then go back up to the lake Saturday to face North Tahoe at 11:45 a.m.



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Lowry goalie Izayus Barajas kicks the ball into play during the Buckaroos' match with South Tahoe, last week in Winnemucca.

South Tahoe uses second-half scoring attack to knock off Lowry boys

By Tony Erquiaga
Range Media

The Lowry High School boys soccer team was back home on Wednesday, Sept. 2, for a matchup against a tough South Tahoe squad in crossover play.

A late first-half goal by David Becerra netted a late goal of an assist by Cris Arriola to cut the gap the South Tahoe lead to 2-1 at halftime. The Vikings broke the match open midway through the second half with three goals in a seven-minute span.

The Vikings added two more goals to win 7-1.

Lowry sits at 3-4-1 on the season and 2-2 in Northern 3A crossover play. The Buckaroos host encompass Academy on Friday at 4 p.m. The Explorers play as an independent and are located in Reno.

Lowry closes out crossover play on Saturday at Debbie Smith CTE Academy on Saturday in Reno at 11:45 a.m.



TONY ERQUIAGA • Range Media
Above: Lowry's Damian Guillon defends a South Tahoe player.

Silver Stage Round-Up —

Staff Report

The Silver Stage High School volleyball team was busy last week with three Northern 2A matches.

The Nighthawks hosted Sierra Lutheran on Sept. 2, falling in four sets. Sierra Lutheran won the first two sets 25-21 and 25-14, when Silver Stage kept the match going, claiming the fourth set 25-19. The Falcons closed out the match, winning the fourth set 25-21.

Sophomore Priscilla Hesselguesser knocked down six of the Nighthawks' 13 kills, with Lauren Broughton adding two. Aliyah Diaz and Broughton contributed five aces apiece, with Annebelle Glass contributing two.

Robin Smith dished out all 13 assists, Hesselguesser had five blocks and Joselyn Fayaud had a team-high 14 digs. Brooke Lehman had eight digs, Glass seven and Morgyn Phoenix and Diaz five each.

Silver Stage traveled to Yerington on Friday for a Lyon County meeting, where the Lions won in three sets 25-17, 25-18, 25-10.

Hesselguesser (5) and Diaz (4) com-

bined for all nine kills, with Samantha Sell picking up three aces and a block and Hesselguesser five blocks.

Diaz added two blocks and two digs. Smith finished with eight assists and five digs, with Fayaud having 12 digs and Lehman and Phoenix seven digs apiece.

The packed week finished on Saturday, as Silver Stage hosted Pershing County, with the Mustangs winning 25-12, 25-13, 25-21.

The Nighthawks are 1-11 overall and 0-5 in the Northern 2A.

Silver Stage hosts Coral Academy of Reno on Saturday at noon.

Silver Stage football blanked by Incline

After a week off, the Silver Stage football team traveled to Incline this past Saturday, with the Highlanders winning 41-0 on its home field.

Incline used a 19-point second quarter to lead 26-0 at halftime.

Silver Stage is back home on Saturday, Sept. 19, at 11 a.m.



TONY ERQUIAGA • Range Media
Lowry's Nayeli Andrade controls the ball during the Buckaroos' match with Sparks.

Chavez hat trick, two goals and three assists from Swensen propel Lowry to 8-0 win over Sparks

By Tony Erquiaga
Range Media

For much of the early season, the Lowry High School girls soccer team has been bitten by the injury bug.

Throw in the annual Labor Day Weekend Fair, the Buckaroos had some players taking part in that event as well. Those student/athletes put time in for the fair all year long.

With that in mind, it didn't stop the Buckaroos from beating Sparks 8-0 this past Saturday in Winnemucca. The game ended at 60 minutes due to the NIAA mercy rule.

Junior Julie Chavez did all the damage Lowry would need, collecting a hat trick in the first 13 minutes of the match.

She netted the first in the third minute off an assist from Amaya Betes. Just two minutes later, she added her second goal

and completed the hat trick in the 13th minute from an assist from Ava Swensen.

Swensen added two goals in the first 40 minutes of play and had two more assists for three on the day. Nayeli Andrade closed out the first half scoring, giving Lowry a 6-0 advantage at halftime.

Riley Ball and Yareli Garcia netted goals in the second half. Ball, the Buckaroos' usual goaltender was one of those players presenting at the fair. She got back to the game late in the first half.

Adalyn Entwistle filled in as the goalkeeper, stopping two shots.

Lowry plays its next four matches on the road, which started Tuesday in Reno against Debbie Smith CTE Academy. Results were not available at press time. The Buckaroos travel to Reno on Friday to play Wooster at 3:30 p.m.

Northern 3A East play starts on Sept. 18, at Fallon and Sept. 19, in Fernley.



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Lowry's Allyson Barajas battles for control of the ball.

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Fallon's Sutton Yost (11) and Raegan Johnson (9) put up a block against South Tahoe's Viviana Wilson during the Sept. 3 match.

Fallon volleyball gains experience with heavy slate at High Sierra Invitational

By Robert Perea
Range Media

With league play beginning next week, the Fallon volleyball team capped a demanding three-day stretch last week, playing 21 sets between Thursday's match against South Tahoe and two days at the High Sierra Volleyball Invitational.

Coach Tristin Johnson said the results didn't show up in the win column, but the week gave the Greenwave a clearer picture of where they stand early in the season.

"We had a great week," she said. "That didn't necessarily translate into wins, but we learned a lot about ourselves as a team."

After starting the season with only eight available players, the Greenwave had 10 players in uniform last week, but is getting closer to being back to full strength for the beginning of league play next weekend.

"Playing 21 sets in three days is a lot for any team, and we are still not at full strength," Johnson said. "I'm very proud of their effort, especially when I know they were very tired."

The Greenwave began the weekend with a Sept. 3 loss to South Tahoe in four close sets, 20-25, 25-20, 25-23, 25-20.

Friday and Saturday, the Greenwave went 2-6 in the High Sierra Invitational. In the first round of pool play on Friday, they lost 25-17, 25-17 to Ripon (CA) and then 25-16, 25-23 to Nevada Union (Grass Valley, CA).

In Round 2 Friday afternoon, the Greenwave lost 25-19, 25-16 to El Capitan (Merced, CA).

In Round 3 on Saturday McQueen beat the Greenwave 25-17, 26-28, 15-1, then Fallon beat Reno beat Reno 21-25, 25-15, 15-13.

In bracket play, the Greenwave beat Buhach Colony (Atwater, CA) 25-21, 23-25, 15-6 before finishing the tournament with a loss to Oakdale (CA) 25-19, 25-16.



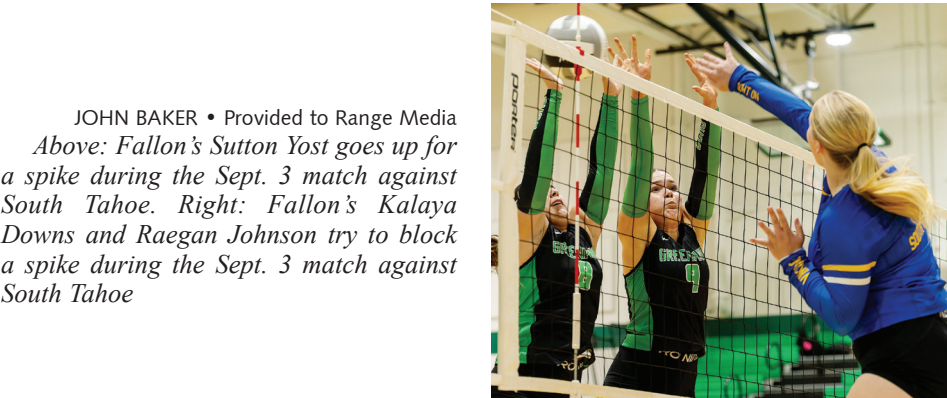
JOHN BAKER • Provided to Range Media
Fallon's Raegan Johnson spikes a ball during Fallon's Sept. 3 match against South Tahoe.

Johnson said the team saw both strengths and areas that need attention, and ball control will be a priority as they move forward.

"We learned what we need to work on and we saw lots of good things," she said. "We will continue to work hard on our ball control in all aspects of the game."

With matches on top this week at Truckee on Wednesday, followed by home matches against Smith Valley Sept. 14 and Debbie Smith CTE Academy Sept. 15 before the first Northern 3A East match at Dayton on Sept. 18. Johnson said Fallon is still in preseason mode.

"We look forward to next week when we will have almost all our players back from injury and can begin the process of discovering our best lineup," she said.



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Above: Fallon's Sutton Yost goes up for a spike during the Sept. 3 match against South Tahoe. Right: Fallon's Kalaya Downs and Raegan Johnson try to block a spike during the Sept. 3 match against South Tahoe

Fallon girls soccer evens record before final Northern 3A West crossovers

By Robert Perea
Range Media

After beating Sparks last week to even its record, the Churchill County High School girls soccer team will finish crossover play against the Northern 3A West Division this week before starting league play next week.

The Greenwave beat Sparks 12-0 last Friday to make its record 2-2-1.

This week Fallon was scheduled to play at Wooster on Wednesday and at Debbie Smith CTE Academy Thursday. Next week the Greenwave will host Lowry on Sept. 18 to start the Northern 3A East schedule.

Fallon boys soccer claims first win of season

The Churchill County High School boys soccer team claimed its first win of the season last week.

After losing 4-0 to South Tahoe last Tuesday, the Greenwave beat Incline 3-1 on Thursday, before losing their third match of the week at Truckee 5-1 on Friday.

Kyle Shawcroft, Jarrett Ugalde and Angel Barajas each scored a goal for the Greenwave in the win over Incline. Shawcroft also had Fallon's goal in the loss to Truckee.

This week Fallon is scheduled to host Dayton Thursday at 6 p.m., before taking the trip to West Wendover and Elko on Sept. 18-19.



Photo provided by Monica Halverson
The 2026 PCHS volleyball team prepare to take on the Yerington Lions. From left to right: Ali Montes, Whitlee Montes, Magdalena Ramirez, Khloe Montes, Arya Garland, Jerzie Jones, Avani Rosas, Bella Zelaya, Katelyn Elerick, Cami Watson, Millie Canchola, Mollee Houston and Kelsey Collins

Pershing County rebounds with sweep of Silver Stage

Mustangs fall in five-set thriller to Lions

By Peggy Jones
Range Media

The Pershing County volleyball team went on the road for a pair of conference matches last week, battling Yerington in a five-set thriller Wednesday before sweeping Silver Stage in three sets Saturday.

The Mustangs battled Yerington on Sept. 2, falling 22-25, 25-19, 25-22, 21-25 and 13-15 in a match that came down to the final points of the fifth set.

PCHS coach Monica Halverson said the Mustangs entered the match determined to take control early but are still learning to recover quickly from mistakes.

"We tend to hold on to mistakes, and it affects the played ball long after we get our momentum back," Halverson said.

Khloe Montes led the Mustangs offensively with a season-high 11 kills and added an ace.

Katelynn Elerick had four aces, five kills and seven assists, while Arya Garland recorded two aces, two kills, two assists and 15 digs.

Halverson singled out Elerick as one of the Mustangs' top performers.

"As a setter, she made things happen and created chaos for the Lions," Halverson said.

Cami Watson finished with five kills and three blocks, while Jerzie Jones contributed two aces, a kill and seven digs. Avani Rosas had two aces, a kill and nine assists. Ali Montes added a kill and two digs.

The Mustangs returned to the court Sept. 5 and defeated Silver Stage in three sets, 25-12, 25-13 and 25-21.

The match gave Pershing County an opportunity to use more of its bench while maintaining control of the game.

Halverson said the team's younger players continue to make an impact as they gain varsity experience.



Photo provided by Monica Halverson
Pershing County players Kelsey Collins (15), Ali Montes (5), Millie Canchola (3) and Bella Zelaya (1) get into position to receive the ball during Saturday's match against Silver Stage.

"My sophomore group is proving to be a collective threat as they continue to get varsity experience and game time," she said.

Ali Montes had a season-high six aces against Silver Stage and added six assists and two digs. Bella Zelaya recorded three kills and six digs, while Garland had two aces, two back-row kills, two assists and eight digs.

Elerick contributed four aces, one kill, five assists and a dig. Avani Rosas had two kills, three assists and two digs. Millie Canchola recorded two aces, one kill and three digs, while Khloe Montes added two aces, one kill and three digs.

Magdalena Ramirez, Cami Watson, Whitlee Diaz, Jerzie Jones, Mollee Houston and Kelsey Collins also contributed to the win.

"It was a good day to be a Mustang," Halverson said.



Photo provided by Monica Halverson
Mollee Houston (12) blocks Silver Stage covered by teammates Bella Zelaya (1), Alani Montes (5), Khloe Montes (7) and Arya Garland (4).



TONY ERQUIAGA • Range Media
McDermitt's Riley Kelly comes down with a catch during Friday's game with Carlin.

McDermitt drops home opener to Carlin

Bulldogs back home to play Wells on Saturday

By Tony Erquiaga
Range Media

The McDermitt High School football team took to its home field for the first time this fall, hosting Carlin this past Friday. For those not familiar, with the school, the football field is located in Oregon, while the school is across the road in Nevada.

The Raiders used a quick start to win 48-0, in a contest that was played in stretches of rain.

Carlin scored three touchdowns in the first seven minutes of the contest, beginning with an 8-yard run by Ashton Kerby. Three minutes later Kerby through and 6-yard pass for a score and a 14-0 lead.

The Carlin defense stepped up on the next McDermitt drive, with Caston Stanfill returning an 18-yard interception return for a score and a 20-0 advantage with 5:18 left in the first quarter.

The Raiders created a running clock four minutes into the second quarter, with a 10-yard touchdown run and a 330-yard pass from Kerby to Haydon Grondin.



TONY ERQUIAGA • Range Media
McDermitt's Bryson Hunter looks for room to run.

Carlin added two more touchdowns later in the second half to complete the shutout.

McDermitt hosts Wells on Saturday at 1 p.m.



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Above: McDermitt's Rikki Crutcher serves during Friday's game with Carlin. Below: Chenoa Kelly (6) and Melissa Hunter sub in,

Lady Bulldogs sweep Eastern 1A openers from Jaguars, Raiders

McDermitt hosts Wells on Saturday

By Tony Erquiaga
Range Media

Following preseason tournament trips to Battle Mountain and Beatty in August, the McDermitt High School volleyball team made its home debut last weekend, also starting 1A East play.

McDermitt took on Jackpot on Thursday and swept the Jaguars to earn the victory.

The Bulldogs claimed the first set 25-16 and allowed just 15 points in the final two sets. McDermitt routed Jackpot 25-6 and 25-9.

It looked like a carbon copy on Saturday morning, as McDermitt scored the first 10 points of the first set against Carlin, winning the first set 25-8.

However, the Raiders shook off the slow start and won the second set 27-25. Even though they are league foes, the two teams had seen plenty of each other this fall.

This was the third meeting already, with them playing in Battle Mountain and



TONY ERQUIAGA • Range Media
McDermitt's Ebony Crutcher sets the ball for a teammate during Friday's match with Carlin.

Beatty. McDermitt bounced back to win the final two sets 25-12, 25-18 to improve to 6-7 overall and 2-0 in league play.

McDermitt hosts Wells on Saturday at 11 a.m.

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Photo courtesy of coach Krista Smith
Oasis Academy sophomore Vincenzo may finished second in the frosh/soph boys race at the Reed Invitational.

Arcoraci leads Bighorn runners at Reed Invitational

By Robert Perea
Range Media

Oasis Academy senior Leonidas Arcoraci placed 22th in the varsity boys race to lead the Bighorns’ cross country team at the Reed Invitational last Saturday. Arcoraci ran the 5,000meter varsity race in 20:23, and Oasis Academy finished seventh in the team standings. Keagan Craig placed 43rd in 23:12, Kamron Bracken finished 54th in 26:30, followed by senior Jose Montalvo in 55th at 26:35 and senior Elijah Jones in 56th at 27:22. Oasis also had three runners in the freshman/sophomore boys race. Soph-

omore Vincenzo May finished 22nd in 23:23, freshman Zayden Maynez placed 28th in 25:02 and freshman Connor Tolman finished 43rd in 30:05. In the junior varsity girls race, Oasis placed three runners. Sophomore Sonora McInturff finished 25th in 36:47, sophomore Faith TorresMay was 26th in 36:50 and sophomore PhoenYx Mathes placed 32nd in 41:30. “The Reed Invitational is a tough race, with a pretty steep climb up Shadow Mountain. All our athletes stepped up and raced their hearts out,” coach Krista Smith said. This week the Bighorns will compete against about 25 schools at the North Tahoe Madman Mills Motivational scheduled to start at noon Saturday.

On Course For Regionals

Wilson wins boys race at Fernley 4K

By Robert Perea
Range Media

Following his strong performance the previous week in California, Fernley senior Cael Wilson won the boys race at the Fernley 4K on Sept. 4, leading the Vaqueros in the Fernley 4K. Wilson finished in 14:22, topping a field of 52 runners from seven schools. Fernley finished second as a team with 55 points, behind Fallon’s winning score of 20 points. Fernley placed two runners in the top 20 behind Wilson. Daniel Hiles finished 11th in 16:43, and Ayden Johnson placed 18th in 17:26. Mason Varner added a 22ndplace finish in 17:38, while Logan-Joseph Petersen was 28th in 18:25. The Vaqueros also had solid mid pack results from Addison Davis (18:42), Cam-

eron Farr (20:06), Parker Johnson (20:21) and Bentley Ubben (28:59). In the girls race, Fernley put two runners in the top five. Regan Scott finished third in 19:50, and JoJo Cardinal placed fourth in 19:57. Wynter Angus added a 10thplace finish in 21:27. Coach Kristian Slater said the Vaqueros were hit by a round of sickness during the week that kept several runners out of Friday’s meet. “However from those that were able to toe the line, they ran well,” Slater said. “Times weren’t as fast as the week before but still an improvement over our race at Douglas two weeks ago. I was really happy with Cael’s performance and showing that he is a contender for a low stick position at regionals.” This week the Vaqueros are scheduled to run in the North Tahoe Madman Mills Motivational starting at noon on Friday.

Busy stretch continues for Fernley volleyball

By Robert Perea
Range Media

The Fernley High School volleyball team opened last week with two straight-set wins in Northern 3A crossovers before going 2-4 over the weekend in a tournament in Las Vegas. The Vaqueros swept Debbie Smith CTE Academy on Sept. 1, winning 25-5, 25-6, 25-11. They followed with another sweep on Sept. 2, beating Wooster 25-11, 25-9, 25-9. “After beating both Wooster and Debbie Smith, in which we played very well and had the opportunity to get everyone playing time and try different lineups, I felt we were looking pretty good going into the tournament,” coach Diane Chapin. Fernley opened the tournament by finishing second in their pool play. They lost 25-17, 25-20 loss to Pinecrest Academy Cadence, and defeated Somerset Losee 25-12, 25-8 and another opponent. In the first match of the Golf bracket, the Vaqueros lost to The Meadows 25-15, 25-21 and finished with a loss to Moapa Valley 25-22, 22-25, 15-7. “The tournament gave us a good look at competition in southern Nevada and what areas we need to work on moving forward,” Chapin said. “We competed in every match over the weekend. We just weren’t consistent in our serving or attack, and we had ups and downs on defense.” Fernley was scheduled to play at South Tahoe Tuesday and host Incline Wednesday this week and also hosts Sparks at 6 p.m. next Tuesday before starting league play next Friday against Lowry.



TONY ERQUIAGA • Range Media
Lowry’s Hazen Root sets the ball for a teammate, during the Buckaroos match with Incline on Thursday, Sept. 3, in Winnemucca.

Lowry volleyball drops home openers to Incline, South Tahoe

By Tony Erquiaga
Range Media

The Lowry High School volleyball found itself on its home floor for the first time this fall, taking on two of the best squads in the Northern 3A West Division. Fresh off victories over Elko and Spring Creek, Incline made the trip to Winnemucca this past Thursday. The Highlanders were a powerhouse in the Northern 2A but asked to be moved to the 3A in certain sports, with volleyball being one of those. Incline showed it will be a contender in the league, sweeping Lowry 25-10, 25-13, 25-13. The senior trio of Hazen Root, Tessa Jenkins and Raegen Terry each contributed four kills for the Buckaroos, with fellow senior Josie Jenkins adding three. Josie Jenkins knocked down three aces and five digs and Emma Deputy and Root each had a block. Yarelli Ojendiz, Tessa Jenkins and Terry had five digs apiece and Finn Christean, Emelia Mentaberry and Root each had three digs. Root led the team with seven assists and Tessa Jenkins had four. On Friday afternoon, South Tahoe visited Winnemucca and left town with a 25-19, 25-9, 25-6 win, dropping Lowry to 4-10 overall and 2-2 in crossover play. Lowry travels to Truckee on Friday for



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Above: Lowry’s Raegen Terry chases down a ball.

a 6 p.m. match, Reno and Debbie Smit CTE Academy on Saturday at noon and a nonconference tilt with Battle Mountain on Tuesday at 6 p.m. The Buckaroos do not return to their home floor until Oct. 2.



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Lowry’s Emelia Mentaberry dives to the ground for a dig.

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Northern 3A Football Power Rankings

Is it Fallon and everyone else?

By Tony Erquiaga
Range Media

We learned last week that Fallon passed its first Northern 3A test, with a convincing win over Truckee. The rest played out like we thought — well maybe besides the South Tahoe win over Dayton

1. Fallon (4-0, 2-0) (LW: 1) How does one of the best teams in the state not play a home game until the first weekend of September. Fallon was facing its first test in league play and turned into an open-book pop quiz.
The Greenwave cruised to a 47-21 win and the score was not that close.
This week vs. Sparks.

2. Spring Creek (3-0, 2-0) (LW: 2) Spring Creek stepped out of Northern 3A play last Friday and hosted Virgin Valley. The Bulldogs played Fallon in the 2025 3A state championship. The Spartans broke open a 9-0 lead at halftime in their 30-0 victory.
The loss dropped Virgin Valley to 0-4 on the season. Will they be a threat in the Southern 3A?
This week @ Truckee.

3. Elko (2-1, 2-0) (LW: 3) Elko jumped out to a 14-0 lead over Lowry in the first quarter and never looked back. The Indians run attack led the way through the Buckaroo defense.
Add in a couple touchdown passes and an interception return, the game turned into a blowout. Lowry miscues keep stopping drives and momentum.
This week vs. Dayton

4. Truckee (1-2, 0-1) (LW: 4) Truckee has been the same Truckee since its 2024 state title game to SLAM Academy. Don't get me wrong, the Wolverines are still strong and winning program.
They just aren't a top two team right now. Truckee was dominated by Fallon in a score that didn't show that. We will get

an idea of what Truckee is when it hosts Spring Creek.
This week vs. Spring Creek

5. Fernley (2-2, 1-1) (LW: 5) Fernley has had worse than Fallon schedule wise with four straight road games to begin the season.
Someone find them home games please. The final in that stretch was a short trip to Sparks. The game was a blowout from the start, with Sparks severely under manned. Hey a home game this week
This week: vs. South Tahoe

6. South Tahoe (3-1, 1-1) (LW: 7) It may have been just the second league game of the year for South Tahoe but it was an important one.
With six teams advancing to the play-offs, the Vikings needed a win over Dayton to have a chance at one of those spots. The Dust Devils used a touchdown and safety to lead 8-0 at halftime but the Vikings rallied for a 12-8 win.
This week: @ South Tahoe

7. Dayton (2-2, 1-1) (LW 6) Dayton was in the same spot as South Tahoe was, but not having its top running back on the field for a second straight week, the Dust Devils' offense was not there. Dayton will have to pull an upset down the road to get into the playoffs.
This week: @ Dayton.

8. Lowry (1-3, 0-2) (LW 8) Like Fallon, Lowry was on its home field for the first time this fall, with rival Elko standing in the way. The Buckaroos' offense continues to the ball but seems like every drive ends with a miscue and penalty. Lowry has to find a way to score points instead of giving them away.
This week: Bye

9. Sparks (0-4, 0-2) (LW: 9): Scoring just seven points all year and losing 46-0 to Fernley last week, it only gets tougher for the Railroaders. The winless squad heads to Fallon. Hopefully, Calvin has heart and ends it quick.
This week @ Fallon.

FERNLEY —

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This time Fernley controlled the game from the start. The Vaqueros scored on four of their first five possessions, had a touchdown nullified by a penalty on their sixth and scored their fifth touchdown of the first half with 19 seconds left in the second quarter, after another touchdown had been called back because of a penalty.
In all, the Vaqueros had five touchdowns nullified by penalties. And were repeatedly called for holding and other illegal blocks.
Sloan said he believed some of the penalties were legit, but he said others were called because several Sparks players repeatedly went down with cramps while being blocked.
“When they’re cramping up that bad, they’re dropping and we’re still holding on, and I can see where it’s a judgment call at that point, and they’re just going to assume that it’s holding,” Sloan said.
The Vaqueros piled up 516 yards rushing and another 122 passing. Elijah Devold led the team with 150 yards rushing on eight carries, Brendon Magil ran for 128 yards and three touchdowns and had two more called back and Jayden Esparza also ran for 100 yards on eight carries.
Devold completed 4-of-9 passes with two touchdowns, one each to Vance Swindlehurst and Keaunue Tolliver.

The Vaqueros punctuated their defensive effort by preserving the shutout with a goal-line stand. After Fernley’s last touchdown, Sparks’ Maeson Esquivias returned the kickoff to the Fernley 4-yard line. Despite having backups on the field, the Vaqueros stopped the Railroaders on four straight plays.
Sloan said that sequence would be one of the highlights of Saturday morning’s film session.
“That was a good test for the backups,” he said. “They needed to bow down for once and hold the line. I don’t think they realize what they did there.”
As happy as Sloan was, he said the Vaqueros can’t get overconfident.
“We can’t hang our hat on this and be too overzealous about what we did,” he said. “There’s still some good football teams that we’ve got to line up and compete against.”
The Vaqueros will host South Tahoe Friday. It’s also Homecoming in addition to being the home opener, and Sloan said the Vaqueros are happy to finally play for the home crowd without a long bus ride.
“They are going to be energetic. They’re going to be excited. They’re going to be relaxed,” Sloan said. “I think there’s going to be a sense of relief.”

Oasis Academy drops two on the road, prepares for Battle Mountain

By Robert Perea
Range Media

The Oasis Academy volleyball team faced a tough road weekend, falling in four sets at Sierra Lutheran on Friday and in four sets at Yerington on Saturday.
On Friday, the Bighorns lost to Sierra Lutheran 2523, 2125, 2518, 2513. Oasis opened strong and split the first two sets before the Falcons controlled the final two.
Oasis traveled to Yerington the next day and dropped a 2225, 257, 2516, 2518 match. The Bighorns took the opening set but couldn’t slow Yerington’s momentum the rest of the way.
Oasis returns to league play this week, traveling to Battle Mountain on Friday at 5 p.m. and West Wendover on Saturday at 11 a.m. The Bighorns are scheduled to host Silver Stage next Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Jones, Kelley help Nevada cruise past Western Kentucky 49-14 in season opener

RENO (AP) — Carter Jones threw a pair of touchdown passes, Dominic Kelley scored two touchdowns, including a 72-yard touchdown run, and Nevada beat Western Kentucky 49-14 on Saturday night in the season opener for both teams.
Jones completed 9 of 15 passes for 163 yards. Kelley finished with 152 yards rushing on 11 carries.
Herschel Turner, Donnie Cheers and Carter Jackson also had touchdown runs for Nevada.
Rodney Tisdale Jr. was 24-of-40 passing for 203 yards for Western Kentucky. Ajay Allen added 102 yards rushing on 21 carries with two touchdowns.
Kelley’s long touchdown run came on the second play from scrimmage. Turner’s

8-yard touchdown run ended an 11-play, 88-yard drive late in the first quarter. Allen’s short-yardage score pulled the Hilltoppers to 14-7, and Cheers scored on a 20-yard run to give the Wolf Pack a 21-7 halftime lead.
Jones hit Cheers with a 32-yard touchdown pass and DJ Asiasi from 14 yards to make it 35-7 late in the third quarter before Allen’s 10-yard TD run capped the scoring with 1:18 left to play.
Up next
Western Kentucky: Plays at No. 3 Georgia on Saturday.
Nevada: Hosts FCS-top ranked Montana State on Saturday.



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Kelley set the tone on the game’s second play from scrimmage, taking a handoff and breaking free for a 72-yard touchdown run, the Wolf Pack’s longest run from scrimmage since 2015. It only took him two carries to eclipse the 100-yard mark as he went 42 yards to open Nevada’s second drive of the contest.
He finished the contest with 152 yards on just 11 carries, scoring a pair of touchdowns and averaging over 13 yards per attempt. Kelley added a one-yard plunge in the fourth quarter to give Nevada a 42-7 advantage.
His 152 rushing yards were also the most by a Wolf Pack player since Toa Taua ran for 160 yards against San José State in 2019. Kelley led the way for Nevada’s rushing attack Saturday as it piled up 323 yards at a clip of 7.7 yards per carry.

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