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Lowry's Hislop gives verbal commitment to Nevada softball



UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA SOFTBALL

Lowry High School's Makinley Hislop gave a verbal commitment to the University of Nevada softball team as part of the 2028 class.

The two-time, first-team, all-state player enters junior season

By Tony Erquiaga

WINNEMUCCA — As a freshman and sophomore, Lowry High School's Makinley Hislop quickly became one of the most dominant high school softball pitchers in the state of Nevada, regardless of classification.

Mix that in with her extensive travel ball schedule, it quickly caught the attention of a number of colleges.

The recruiting period for high school juniors began on Sept. 1 and the interest was there from day one.

As she gets ready for her junior season and a run at a state championship with her Buckaroo teammates, she has found the next stop in her career.

Hislop verbally committed to the University of Nevada softball team coached by Victoria Hayward. Hayward has taken the Wolf Pack to the cusp of the NCAA tournament the last two seasons.

"I went there for a couple camps and when I made my visit, I felt it was the place for me," Hislop said. "Talking to other schools, I felt Nevada was close to home and my best fit. I like what they are doing there."

Lowry, under the direction of coach Megan Maga, and the University of Nevada softball program have built a good relationship over the past year. Maga was an all-state player at Churchill County High School in Fallon and played for Carroll College.

"It is a different ball game, coming from where you are playing three sports, traveling and doing things outside of practice," Maga said. "It is still a lot when you get to college but that prepares you for that. Now, you are just focusing on that one sport. I just want to tell her not to lose that competitive edge."

There was a fall game scheduled to be played in Winnemucca in October between Nevada and Boise State but that fell through when the Broncos had to back out.

"She came and watched us at the state tournament last year and it grew from there," Maga said. "You don't see many college coaches come to a 3A championship game. We talked a little bit about building a foundation to have her team play here and meet in the middle. From the outside, looking in and she what she is doing with the program, it will be a great fit for Makinley. It is always fun to play in your own backyard."

The pitcher/utility player has a record of 29-3 with a 2.05 ERA in 43 appearances in the circle.

She has struck out 339 batters in 242.2 innings, holding opponents to a .186 batting average.

"I want to get in the gym and get stronger," Hislop said. "There is still room to get better mentally. It was really tough losing in the regional as the one seed as a freshman. WE got so close last year. We still have unfinished business and want to win that state championship.

At the plate, Hislop is just as dominant with numbers of .496/.526/.766 with 29 homers and 89 RBIs in 72 games.

There are times when Hislop does voice her opinion about some situations but Maga said she welcomes that in many ways.

"That is totally okay and it's great for an athlete to have that free thinking," added the coach. "Looking at it as a true student of the game, this is what's working, this isn't and can we try this. Being vocal like that is great. She has that Kobe (Bryant) mentality. She has that drive and turns into a different person. I am going to enjoy watching her grow as a person and player."

Hislop just finished a trip to the state tournament as part of the Lowry girls golf team and is getting prepared for the basketball team.

She also offers pitching lessons for younger players and a member of the Lady Magic Munoz 16u travel team.

In addition to Hislop, the Magic travel team players committed to Yale, Washington, Purdue, Utah State and College of Charleston.

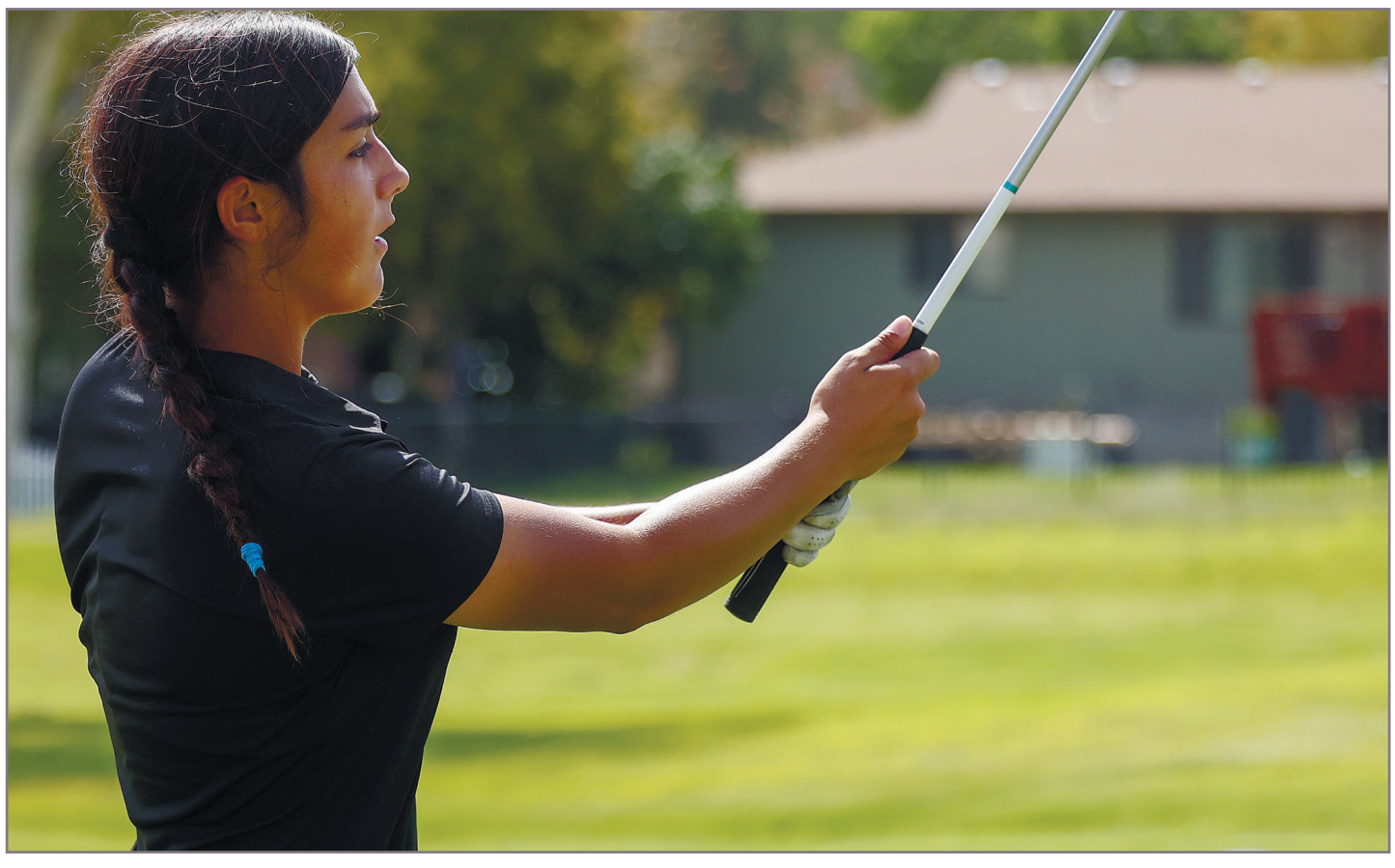
In 2025, the Magic were ranked No. 8 in the nation.

"A huge thank you to my Lady Magic coaches, my Lowry High School coaches and all of the coaches who have been a part of my journey along the way," Hislop wrote in a Facebook post. "Thank you for believing in me, pushing me to be better, and helping shape me into the player and person I am today. I'm so grateful for the time, guidance, and support each of you has given me."



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Bengochea, Hislop finish third, fourth at Northern 3A Regional Championships



Lowry's Maite Bengochea looks on after hitting a shot.

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Lowry finishes third, qualifies for state as a team

By Tony Erquiaga

WINNEMUCCA — The Lowry High School girls golf team closed out the regular season on a high note, finishing third at the Northern 3A Regional Championships held at Lake Tahoe Golf Course and Tahoe Donner on Oct. 5-6.

Truckee won the regional title, with four-person score of 734. Elko was second at 785 and Lowry (789) third. The Buckaroos held a three-stroke lead over the Indians after the first day.

All three teams qualified for the NIAA 3A State Championships.

Truckee's Allison Mortimeyer, shot 66 on the first day and was the medalist at 141.

She beat the field by 40 shots. Elko's Caitlyn Nielson was second at 181.

The Lowry junior duo of Maite Bengochea (190) and Makinley Hislop (192) were third and fourth, respectfully.

Bengochea carded an 87 on the first day in South Lake Tahoe at Lake Tahoe GC. Hislop fired rounds of 94 and 98.

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Lowry's Makinley Hislop chips her ball to the green during a tournament earlier in the year in Elko.

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Senior Bailey Miller made it three Lowry players in the top 10, placing ninth at 204 after rounds of 104 and 100. Iris Ramirez tied for 12th with Truckee's Maya Fernandez at 205 and freshman Hadlee Corbitt was in a three-way tie for 16th, carding a two-day total of 208. She had equal rounds 104.

Janae Leavell stepped in the lineup and finished 41st with a 267 total. She replaced Savannah Ortiz, who was injured in the homecoming powderpuff game and was unable to play.

The NIAA 3A State Championships took place Oct. 13-14 at Ruby View Golf Course in Elko. Results were not available at press time.

2026 Class 3A Northern Region Girls Golf Championship

Monday, Oct. 5 and Tuesday, Oct. 6

at Lake Tahoe Golf Course (par 72) and Tahoe Donner (par 72)

Team scores

		Rd 1		Rd 2		Total
1	Truckee	357	-	377	–	734
2	Elko	387	-	398	–	785
3	Lowry	384	-	405	–	789
4	South Tahoe	416	-	448	–	864
5	Spring Creek	422	-	448	–	870
6	Fernley	432	-	463	–	895
	Debbie Smith	486	-	NS	–	
	Sparks	541	-	NS	–	

State qualifying:
Top 3 teams within +140 per round (856)
Top 6 individuals within +35 per round (214)

Individual scores

			Rd 1		Rd 2		Total	
1	Allison Mortimeyer	Truckee	66	-	75	–	141	T1 (1)
2	Caitlyn Nielson	Elko	94	-	87	–	181	T2 (1)
3	Maite Bengochea	Lowry	87	-	103	–	190	T3 (1)
4	Makinley Hislop	Lowry	94	-	98	–	192	T3 (2)
5	Vanna Broadbent	Elko	89	-	105	–	194	T2 (2)
6	Skye Winter	Truckee	95	-	102	–	197	T1 (2)
7	Maddie Harper	Truckee	94	-	104	–	198	T1 (3)
8	Riley Guerrero	Churchill County	100	-	101	–	201	I 1
9	Hailey Hall	Fernley	100	-	104	–	204	I 2
9	Bailey Miller	Lowry	104	-	100	–	204	T3 (3)
9	Avery McGargill	Truckee	107	-	97	–	204	T1 (4)
12	Iris Ramirez	Lowry	99	-	106	–	205	T3 (4)
12	Maya Fernandes	Truckee	102	-	103	–	205	T1 (5)
14	Vanessa Drost	Elko	101	-	105	–	206	T2 (3)
14	Sofia Winer	Elko	103	-	103	–	206	T2 (4)
16	Hadlee Corbitt	Lowry	104	-	104	–	208	T3 (5)
16	Alia Openshaw	Spring Creek	104	-	104	–	208	I 3
16	Cecilia Martone	South Tahoe	108	-	100	–	208	I 4
19	Grace Robinette	Truckee	102	-	107	–	209	T1 (6)
20	Bryleigh Feidel	Elko	108	-	103	–	211	T2 (5)
21	Lacey Bennett	Spring Creek	107	-	105	–	212	I 5
22	Ayden Lopez	South Tahoe	95	-	118	–	213	I 6
22	Abby Gastelcutto	Elko	108	-	105	–	213	T2 (6)

BMHS girls golf team finishes second at 2A East Regional; qualify for state championships

Jorgensen places second in individual standings

By Tony Erquiaga

BATTLE MOUNTAIN — The Battle Mountain High School girls golf team punched its ticket to the NIAA 2A State Championships.

The Longhorns used their home course to their advantage and finished as the runner-up in the Northern 2A East Regional Championship at Mountain View Golf Course on Tuesday, Oct. 6.

White Pine edged out Battle Mountain 468-471 for the team title. They will be the two east teams at state.

There was a three-way tie atop the individual standings, with three golfers shooting 109.

White Pine's Payton Walker won the medalist honors on the tiebreaker, with Battle Mountain's Laylee Jorgensen and White Pine's Oaklee Campeau second and third, respectfully.

Neveah Stelton (119) and Jayci Villanueva (121) placed seventh and eighth, with Neveah Serna (122) 10th. Brooklyn DiSimone rounded out the scoring with score of 138.

Sierra Lutheran won the 2A West title with a team score of 414, followed by Whittell (419) and Oasis Academy (432).

The NIAA 2A State Championships were held Oct. 13-14 at Jackpot Golf Club. Results were not available at press time.

2026 Class 2A East Region Girls Golf Championship

Tuesday, Oct. 6

at Mountain View Golf Course (par 72)

Team scores

		Total
1	White Pine	468
2	Battle Mountain	471
3	Wells	514

State qualifying:
Top 3 teams within +200 per round (488)
Top 6 individuals within +50 per round (122)

Individual scores

			Total	
1	Payton Walker	White Pine	109	T1 (1)
2	Jaylee Jorgensen	Battle Mountain	109	T2 (1)
3	Oaklee Campeau	White Pine	109	T1 (2)
4	Isabell Callender	White Pine	112	T1 (3)
5	Maggy Rodriguez	West Wendover	116	I1
6	Arabella Martinez	Wells	118	I2
7	Neveah Stelton	Battle Mountain	119	T2 (2)
8	Jayci Villanueva	Battle Mountain	121	T2 (3)
8	Melanie Beardall	Wells	121	I3
10	Nevaeh Serna	Battle Mountain	122	T2 (4)
11	Isabella Elton	Wells	134	
12	Krosby Cox	White Pine	138	
12	Brooklyn Disimore	Battle Mountain	138	T1 (4)
14	Gianna Martinez	Wells	141	

Mustangs remain undefeated with 58-6 victory over Yerington

PCHS rests up this week; travels to Battle Mountain on Oct. 23

By Peggy Jones

LOVELOCK — The Pershing County Mustangs continued their undefeated season Friday, Oct. 9, with a 58-6 victory over the Yerington Lions. The win improved the Mustangs' record to 7-0 overall and 4-0 in the Northern 2A.

Pershing County controlled the game from the start, building a 50-0 lead through three quarters before Yerington scored its only touchdown in the fourth.

Sophomore quarterback Ryan Houston completed four of five passes for 156 yards and three touchdowns, all in the first half.

Quinton McKinney caught two touchdown passes for a total of 83 yards, while Anthony Gibson caught a long pass for his first touchdown of the season.

The Mustangs also gained yards by running the ball. Thomas Brooks ran for 65 yards on five carries, including a 27-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter. McKinney and Amare Rosas also helped the team gain yards.

PCHS head coach Mike Brooks praised the offensive line for protecting Houston when he threw the ball and creating openings for players to run.

"None of that would have been possible if it wasn't for excellent O-Line play," he said.

The Mustangs' defense kept Yerington from making much progress throughout the game. Jaxson Happy intercepted two passes, while Tate McIntee intercepted another in the third quarter.

The defense also stopped Yerington players behind the line of scrimmage on numerous plays.

Yerington scored its only touchdown on a 50-yard run in the fourth quarter but missed the extra-point attempt.

Brooks said he is pleased with the team's progress as the regular season nears its end.

"We are showing steady improvement each week, which is what we want to see heading to the end of the season and postseason," he said.

The Mustangs have a bye week before facing their final two regular-season opponents.

On Friday, Oct. 23, Pershing County travels to Battle Mountain to face the Longhorns, who are 4-2 overall and 2-1 in league play.

Battle Mountain lost a close game to West Wendover, 35-32, on Oct. 9.

The Mustangs return home Thursday, Oct. 29, to host West Wendover. The Wolverines are 5-1 overall and 3-0 in league play.

Both teams have winning records and could provide strong competition for Pershing County as the playoffs approach.

Brooks said the bye week will give players time to recover before the final two games.

"We are looking forward to a much-needed bye week," he said, adding that the team hopes to get healthy, finish the regular season strong and prepare for the playoffs.

A Little Bit of This, A Little Bit of That

Tony's New Adventures

By Tony Erquiaga



I It has been a while since we have talked, and I spent some time thinking about what I wanted to say. I started a couple of times, deleted, gave up for a while, crawled into a ball and got back at it.

Recently (at the end of September), I was honored with my 10th first-place award from the Nevada Press Association. It was for best sports story.

I also placed third in the same category. Thank you to the Battle Mountain boys basketball team and the NIAA. Not too shabby to have two of the best stories in the state.

In addition, I earned a second-place award for this column. I apparently would have won, but I was told by the judges that my editing sucked. Oh well to that. In my time doing this, I have won over 50 top-three awards.

I was nominated for the Nevada Press Association Hall of Fame for a third consecutive year, but it seems I am not good enough for that honor at the moment.

I imagine I have ruffled a few feathers, and those individuals didn't appreciate what I may have said. If it happens, it happens. If not, oh well. It will not define me.

For them, I have this quote from the late Bobby Knight, coach of Indiana and Texas Tech.

"When my time on earth is gone, and my activities here are passed, I want they bury me upside down, and my critics can kiss my …"

Like me, Knight didn't get along with everyone. Knight famously stated this line during Indiana University's Senior Day in 1994. It was a typical, defiant expression directed at his media and public detractors who criticized his fiery temper and coaching style.

I will be cocky and self-serving here. I am very good at what I do and one of the best still at it.

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There were high school volleyball and soccer games going on Saturday, and I probably should have been there. Throughout the fall, I have taken many photos for both sports.

However, I decided to be Uncle Tony for the day. I still had my camera, but this was for personal reasons. Never leave home without it. Or is that my American Express card?

It was one big circle from the junior high for basketball, to the Boys & Girls Club for soccer, a quick stop at home, back to Lowry High School for Pop Warner football, and back to the junior high. Only like eight more years of this — lol.

I should and need to be Uncle Tony more often. I have earned that right in 32 years.

Time goes by quickly, and they aren't getting any younger. I am not getting any younger. They will probably get sick of me, but oh well.

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It was good to be Uncle Tony in many ways, as it gave me a chance to catch up with Pyramid Lake coach Ray Charles.

They were thrilled when asked to come down for the junior high basketball tournament. They love to have that opportunity.

He is also the head coach of a very successful girls high school program that has won four consecutive 1A state championships, and a fifth could be on the horizon after losing just one girl from last year.

Those are the relationships I love. It was the same when I went to McDermitt, and they were playing Pyramid Lake. I spent time on the sideline chatting with coaches and fans. That's when you realize the reach you have.

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It's crazy, but the postseason for the fall is quickly approaching. By the time this comes out, the state golf championships will have taken place. Volleyball, soccer, and cross country will soon follow. Lowry High School will host the Northern 3A Regional Championship on Oct. 30–31.

Meanwhile, football ends in late November, the same weekend Formula 1 is in Las Vegas. I am wondering if I could convince Rachel to let me cover F1 and football. Ha.

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West Wendover holds on for wild Northern 2A victory at Battle Mountain

Longhorns takes on North Tahoe for homecoming; end with Pershing County, Coral Academy

By Tony Erquiaga



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Battle Mountain's Damiam Solis fights to hold on to the ball as a West Wendover defender attempts to strip it in Friday's game in Battle Mountain that the Wolverines won 35-32.

BATTLE MOUNTAIN — As the Northern 2A football regular season comes to a conclusion, there are going to be handful of games to decide seeding for the postseason and the four bids into the state championships.

One of those contests took place last Friday at Tim Knight Field in Battle Mountain. A much-improved West Wendover squad made the trip and the two teams did not disappoint.

The Wolverines and Longhorns provided their best Madden, Tecmo Bowl and track meet imitation in a wild night that saw West Wendover hang on for a 35-32 win after a last-minute go-ahead touchdown by Battle Mountain was called back on a holding penalty. The two teams traded touchdowns nine different times.

The scoring started quickly, as the Longhorns took their first possession of the night and drove down the field to take a 6-0 lead after a 9-yard scamper by Daniel Lara.

West Wendover followed with a near seven-minute drive capped off by a 4-yard run by quarterback AJ Griffith for a 7-6 Wolverine advantage with 1:40 left in the first quarter.

That was the first of four rushing touchdowns for Griffith. He rushed for 119 yards on just 13 carries.

A minor scoring drought followed, until Lara connected with Damian Solis on a short 4-yard pass with 3:54 remaining in the first half, giving the Longhorns a 12-7 lead.

The momentum shifted at the end of the second quarter, as West Wendover forced Battle Mountain to punt with 1:18 to play. The punt barely bounced into the end zone. On the next play, Griffith threw a pass to the sideline and Marques Chavez raced to the goal line before getting knocked out at the 3-yard line.

Two plays later, Griffith scored from a yard out to give the Wolverines a 14-12 halftime advantage.

That would set up six touchdowns in the second half.

With 3:54 to go in the third quarter, Lara found Solis in the corner of the end zone for a 20-yard pass and after the 2-point conversion, Battle Mountain was back up 20-14.

That was short-lived for 15 seconds, as Griffith took the ensuing kickoff back 85 yards, making a number of Longhorn players miss and using his speed to break away. West Wendover went back up 21-20.

Another lead change occurred with 41 seconds left in the third quarter, as the Longhorns wrapped up a drive on a 21-yard pass from Lara to Solis and a 26-21 Battle Mountain lead after the failed 2-point conversion.

The pinball machine was in full force, as on the third play of the fourth quarter, Griffith held on to the ball on a run, pass, option play and was not touched on a 50-yard run.

This time, West Wendover missed the extra point and led 27-26 with 11:26 to play.

Midway through the fourth quarter, Battle Mountain retook the lead after a 4-yard pass from Lara to Chase Lutz, putting the Longhorns in front 32-27 with 5:30 to play.

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Battle Mountain's Jeremiah Goodman looks for room to run.

Anderson's three-phase assault fuels Fallon's 40-0 rout of Fernley

Fernley hosts Lowry on Friday

By Robert Perea

FALLON — In a game where he scored four touchdowns and racked up 325 all-purpose yards, the defining play Calin Anderson made in Fallon's 40-0 shutout victory over Fernley last Friday might have been the one that when he didn't even have the ball.

Anderson systematically dismantled the Vaqueros in all three phases, hauling in 9 receptions for 173 yards and a touchdown, while adding a 7-yard rushing score.

On special teams, he broke the game open with a 76-yard punt return for a touchdown and put the exclamation point on the game with a 50-yard interception return for a touchdown that triggered the NIAA running clock rule late in the third quarter.

But as spectacular as the numbers look in the box score, Fallon coach Calvin Connors pointed at a play that doesn't show up on the stat sheet as the one that turned the game in the Greenwave's favor.

With the game still scoreless midway through the first quarter, Fernley quarterback Elijah Devold kept the ball on an option keeper from his own 36-yard line, found open space in the middle of the field and looked to be headed for the end zone. But Anderson ran him down from behind and forced a fumble, which Dylan Lanterman Amolar recovered at the Fallon 13-yard line.

"That kind of turned our tide a little bit and we were able to capitalize off that and build momentum, which out team does an amazing job of," Fallon coach Calvin Connors said.



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Fallon's Calin Anderson dashes past two Fernley defenders on his 76-yard punt return.



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Fernley running back Jayden Esparza looks for some running room.

For Connors, that relentless chase-down was a direct reflection of the culture that drives the defending 3A state champions.

"We talk about the process, the process, the process and our standard here at Churchill County High School, and they're just bought into it," Connors said. "They want to win more than they want individual statistics, and they're so selfless. And that's very important when being a state championship program and trying to build off of what we did last year."

On the other sideline, Fernley coach Anfernee Sloan could only wonder how the night might have gone differently had Anderson not stripped the ball away from Devold.

"What happens if that doesn't happen right there?" Sloan mused. "We probably punch it in and how you're up, and guess what, they've got their backs against the wall.

Instead, the fumble sparked an avalanche. Fallon drove 87 yards in 16 plays to take a 7-0 lead on a 13-yard touchdown pass from Camden Richardson to Blake Dinneen.

The key play of the drive was Anderson's run on a fake punt. A holding penalty on the play took away some of the yardage but gave the Greenwave the ball at the Fernley 30.

The remaining air in Fernley's balloon evaporated two possessions later when Anderson returned a punt 76 yards for a touchdown. While the scoreboard read 13-0, the psychological gap felt miles wider.

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"I think it's just that the punt is such a big momentum play that when that happens, it's rough," said Sloan.

Moments later an interception by Dinneen led to a 5-yard touchdown by Alijah Juarez, and what had been a competitive game moments earlier was now 21-0 at the half.

In the third quarter Anderson added a 7-yard touchdown run to make it 27-0, a 15-yard touchdown reception to make it 33-0 and the final 50-yard pick-six for the final margin.

"It's all about explosive plays and believing," Connors said. "You can talk about it, but if you're not about it and you don't truly believe, then it's never going to happen. And our kids have done an amazing job of understanding what that means."

Sloan, on the other hand, was left searching for answers.

"I'm going to contemplate some things because I think we're in a weird position right now as a program" he said. "All you can do is get back to work strengthening your tools and outworking the guy next to you."

At 2-6 overall, 1-5 in the Northern 3A, the Vaqueros need to beat Lowry this week and Dayton next week to make the playoffs as the No. 6 seed, which would earn them a first-round matchup at the No. 3 seed.

"You got to show up, you gotta do what you gotta do," Sloan said. "The focus is to go beat Lowry. The focus is to always go beat whoever we're playing.:

The Greenwave, meanwhile, remain undefeated at 8-0 overall and 6-0 in the league and host Elko this Friday, the only team that beat them during their championship season last year, with the help of a controversial call on a fumble return for a touchdown that was overturned.

"Bad taste in our mouth, but excited for the opportunity to play them at home and to send our seniors out in the regular season with a win," Connors said.



JOHN BAKER • Great Basin Sports

Fallon football coach Calvin Connors talks to his team after last Friday's 40-0 win over Fernley.

Three of five Laker runners medal at Incline

By Robert Perea

PYRAMID LAKE — The Pyramid Lake High School cross country team sent five runners to the Incline Highlander 5K on Monday, and three of them came home with medals.

The Lakers' boys team finished second to Fernley with 39 points and had two individual medalists.

Jayar Chavez placed fourth with a time of 18:55, and Zeke Davis was sixth in 20:26.5. William Darrough came in 12th with a time of 21:29.4 and John Kelly placed 25th with his time of 24:29.8.

Koge Redstone was the only runner in the girls race for Pyramid Lake, but she placed ninth with a time of 26:28.6.

The boys team also competed at the Dayton High School Rocky De-sert Run last Saturday and beat Dayton head-to-head with three run-ners for each team scoring.

Chavez finished first with a time of 19:11, while Davis was third with 22:35 and Darrough crossed the line sixth in 24:48.

This Thursday the Lakers are scheduled to run in the Chase Race hosted by North Valleys.

The race features a unique format, with runners taking off in eight different waves. The fastest runners start last, creating the "chase" effect.

The second wave will start 90 seconds after the first, then the rest of the waves will follow with 30 second intervals between each wave.



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Pyramid Lake center Azahni Davis snaps the ball against McDermitt.

Lakers' win streak ends in four sets against 1A West leaders

By Robert Perea

PYRAMID LAKE — The Pyramid Lake High School volleyball team pushed Smith Valley to four sets in its last match on Oct. 6, before falling to the 1A West leaders 25-16, 22-25, 26-24, 25-16.

The Lakers are 6-2 in the 1A West, with both losses to Smith Valley, and 9-6 overall.

The loss also ended an eight-match winning streak, but the Lakers will try to start a new one this week.

They were scheduled to host Sage Ridge Wednesday and play at Wells on Thursday, before going to Virginia City Saturday.

They also play at Excel Christian at 5 p.m. next Tuesday.

PL football

The top team so far this season in the 1A North proved to be too much for the Pyramid Lake High School football team to handle last Thursday.

The Lakers lost 44-0 to Eureka, which is 6-0 in the 1A North and has outscored its opponents 260-20.

While Eureka is battling with Mineral County and Carlin at the top of the league standings, the Lakers will try to bounce back with a trip to Wells this Thursday at 7 p.m.



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Goalkeeper Aaliyah Lora leaps into the air to catch the ball during the Mustangs' game against Quincy.

Mustangs win two straight in girls soccer; move closer to state bid

PCHS to honor seniors on Friday at home against West Wendover

By Peggy Jones

LOVELOCK — The Pershing County High School girls soccer team picked up two victories last week, defeating Quincy 3-0 at home Tuesday, Oct. 6, and Whittell 2-1 on the road later in the week.

The wins improved the Mustangs' record to 3-7-1 overall and 2-7 in league play as the team continues working toward a possible playoff spot.

Pershing County had tied Quincy 0-0 earlier in the season, making Tuesday's victory especially satisfying.

The Mustangs took a 1-0 lead in the first half when Alejandra Piñeda passed the ball to Nayeli Acosta, who scored from the left side of the field.

PCHS coach Kelly Brooks said the team played well in the first half but improved considerably after halftime.

"We came alive in the second half," Brooks said.

Acosta scored again in the second half after gaining possession of the ball following a Quincy goal kick. Desaray Vidrio, who had moved from defense to forward, added the third goal after receiving a pass from Acosta.

Lily Reynolds, Camila Garcia, Mary McBride and Evelyn Gonzalez also had good opportunities to score.

Brooks praised Elanie De Los Reyes and Natalie Gonzalez for their work in the middle of the field. Fatima Arteaga, Mili Gonzalez and Josie Brooks helped keep Quincy away from the Mustangs' goal.

Goalkeeper Aaliyah Lora made an important diving save in the second half to prevent Quincy from scoring.

The Mustangs faced a tougher challenge when they traveled to Whittell, a team currently holding fourth place in the league standings.

Pershing County took an early lead when Vidrio carried the ball toward the goal and passed to Piñeda, who scored within the first 10 minutes.

Whittell tied the game about 10 minutes later, and the score remained 1-1 for most of the game.

With less than two minutes remaining, Josie Brooks cleared the ball away from the Mustangs' goal and sent it to Garcia, who passed to Acosta. Acosta carried the ball up the field and scored from the left side, giving Pershing County a 2-1 lead.



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Elanie DeLosReyes takes a shot against Quincy.

Whittell made one final attempt to tie the game. Lora stopped a high shot, but a Whittell player was in position to try again. Garcia slid in and knocked the ball out of bounds before Whittell could score.

The game ended moments later with the Mustangs holding on for the victory.

Coach Brooks praised the team's defense, particularly Josie Brooks and McBride in the center and Arteaga and Mili Gonzalez along the sides. She also recognized De Los Reyes, Acosta and Reynolds for their efforts throughout the game.

The victory over Whittell was especially important because Pershing County hopes to move ahead of Whittell in the standings and qualify for the playoffs.

The Mustangs will host West Wendover on Oct. 16 and 17 for their final home games of the season. West Wendover has a record of 0-8-1 overall and in league play.

The Mustangs will celebrate Senior Night on Friday, Oct. 16, honoring seniors Alejandra Pineda, Nayeli Acosta and Mili Gonzalez for their contributions to the team.

Pershing County will finish its regular season on the road Tuesday, Oct. 20, against Battle Mountain, which has a record of 1-7-2 overall and in league play.



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Lily Reynolds, Josie Brooks, Nayeli Acosta and Mili Gonzalez challenge a Quincy player for possession of the ball during the Mustangs' 3-0 home victory Tuesday, Oct. 6.

PCHS volleyball finishes busy week with win over Silver Stage



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Whitlee Diaz (8) makes a forearm pass during the Mustangs' Saturday volleyball match against visiting Silver Stage.

By Peggy Jones

LOVELOCK — The Pershing County High School volleyball team faced three opponents in four days last week, falling to Yerington and Lund before finishing with a victory over Silver Stage.

PCHS coach Monica Halverson said the busy schedule challenged the Mustangs to maintain their focus and gave younger players valuable experience.

Mustangs Face Rival Yerington

Pershing County opened the week with a home match against longtime rival Yerington. The Lions defeated the Mustangs in four sets, 25-20, 18-25, 25-17 and 25-11.

The Mustangs started strong, playing solid defense and anticipating Yerington's attacks. Senior Arya Garland helped direct her teammates, calling out where opposing players were placing their hits.

Pershing County played particularly well in the second set, communicating and working together to earn a 25-18 victory. However, mistakes and missed communication allowed Yerington to take control of the final two sets.

Khloe Montes led the Mustangs with seven kills, three blocks, 12 digs and one service ace. Camila Garcia added four kills and one block, while Garland recorded six digs and four assists.

Katelynn Elerick and Avani Rosas each contributed five assists.

Lund Presents Another Challenge

The Mustangs returned to the court Thursday, Oct. 8, for a crossover match against Lund, a 1A team with a strong season record.

Lund brought a height advantage and defeated Pershing County in four sets, 25-20, 25-10, 21-25 and 25-12.

Halverson said her players worked to anticipate Lund's attacks, but struggled with consistency. Pershing County rallied to win the third set before Lund closed out the match.

Montes led the offense with nine kills, nine digs and one block. Jerzie Jones contributed six kills and eight digs, while Garcia finished with five kills and two blocks.

Garland recorded 15 digs and five assists. Elerick added seven assists and six digs, while Rosas contributed six service aces and seven assists.

Halverson praised the players coming off the bench, saying they have become increasingly important to the team's success.

Silver Stage Victory Ends the Week

Pershing County finished the week with a three-set victory (25-13, 25-23, 26-24) over the Silver Stage Nighthawks.

Halverson used a different starting lineup, giving several reserve players an opportunity to take on larger roles.

Although the match moved at a slower pace than the previous contests, the close sets tested the Mustangs' concentration. Pershing County maintained its composure and completed the sweep.

Halverson praised Silver Stage for its determination and enthusiasm. She also expressed confidence in her younger players, saying the experience they gain now will help build stronger teams in the future.

The Mustangs enter the final stretch of the regular season with a 9-13 overall record and a 6-6 league record.

They traveled to face Coral Academy of Science on Oct. 14, but results were not available at press time.

Pershing County returns home on Saturday to host Sierra Lutheran at noon, followed by longtime rival Battle Mountain on Oct. 21 at 5 p.m. The Mustangs close out the regular season at home against West Wendover on Oct. 22 at 6 p.m.



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Mollee Houston (12) passes with Kelsey Collins (15) covering.



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Former Pershing County High School volleyball players Laura Gomez (left), a 2026 graduate, and Taylor Garland, a 2024 graduate, serve as line judges during the Mustangs' match against Silver Stage on Saturday.

Thomas only runner under 20 minutes, wins Wells Invitational

Buckaroo girls have five runners finish in top 14

By Tony Erquiaga

WINNEMUCCA — The Lowry High School cross country team continues to prep for the postseason and provided another strong performance this past Friday at the Wells Invitational.

Buckaroo senior Alyla Thomas was the only runner in the girls' 5,00-meter race to break 20 minutes, winning with a time of 19 minutes, 35.3 seconds.

Her younger sister Makaylah Thomas, placed seventh, as the freshman stopped the watch at 21:25.9 and junior Taylor Soderstrom was 11th at 21:57.3.

Ajerra Thomas finished 11th with a time of 22:48.5, followed by Azure Sagers (23:14.2) and Natalia Cassinelli (23:35.6) in 12th and 14th, respectfully.

Adel Hall (25:04.4) and sophomore Lexie Salvino in her first race of the year, timed in at 27:11.5.

Spring Creek freshman Gianna Salisbury was second in the race at 20:02.1, followed by Elko's Allyson Ortiz (20:38.9) and Justice League (21:03.0) and Wells' Maggie Neff (21:12.2).

Elko edged Lowry for the team crown 35-39, with Spring Creek (68) and Wells (88) third and fourth.

Lowry had nine runners in the boys race, with junior Patrick Moses leading the way with a ninth-place finish in a time of 18:42.8. Freshman Francisco Renteria continued his stellar first season, placing 12th at 18:55.6.

Andrew Thomas (19:06), Josiah Meki (19:25.6) and Ben Boyles (19:45.3) made it five Buckaroo runners in the top 20, placing 14th, 18th and 20th.

Edward Moyer (20:41.4), Sebastian Fuchslin (21:34.2), Andrew Lockie (23:33) and Dominique McClerkin (26:04.4) closed out the Lowry finishers.

Wells Isaac Gale won the race at 16:55.6, and was the only runner to break the 17-minute mark.

Spring Creek had four of the top six finishers and six of the top 11 to win the team title.

Lowry hosts its invitational on Friday at Winnemucca Municipal Golf Course. The boys race at 3 p.m. and girls at 3:30 p.m.

The Northern 3A Regional Championships is set for Friday, Oct. 30, at Rancho San Rafael Park in Reno.

The boys run at 10:35 a.m. and girls at 1:15 p.m.

The top four teams from the Northern League meet and the top four teams from the Southern League meet advance to the eight-team 3A state championship.

The top seven individuals from teams that did not qualify for the state meet in the Northern Region meet and the top seven individuals from teams that did not qualify for the state meet in the Southern Region meet also advance.



LOWRY HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

The Lowry High School girls cross country team takes off from the starting line at the Wells Invitational.





Courtesy of Oasis Academy

Oasis Academy's Meirra Cavanaugh was the 2A West individual champion and the Bighorns finished third as a team

Cavanaugh wins 2A West Region girls golf title, Bighorns place 3rd as a team

By Robert Perea

FALLON — Oasis Academy's Meirra Cavanaugh won the individual championship at the 2A West Region girls golf championship on Oct. 6 at the Fallon Golf Course.

She helped lead the Oasis Academy Bighorns to a third-place finish as a team to qualify for the 2A State Tournament.

In addition, the Bighorns were named the 2A State Academic Champion in girls golf.

Cavanaugh shot an 80 in the regional meet to win the individual title by 12 strokes over Sidney Smith of Sierra Lutheran.

Lora Siebecker also posted a top 10 finish for the Bighorns, with a score of 108, which tied with Isabella Lopez linde of Virginia City for 10th place.

Bailey Beebe shot 110 to tie for 12th with Danielle Rozier of Whittell, while Bailey Peixota rounded out the scoring quartet for Oasis with a 134, which placed her 25th.

Ianna Sorono was the fifth Oasis player, with a score of 146.

Their collective score of 432 placed them third, behind Sierra Lutheran at 414 and Whittell at 419.

By qualifying for the 2A State Tournament, the Bighorns were scheduled to compete Oct. 13-14 at the Jackpot Golf Club.



Courtesy of Oasis Academy

Oasis Academy's Meirra Cavanaugh was the 2A West individual champion and the Bighorns finished third as a team

Along with the three West Region teams, three individual players Virginia City, one from North Tahoe and two from Incline qualified for State.

The 2A East will be represented by teams from White Pine and Battle Mountain, one individual player from West Wendover and two from Wells.

Battle Mountain split matches with Coral Academy, North Tahoe

Longhorns back home for two more

By Tony Erquiaga

BATTLE MOUNTAIN — The postseason is quickly approaching and for the Battle Mountain High School volleyball teams and others in the league, it is a hot mess for positioning.

While North Tahoe at 13-0 and Yerington (11-1) are sitting pretty, the No. 3-6 spots are decided by two matches. Sierra Lutheran (8-4) is third, with Battle Mountain and West Wendover tied at 7-5. Pershing County (5-6) holds the final playoff spot.

This past weekend, Battle Mountain defeated Coral Academy of Reno in four sets, 25-6, 23-25, 25-22, 25-22, while losing in three sets to North Tahoe 25-17, 25-22, 25-13.

"The postseason is fast approaching, and the girls are doing their best to refine their skills and keep pushing to improve," said BMHS head coach Julia Ramirez. "They are utilizing their offensive weapons in each set, and we are working to fine-tune some offensive items as we head into the last games of the regular season."

In the win over Coral Academy, Battle Mountain's hitting attack was at full strength with 35 kills, including 10 each from Paitynn Johns and Kamila Farias. Ella Mathues contributed six kills, Yadira Vazquez five and Keona Colver three.

Seven Longhorns had aces, with three apiece from Miranda Lomeli, Johns. Vaquez and Farias.

Sofia Andrade had two aces. Lomeli finished with a team-best 31 assists, with Johns and Andrade adding 24 and 22 digs, respectfully. Rami McGrath, Johns and Vaquez each had a block.

Against North Tahoe, Matheus came away with five kills and Vaquez and Johns added three each. Matheus picked up four aces, while Vaquez had three blocks.

Farias dished out eight assists, Johns seven digs and Mathues, Farias and Vazquez each finished with six digs.

Battle Mountain hosts Fallon's Oasis Academy on Friday at 5 p.m. and Yerington on Saturday at noon.



BMHS cross country runs at Wells Invite

By Tony Erquiaga

BATTLE MOUNTAIN — Two members of the Battle Mountain cross country team traveled to Chimney Rock Golf Course in Wells this past Friday for the Wells Invitational.

Sophomore Libby Preece stopped the watch at 24 minutes, 48.4 seconds to finish 18th in the girls 3.1-mile race.

Lowry's Alyla Thomas won the race in a time of 19:35.3 and was the only runner under 20 minutes. Soring Creek freshman Gianna Salisbury (20:02.1) was the runner-up, followed by Elko's Allyson Ortiz (20:38.9) and Justice League (21:03).

Elko narrowly defeated Lowry for the team title (35-39).

In the boys race, Battle Mountain sophomore Kaleb Hart placed 37th in a time of 22:24.2. Wells senior Isaac Gale crossed the line first at 16:45.6. Spring Creek had four runners finish in the top six to win the team title.

Battle Mountain travels to Winnemucca on Friday for the Lowry Invitational at Winnemucca Municipal Golf Course.

The Northern 2A Regional Championships is set for Friday, Oct. 30, at Rancho San Rafael Park in Reno. The boys run at 10 a.m. and girls at 12:35 p.m.

The top three teams from the Northern Region meet and the top three teams from the Southern Region meet advance to the 2A state meet.

The top seven individuals from teams that did not qualify for the state meet in the Northern Region meet and the top seven individuals from teams that did not qualify for the state meet in the Southern Region meet also advance to the Class 2A state meet.



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Fallon's Rylie Guerrero, shown here teeing off at a meet in Winnemucca earlier this season, was qualified for the 3A State Girls Golf Tournament as the top at-large qualifier.

Guerrero is top individual qualifier for 3A State Girls Golf Tournament

Places 9th in 3A Northern Tournament

By Robert Perea

FALLON — Fallon's Rylie Guerrero shot 201 over the two-day 3A Northern Region Girls Golf Tournament last week at Lake Tahoe and Truckee and was the top at-large qualifier for the 3A State Meet being held this week in Elko.

Guerrero placed eighth overall with a score of 201, shooting 100 in the first round on Oct, 5 at Lake Tahoe Golf Course and 101 at Tahoe Donner Golf Course in Truckee on Oct. 6.

Lexie Malama-Gomes of Fallon placed 32nd at the regional meet with a score of 228, shooting 112 in the first round and 116 on Day 2.

Truckee was the Region champion with a total score of 734, with Elko second at 785 and Lowry third with 789. The 3A State Tournament was scheduled to be held at Ruby View Golf Course in Elko Oct. 12-13.

Fernley's Hall earns berth in 3A State Girls Golf Tournament

By Robert Perea

FERNLEY — Fernley senior Hailey Hall tied for ninth overall and qualified for the 3A State Girls Golf Tournament which was scheduled to be played earlier this week.

Hall shot 204 in the two-day 3A North Region Tournament held Oct. 5 at Lake Tahoe Golf Course and Oct. 6 at Tahoe Donner Golf Course.

She was the No. 2 individual qualifier, shooting 100 in the first round and 104 in the second.

Fernley placed sixth as a team with rounds of 432 and 463 for a team score of 895. Truckee was the Region champion with a total score of 734, with Elko second at 785 and Lowry third with 789.

Coach Brian O'Neill said Hall was steady both days and the team closed the season with its best team round on Day 1 of the tournament.

"Tahoe Donner is a tough track for the field and the Day 2 scores showed that," he said.

O'Neill added that he was proudest of the team's three seniors, noting that Scarlet Garvin and Brylee Harry were in the hunt to qualify for State and the first day of regionals.

Harry posted 110 both days to place 26th overall at 220, which was seven strokes behind the final individual qualifier.

Garvin shot 107-122 to finish at 229 in 33rd place, Isabella Martinez finished 38th with her two-day total of 251, and Kaia Ressler shot 253 to finish 39th.

The 3A State Tournament was scheduled to be held at Ruby View Golf Course in Elko Oct. 12-13.



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Fernley senior Hailey Hall putts during a round at Winnemucca Municipal Golf Course earlier in the year.



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Fallon's Kortnie Simper controls the ball.

Fallon girls soccer stays in hunt for top spot in 3A East

By Robert Perea

FALLON — With a 4-1 win over Lowry last Thursday, the Churchill County High School girls soccer team stayed within striking distance of the lead in the Northern 3A East.

The Greenwave beat Lowry behind two goals each by Kortnie Simper and Karlie Simper to improve its league record to 4-1.

Fallon trails Elko by one game, and will face the Indians at 11:45 a.m. on Saturday, after also facing Spring Creek at 3:45 p.m. Friday.

Kortnie Simper gave the Greenwave a 1-0 lead with a goal off an assist by Evie Johnson in the 17th minute.

Lowry tied the game with a goal just one minute later, but in the 35th minute, Kortnie Simper struck again off an assist by Zayrah Miranda to put Fallon back on top 2-1.

Karlie Simper then gave the Greenwave a cushion with goals two minutes apart. In the 48th minute, she sent a pass from Kortnie Simper into the net, then she made it 4-1 when she drove home a shot off an assist by Miranda.

Although Fallon managed 71 percent possession time competed to 29 percent for Lowry, both teams got off 19 shots. Shaylee Orduna made 12 saves on the 13 of the Lowry shots that made it on goal.



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Fallon's Annie Sorenson throws the ball back into play during its road match with Lowry in Winnemucca.

Fallon girls take fourth, boys sixth at Wildfire Invitational

Greenwave head to Winnemucca on Friday

By Robert Perea

FALLON — The Churchill County High School cross country team ran at the Wildfire Invitational in Foresthill, Calif., last Saturday.

Fallon was placed in the Varsity 4-5 Division with the girls finishing fourth with 126 points and the boys placing sixth with 191 points.

For the girls, Issabelle Walter Chicas Garibay led Fallon with a sixth place finish in 21:06. Casandra Hooper placed 15th in 22:16, Aubrey Strickland finished 19th in 22:18, and Ella Bassham placed 62nd in 27:28.

Kylee Moore finished 73rd in 29:11, Abigail Lacow placed 80th in 30:05, and Zoe Rasmussen finished 83rd in 30:27.

Jackson Barbee placed 35th in 19:21 to lead the boys and Landon Liston finished 40th in 19:31. Lars Rasmussen ran 19:34, Cody Frey placed 51st in 19:52, and Tayven Martinez finished 55th in 20:02. Levi Bradford placed 64th in 20:43, Michael Lister was 65th in 20:43, and Alexander McBride finished 69th in 20:54.

Ryan Centimano placed 83rd in 21:47, and Thomas Alvarado finished 134th in 29:24.

This Friday the Greenwave runners are schedule to compete in the Lowry Invitational, and on Tuesday the JV runners are scheduled for the Galena JV Invitational.

Fernley volleyball wins twice to maintain Northern 3A East lead

By Robert Perea

FERNLEY — The Fernley High School volleyball team won both of its matches last week to maintain first place in the Northern 3A East heading into showdowns with the two teams right behind in the division race.

The Vaqueros defeated Fallon on Oct. 8, Fallon 24-26, 26-24, 27-25, 25-15

Trista Menesini led with 13 kills and four blocks, Emma Masters add-ed 12 kills and Alauna Escartin finished with 32 assists, nine digs and six kills. Fernley totaled 40 kills in the match.

Jocelyn Escartin had 15 digs, Maddison Hill eight and Tatiana Ve-lazquez six for the Vaqueros.

"The girls did a great job after losing a first close set, coming back and wining two close sets and then dominating the fourth set for the match win," coach Diane Chapin said. "Defensively we made good adjustments to shut down Fallon's best hitter and found holes in their defense."

On Saturday, the Vaqueros swept Lowry 25-19, 25-20, 25-18.

Masters had 13 kills, Menesini nine, Alauna Escartin posted 28 as-sists and 10 digs. Jocelyn Escartin added 10 digs.

Chapin said Lowry challenged the Vaqueros throughout.

"We were trailing in all of the sets at one point and found ways to come back," she said. "Defensively we were very scrappy. I don't feel it was our best day offensively. We didn't stay aggressive."

Fernley is 6-1 in Northern 3A East, 20-7 overall, and is tied with West Division leader South Tahoe with 16 total points in the standings.

This week the Vaqueros will try to maintain their division lead when they host Spring Creek at 6 p.m. Thursday and Elko at 6 p.m. Friday. Both teams are 4-2 in the East and tied for second place.

"We have two tough matches this week with Spring Creek and Elko and will have to limit our mistakes and get aggressive," Chapin said.



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McDermitt's Skylah Tobey sets the ball for a teammate during a match with Pyramid Lake.

Lady Bulldogs drop home matches to Lund, Eureka

By Tony Erquiaga

MCDERMITT — The McDermitt High School volleyball team was looking to improve its postseason positioning this past weekend, hosting two of the top teams in the 1A East.

Lund was the first to come to McDermitt on Friday and remained undefeated in league play with a 25-10, 23-25, 25-16 and 25-7 victory over the Bulldogs.

On Saturday afternoon, Eureka claimed the first two sets 25-20 and 25-22, with McDermitt staying in the match, winning the third set 25-22.

The Vandals closed out the match in set four, 25-16 to complete the season sweep.

The top five teams in the 1A East qualify for the regional championship to be held Saturday, Oct. 31, at Elko High School.

Lunds sits atop the standings at 8-0, followed by Owyhee (6-2), Eureka)5-4), Wells (2-5) and McDermitt (2-6).

The top seed receives a first-round bye and plays the winner of the No. 4-5 match.

McDermitt plays its final three regular season matches on the road, starting on Thursday in Carlin.

Mineral County collects shutout victory over McDermitt in Northern 1A play

Bulldogs finish season on Oct. 24, in Owyhee

By Tony Erquiaga

MCDERMITT — With just the minimum eight players, the McDermitt High School football team had the tall task in front of them, with a road trip to Hawthorne last Friday to play league-leading Mineral County.

The Serpents scored multiple touchdowns in the opening 12 minutes to play, leading 40-0 on their way to a 67-0 win to stay undefeated on the year at 5-0. The Bulldogs dropped to 0-7.

McDermitt has a bye week and concludes the season on Saturday, Oct. 24, at Owyhee at 1 p.m.



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McDermitt's Sanuel Crutcher (50), Dezmund Crutcher (72) and Jordan Tom (55) rush the quarterback during a home game against Pyramid Lake.





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Aliyah Diaz of Silver Stage gets low to dig a ball during a match on Oct. 10 at Lovelock.

Silver Stage drops two on the road, heads to Coral Academy on Saturday

Staff Report

SILVER SPRINGS — The Silver Stage volleyball team lost twice last weekend, falling in straight sets to Yerington on Friday and to Lovelock on Saturday.

Silver Stage lost to Yerington, 2512, 2523, 2513, then dropped a 25-13, 25-23, 26-24 match at Lovelock the next day.

The Nighthawks are scheduled to play at Coral Academy of Science – Reno at noon Saturday.



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Lauren Brougton of Silver Stage and Whitlee Diaz of Pershing County contest a ball at the net during a match Oct. 10 in Lovelock.

Oasis Academy volleyball

FALLON — Oasis Academy lost in four sets to Sierra Lutheran last Saturday, 25 18, 22 25, 26 24, 25 12.

The Bighorns travel this weekend, playing at Battle Mountain at 5 p.m. Friday and at West Wendover at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Fallon boys soccer battling for regional playoff spot

By Robert Perea

FALLON — A year after winning just one game, the Churchill County High School boys soccer team is in position to battle for a postseason berth.

A 5-1 loss to Elko last Friday and a 1-1 tie with West Wendover on Saturday has the Greenwave in fourth place in the Northern 3A East, and they stand sixth in the combined regional standings with the East and West Division.

Fallon is 2-4-1 in the East and has 21 points in the regional standings, which places them sixth.

The eight teams with the most points in the region qualify for the league tournament, with the top four teams hosting first found games against Nos. 5-8 seeds.

The Greenwave put up a stiff fight against Elko. The Indians scored four goals in the first half, but the Greenwave held them to one in the second half, while getting one of their own from Kyle Shawcroft.

Fallon goalie Caiden Nietz faced 16 shots on goal and made 11 saves.

Saturday the Greenwave scored first against West Wendover but had to settle for the 1-1 tie after the Wolverines knotted things up in the second half. Keaton Jaques scored for Fallon, which mustered six shots on goal but couldn't get another one past the West Wendover goalkeeper.

Meanwhile, Nietz faced 13 shots and was able to stop 12 of them.

The Greenwave will try to improve their positioning this week, playing at Lowry at 6:15 p.m. Thursday and at Spring Creek at 12:45 p.m. Saturday, before hosting Fernley in the regular season finale next Friday.



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Fallon's Joshua Polish slides in front of teammate Keaton Jaques (22) to take the ball away from Elko's Diego Berumen.



Battle Mountain soccer roundup —

By Tony Erquiaga

BATTLE MOUNTAIN — The Battle Mountain High School girls soccer team traveled to Ely this past Friday to take on White Pine, one of the top teams in the 2A.

The Longhorns in a must-win situation, were tied 2-2 with the Bobcats at halftime. White Pine prevented the upset, scoring three goals in the final 40 minutes.

Battle Mountain stands at 2-7-0 on the season and need help from others to reach the state tournament.

The top four teams qualify for the NIAA 2A State Championships at White Pine. Yerington, Dayton and White Pine have clinched spots.

The Longhorns host White Pine on Thursday at noon and Pershing County on Oct. 20, at 3 p.m.

Battle Mountain must win both matches and losses from Whittell and Pershing County.

The Battle Mountain boys were in Ely as well and were defeated 8-0 by White Pine.

The Longhorns have clinched a spot in the state tournament and host the Bobcats on Thursday at 2 p.m.



TONY ERQUIAGA • Great Basin Sports

Lowry's Yarelli Ojendiz goes up for a kill during a match with Dayton.

Buckaroo volleyball team falls short against Vaqueros, Dust Devils

Lowry concludes home slate on Friday versus Fallon

By Tony Erquiaga

WINNEMUCCA — Even though the Lowry High School volleyball team is out of playoff contention, it can still make life tough for its opponents remaining on the schedule.

The Buckaroos donned pink jerseys for two nights to honor JV coach Tawna Root, who is battling breast cancer. There was as a bake sale to help raise funds to help out Root.

Lowry took on Dayton on Thursday, Oct. 8, and played tough against the Dust Devils. However, Dayton came away with the 25-17, 25-17, 25-16 win.

The senior duo of Tessa Jenkins (5) and Josie Jenkins (4) combined for 9 of the Buckaroos' 19 kills.

Hazen Root collected three kills and two each from Yarelli Ojendiz and Raegan Terry. Peyton Anguiano, Emma Deputy and Breylin Johnson had one kill apiece.

Ojendiz and Emelia Mentaberry each collected 12 digs, with Terry (11) and Root (10) joining them in double figures. Tessa Jenkins contributed nine digs, Josie Jenkins with seven and Deputy four. Root had a team-high 11 assists and Tessa Jenkins dished out five.

After a day off, Lowry hosted Fernley on Saturday, with the Vaqueros winning 25-19, 25-20, 25-18.

Josie Jenkins led the hitting attack with six kills, with Anguiano and Root adding five apiece. Ojendiz and Terry each had three kills.

Tessa Jenkins served three aces to go with a block, 16 digs and 14 assists. Terry had 12 digs and Mentaberry had 11.

Lowry plays its final home match on Friday versus Fallon at 6 p.m.

The Buckaroos travel to Elko (Oct. 23) and Spring Creek (Oct. 24) to conclude the season.



TONY ERQUIAGA • Great Basin Sports

Lowry's Peyton Anguiano finishes off a kill.

Lowry football shut out at Truckee

By Tony Erquiaga

WINNEMUCCA — The Lowry High School football team traveled to Truckee this past Friday night and suffered a 42-0 loss in Northern 3A action.

The Wolverines took a 28-0 lead into halftime, scoring 14 points in each of the first two quarters.

Lowry makes its final road trip of the year on Friday in Fernley at 7 p.m. The season concludes with a home game against Fallon on Friday, Oct. 23, at 7 p.m.

The Buckaroos must beat Fernley and Fallon and have Fernley beat Dayton to get into the postseason.

Lowry boys drop close road match at Spring Creek

Buckaroos host Greenwave for senior night

By Tony Erquiaga

WINNEMUCCA — It was a light schedule for the Lowry High School boys soccer team this past week, with a road trip to Spring Creek. The host Spartans entered as the No. 2 seed, undefeated with just one tie.

The Buckaroos collected a second-half goal from Cris Arriola, only to have the Spartans hold on for a 2-1 victory.

Lowry dropped to 2-4-0 in the Northern 3A East but are in line for a playoff berth. The top two teams in the East (currently Elko and Spring Creek) and the West (South Tahoe and Truckee) would be in the playoffs right now.

Churchill County, Lowry, Incline and North Tahoe hold the final four spots based on points.

Lowry hosts Fallon on Thursday at 6:15 p.m. on Jerry Tobin Field and play its regular-season finale on Saturday against Fernley at 11:45 a.m.



TONY ERQUIAGA • Great Basin Sports

Lowry's Allyson Barajas dives to the turf for save during the Buckaroos' match against Churchill County.

Lowry girls split home matches with Churchill County, Fernley

Bucks conclude regular season against Spring Creek, Elko

By Tony Erquiaga

WINNEMUCCA — This past week, the Lowry High School girls soccer team celebrated its seniors and came away with a much-needed split of matches against Churchill County and Fernley.

The Buckaroos made their way down the hill and onto Jerry Tobin Field on Thursday, Oct. 8, to take on Churchill County, who sat in second place in the Northern 3A East.

Under the lights for senior night, the Buckaroos Julie Chavez tied the contest at 1-1 in the 29th minute off an assist from Ava Swensen. At that time both squads had a number of excellent scoring chances.

The Greenwave came back three minutes later to lead 2-1 at halftime and added two more goals in the second half to win 4-1 and complete the season-sweep of the Buckaroos. The sweep is important in playoff tiebreaker scenarios.

After a day off, Lowry was back home to take on Fernley on a windy day that gave both teams fits.

The Buckaroos netted one goal in each half. Chavez found the back of the net once again, with assists from Adalyn Entwistle and Swensen.

Allyson Barajas stopped all six shots on goal she saw.

Elko and Churchill County are the top two teams in the East and Truckee and South Tahoe have the top seeds in the West. They would automatically qualify for the Northern 3A Regional Championships. Lowry, Spring Creek, Fernley and Incline hold the final four spots.

The opening round of the tournament is played at home sites and the semifinals and finals are in Winnemucca on Oct. 30-31.

Lowry hosts Spring Creek on Oct. 20, at 3:45 p.m. and conclude the regular season on Oct. 23, at Elko, also at 3:45 p.m.



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Lowry's Luna Alvarez fends off a Churchill County defender on her way to the net.

Fernley Women's Golf Club Results, Oct. 6
Game: Monthly Stroke Play

Red Tees

1st Gross: Nancy Newton, 100
1st Net: Kathy Kennedy, 71
2nd Net: Bonnie MacQuarrie, 73

Purple Tees

1st Gross: Verl-Lee Ely, 95
1st Net: Sandi Sewchok, 80
2nd Net: Val Montgomery, 84

Birdies: Val Montgomery, Hole #10; Nancy Newton, #11; Kathy Kennedy, #14
Fewest Putts: Nancy Newton, 29
Chip Ins: Tina Kostrzeski, #2; Verl-Lee Ely, #3: Val Montgomery, #7; Nancy Newton, #11; Kathy Kennedy, #14
No KPs



Ladies Golf Results —



It's hard to believe the 2026 Winnemucca Ladies' Golf Club season has come to an end, but they did it in style! The ladies participated in a team scramble on a beautiful, seasonably warm Oct. 6, day.

Team Ayers came out on top with a score of 39. The members of the first-place team included Cortney Ayers, Marlea Pointer, and Ann Lizanetz.

They parred every hole except for holes five and nine. Great teamwork, ladies! Team Carlson finished second losing by only one point with a score of 40.

This team included Lisa Carlson, Bryn Echevarria, and Carole Doughty.

Team Woodland came in third with a score of 45 which included Lori Woodland, Pam Hope, and Laurie Pickett. After the scramble, the ladies participated in the Presidents' Cup which was played on the golf course practice green.

Co-presidents Lisa Carlson and Laurie Pickett chose the holes to use for the challenge and the distance from them.

The ladies were given three chances to make a putt. The first person to hole her first putt was the Presidents' Cup champion.

On the first hole, everyone made their first putt so the ladies moved to the second. To up the difficulty, Lisa and Laurie chose a hole with a more difficult lie and further away from the hole. No one made a putt on the second hole.

On the third hole, Carole Doughty and Cortney Ayers made their third putt. However, Lori Woodland holed her second try to move into first.

However, Marlea Pointer took her turn very seriously and carefully lined up her first putt.

She let it go and it was in the hole! Congratulations, Marlea, on winning the 2026 Presidents' Cup! She was given a Winnemucca Ladies' Golf Club medallion to commemorate her accomplishment.

After the ladies celebrated Marlea's win, the end-of-the-season awards ceremony was held in the clubhouse.

The first award given was for the birdies made during the 2026 season.

Lisa Carlson and Bryn Echevarria had the most birdies with each of them having four. Candi Longan and Kailani Rodriguez each had two birdies. Adua Boyle, Pam Hope, Laurie Pickett, and Lori Woodland each had one.

The ladies were given a ball marker with a hat clip to recognize their birdies. Lisa Carlson earned the WLGC champion with her name added to the clubhouse plaque along with many past champions.

Bryn Echevarria was the runner-up with the lowest net for the tournament. Laurie Pickett's name was added to the fewest putts plaque when she was able to hole just 25 putts in June.

Lisa Carlson continued with her successful 2026 season by earning the WLGC Most Improved Golfer for 2026. She received a tumbler to commemorate her determination to improve her golf game.

The ladies then had a luncheon to celebrate each other one last time. The 2026 season was so much fun, especially with the growth of the Monday nine-hole tournament and the start of the monthly scrambles where all lady golfers of all skill levels are welcome.

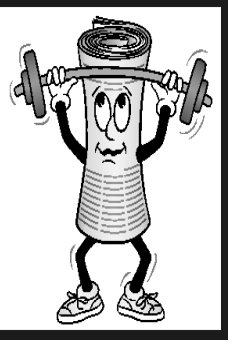
Thank you to all who participated to make this season such a success! This will all continue into the upcoming season. Hope to see you all in April 2027!

All photos courtesy Winnemucca Ladies Golf Club.



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The Battle Mountain football team enters the field before the game.

THRILLER —

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The Wolverines did not go away and used a long pass to get deep into Battle Mountain territory. A handful of plays later, Griffith scored from 15 yards out to put the Wolverines in front 35-32.

The Longhorns made one final push in the remaining 3:54 of the game. Battle Mountain appeared to score the go-ahead touchdown with 1:40 left but Lara's 5-yard run was called back on a holding penalty. On the next play, Lara was intercepted in the end zone and the Wolverines ran out the clock.

Pershing County leads the Northern 2A ant 4-0, with West Wendover (3-0) second. Pershing County is off this week. Battle Mountain and Coral Academy are both 2-1.

Battle Mountain hosts North Tahoe on Friday at 7 p.m. The Longhorns close the regular season at home against Pershing County and on the road in Reno to play Coral Academy.

Oasis Academy cross country competes at Wells and Incline

By Robert Perea

FALLON — The Oasis Academy cross country team spanned nearly the entire length of Nevada in the past week, competing at the Wells Invitational on Oct. 9, and at the Incline Highlander 5K on Oct. 12.

At Wells, the Bighorns were led by Leonidas Arcoraci, who finished 24th in 20:23.5.

Keagan Craig placed 35th in 22:14.5, Vincenzo May was 39th in 23:12.1, and Zayden Maynez finished 45th in 23:59.6. Jose Montalvo placed 50th in 25:03.1, Elijah Jones was 51st in 25:03.6, Connor Tolman finished 55th in 26:01.0, and Tristan Bracken placed 60th in 39:06.7.

Oasis had one girls finisher. Faith Torres May placed 47th in 36:02.2.

At the Incline Highlander 5K, Arcoraci again led the boys, finishing ninth in 20:46.5. May ran 23:14.4, Zayden Maynez placed 26th in 24:48.6, Montalvo finished 29th in 25:05.4, and Jones was 30th in 25:26.5.

Kamron Bracken ran 26:20.6, Tolman placed 36th in 26:32.9, and Tristan Bracken finished 43rd in 41:24.5.

In the girls race, Faith Torres May placed 21st in 36:44.6, and Sonora McInturff finished 22nd in 38:21.0.

This Friday the Bighorns are scheduled to run in the Lowry Invitational.

Fallon looking for its best form as postseason nears

By Robert Perea

FALLON — With two weeks remaining in the regular season, the Churchill County High School volleyball team is trying to position it-self to make a postseason run.

The Greenwave lost both matches last week, a nonleague matchup with Carson, and a tight four-set battle with Fernley.

On Oct. 6, the Greenwave lost to Carson, one of the top teams in the Northern 5A, 25-20, 25-22, 25-22.

Raegan Jonson led Fallon with 11 kills and Audrey Fruzza added nine, as the Greenwave finished with 25 as a team. Layla Walker had 13 digs, and Kalaya Downs posted 18 assists to go with 12 digs.

On Oct. 8, the Greenwave lost to East Division-leading Fernley, 24-26, 26-24, 27-25, 25-15.

Johnson led the attack with 24 kills and had nine digs. Fruzza had seven kills and 13 digs, and Downs dished out 33 assists with digs, and Walker recorded 19 digs.

That loss left the Greenwave in fourth place in the East Division with a 3-3 record, as well as tied with Incline for seventh in the regional standings with nine points.

This week the Greenwave were scheduled to host Dayton on Friday and play at Lowry at 6 p.m. Friday. Next Wednesday they host Incline in their final West Division crossover.

"I don't believe we have played our best volleyball yet as a team, but I have faith and confidence that we will," coach Tristin Johnson said. "Our league is very competitive, which is so exciting. As long as we are playing our best at the end of the season, we will have a chance to advance, and we are looking forward to that opportunity."

Fernley boys soccer coach sees progress as seniors close out home careers

By Robert Perea

FERNLEY — Despite two losses last week, Fernley High School boys soccer coach sees progress from the Vaqueros as the team nears the finish of its season.

Fernley lost twice last weekend, falling 1–0 to West Wendover on Friday and 5–0 to Elko on Saturday, but coach Angel Muniz said the group is improving as the season winds down.

In their first meeting with Elko, the Vaqueros lost 8-0, and at West Wendover earlier this season they lost 2-1.

"Definitely seeing progress in the team," he said. "Still not where I would want them to be, but definitely doing better."

The Vaqueros put seven shots on goal on Friday but couldn't convert. Goalkeeper Travis Lyle made four saves.

Fernley managed only one shot on goal against Elko. Lyle finished with seven saves.

Muniz also recognized the seniors after their final home match: Landon Bates, Kade Jensen, Levi Johnson, Matt McDowell, Dominic Medina, Oswaldo Ortega and Damian Ruiz.

This week Fernley plays at Spring Creek at 3:45 p.m. Friday, then at Lowry at 11:45 a.m. Saturday.

Fernley girls soccer falls at Lowry, heads into road doubleheader

By Robert Perea

FERNLEY — Fernley lost 2–0 at Lowry last Saturday, leaving the Vaqueros still looking for their first Northern 3A East win.

Fernley is 0–5 in the East and 4 10 1 overall, but on the strength of three wins and a tie in early season crossovers against the West Divi-sion, are in contention to make the regional tournament.

The top two teams from the East and West divisions and the next four teams, regardless of which division they are from, qualify for the re-gional tournament.

Fernley has three wins and a tie in crossover play, good for 20 points in the combined standings.

That currently places them eighth in the region, ahead of Wooster, Incline, Debbie Smith and Sparks, none of which won a crossover game.

This week, the Vaqueros play at Elko at 1 p.m. Friday, then at Spring Creek at 11:45 a.m. Saturday.