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Running Down a Dream

Thomas cruises to individual title at Run the Rubies Invitational; Lowry girls claim team title over Grantsville, Utah and Elko

Buckaroos head to Sierra Nevada Mountains in Truckee on Friday

By Tony Erquiaga
Range Media

As the season continues, it was time for some mountain running as the Lowry High School cross country team traveled to Elko and Lamoille Canyon last Friday for the Run the Rubies Invitational.

Buckaroo senior Alyla Thomas dominated the girls race, winning by a minute in a time of 17 minutes, 29.08 seconds. Jane Whittle from Grantsville High School in Utah was second at 18:29.69.

Lowry saw five runners finish the top 11 and all six placed in the top 14.

Freshman Makaylah Thomas placed eighth with a time of 20:28.69, with junior teammate Azure Sagers a spot back at 20:38.69.

Senior Natalia Cassinelli (21:17.38) and freshman Ajerra Thomas (21:21.97) were 10th and 11th, respectfully, and senior Adel Hall placed 14th in a time of 22:12.85.

Lowry won a close team battle with 39



LOWRY CROSS COUNTRY

The Lowry High School girls cross country team brought home the team title for the Run the Rubies Invitational in Elko. The Buckaroos, who were the state runner-up in 2025, are considered one of the top 3A teams this fall.

points, with Grantsville (45) second and Elko (47) third.

On the boys side, Patrick Moses led the pack of nine Lowry runners, as the junior placed fifth in a time of 17:14.41.

Freshman Francisco Renteria was 13th at 17:49.60 and Ben Bayles (18:09.75) and Anden Thomas (18:11.77) made it four Buckaroo finishers in the top 17, placing 16th and 17th.

Sophomores Josiah Merki (19:06.57) and Edward Moyer (20:01.38) crossed the line in 21st and 26th, respectfully, and freshmen Sebastian Fuchslin (20:39.11) and Quincy Hall (21:07.22) were 37th and 40th, respectfully.

Andrew Lockie rounded out the Lowry finishers with a time of 25:01.03.

Grantsville narrowly defeated Elko (28-33) for the boys team title, with Lowry (72), Oasis Academy (143) and Dayton (214) completed the team scores.

There is a little over a month left on the schedule, with more mountain running on Saturday at the Truckee Invitational. Lowry hosts its annual race on Friday, Oct. 16.

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

Railroaded: Lowry gets back on the right track over Sparks



TONY ERQUIAGA • Range Media
Lowry's Brock Staley finds his way into the endzone.

Buckaroos head to South Tahoe on Friday

By Tony Erquiaga
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After struggling to score points and keep offensive momentum going, the Lowry High School football team got on the right track and founds its groove in a 43-6 win over Sparks, this past Friday night at Jerry Tobin Field in Winnemucca.

The Buckaroos improved to 2-3 overall and 1-2 in the Northern 3A.

Lowry took its opening drive 68 yards to start the scoring, as Ben Marvel connected with Keston Unrein over the middle of the field and Unrein did the rest, getting through the Sparks secondary to lead 7-0 with 9:23 left in the first quarter. Teyo Gomez and Brock Staley had big runs on the drive as well.

After a defensive stand by the Buckaroos and a poor Railroader punt, Lowry needed to drive just 33 yards for its next seven points.

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TONY ERQUIAGA • Range Media
Lowry's Keston Unrein comes down with a catch, during the Buckaroos' 43-6 win over Sparks on Friday night at Jerry Tobin Field in Winnemucca.



Skip Hammargren fires off his cannon after a Lowry touchdown.

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Silver Stage splits pair of matches with Oasis Academy, North Tahoe

By Robert Perea
Range Media

The Silver Stage High School volleyball team claimed its second consecutive league win with a four-set win at Oasis Academy on Sept. 16, but couldn't keep the momentum going on Saturday, when it lost in three sets to North Tahoe.

Paced by strong play at the net from Priscilla Hesselguesser and Samantha Sell, the Nighthawks rallied from a first-set loss to win the next three and claim a 28-20, 25-13, 25-23, 25-17 win.

Hesselguesser had 14 kills and also had eight digs from the back row, while Sell had eight kills and five blocks. Lauren Broughton added six kills and three blocks and Joselyn Fayaud had 10 digs. Robin Smith set up the attack with 23 assists.

At North Tahoe on Sept. 19, the Nighthawks ran into the league's first-place team, which beat them in three sets, 25-10, 25-16, 25-14.

Silver Stage entered this week with a 2-6 record in the Northern 2A and 3-13 overall and is scheduled to visit Sierra Lutheran at 5 p.m. Friday.

Fernley girls soccer ties North Tahoe, falls to Lowry

Robert Perea
Range Media

Behind an exceptional defensive effort, the Fernley High School girls soccer team earned a hard fought 0-0 draw against North Tahoe on Sept. 16, before falling 3-2 to Lowry last Saturday.

Against a North Tahoe team that is 5-0-3 and has outscored opponents 29-6, the Vaqueros' defense held strong.

Goalkeeper Lilliana Perez anchored the backline, finishing the match with 18 saves.

"They played really well during that game," coach Tammie Valentine said, adding that the team stayed disciplined defensively, staying with their marks and doing their jobs.

The Vaqueros carried that strong play

into first half of Saturday's game against Lowry. Fernley built a 2-0 lead by half-time on goals by Bronwynn Garrett and Sophie Mossner, but Lowry rallied with three unanswered goals in the second half.

Valentine said Fernley lost some of its rhythm after the break.

"I think we kind of got a little ambitious and they kind of lost their stride," she said.

Lowry scored the deciding goal on a late free kick with about 10 minutes remaining. Fernley had a chance to tie on a free kick of its own in the final minutes, but the shot missed the mark. Perez finished the game with 10 saves.

After three consecutive home games, the Vaqueros are back on the road this weekend, facing Spring Creek at 4:45 p.m. Friday and at Elko at 11:45 a.m. Saturday.



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Fernley goalie Lilliana Perez makes a save during a game against North Tahoe on Sept. 16.



Courtesy Oasis Academy
The Oasis Academy girls golf team placed second at the Sept. 15 meet in Fallon. Photo courtesy of Oasis Academy

Bighorns shoot season-best 317 in 2A meet at Fallon Golf Course

Cavanaugh earns first-place individual honors and wins the longest drive contest

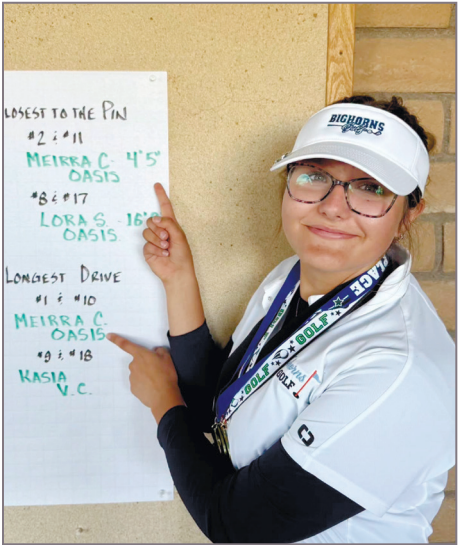
By Robert Perea
Range Media

With three players returning from the lineup that placed second in the 2A last year, the Oasis Academy girls golf team looks like a strong contender again for the top spot in the West Region and the state.

Behind an individual first place finish by team captain Meirra Cavanaugh, the Bighorns finished second in last week's meet at the Fallon Golf Course with a team score of 317, their lowest of the season.

Cavanaugh also won the longest drive on holes No. 1 and 10 and closes to the pin on No. 2 and 11, while Lora Siebecker won closest to the pin on holes No. 8 and 17.

"Team captain Meirra Cavanaugh continues to dominate and is the favorite to win the individual 2A West Regional and State championship," Oasis coach David Halloran said. "Bailey Beebe, Ianna Sorono, Lora Siebecker, and Bailey Peixoto have all improved dramatically and have put this team in a strong position to chal-



Courtesy Oasis Academy
Oasis Academy golfer Meirra Cavanaugh was the first place individual and won the longest drive at the Sept. 15 meet at the Fallon Golf Course, leading the Bighorns to a second place finish as a team.

lenge for the West Region and State Championship."

The Oasis golfers were scheduled to be back on the course Sept. 22 at a meet hosted by Virginia City at the Dayton Valley Golf Club.

Oasis volleyball rebounds from loss to earn split last week

By Robert Perea
Range Media

The Oasis Academy volleyball team rebounded from a loss to Silver Stage in a close fourset match on Wednesday with a five-set win Friday over Coral Academy of Science-Reno.

On Wednesday, Oasis lost to Silver Stage, 28-30, 25-13, 25-23, 25-17.

The Bighorns came back two days later to defeat Coral Academy for their first Northern 2A win of the season, 25-19, 26-24, 19-25, 19-25, 15-9.

Coach Jalana Bell said the team used

Wednesday's loss to reset before Friday's match. "Wednesday was a challenging day for the team, but we used it as an opportunity to make adjustments and refocus heading into Friday's game," she said. "The girls came together, trusted one another, and proved to themselves that they are capable of winning and competing as a team."

With the win, the Bighorns carried a 1-7 league record and 2-11 overall into this week's match up at Yerington, at 5 p.m. Friday.

They also travel to Lovelock for a match at 5 p.m. on Sept. 30.

Oasis Academy boys place 4th at Run the Rubies Invitational

By Robert Perea
Range Media

Oasis Academy's boys cross country team placed fourth last Friday at the Run the Rubies Invitational in Spring Creek, where teams from Nevada and Utah competed on a straight 5K course out of Lamaille Canyon.

In the boys varsity race, which had 62 runners, Leonidas Arcoraci led Oasis in 15th place in 18:05.10. Vincenzo May finished 28th in 20:04.99, followed by Keagan Craig in 29th (20:15.51), Zayden Maynez in 32nd (20:28.88), Jose Montalvo in 39th (20:59.92).

Connor Tolman in 45th (22:15.51), Kamron Bracken in 59th (22:42.39), Elijah Jones in 52nd (22:44.02) and Tristan Bracken was 61st in 40:50.88.

Oasis did not have enough runners for a girls team score. In the girls varsity race, Sonora McInturff finished 43rd in 32:17.44, Faith TorresMay placed 44th in 33:01.35, and PhoenYx Mathes finished 46th in 35:19.22.

Coach Krista Smith said the downhill course required athletes to dig deep and practice important techniques, and she said everyone ran their fastest races of the season.

"I can't be more proud of their strength and determination to complete each race and learn something new with each new course," she said.

This Saturday, Oasis is scheduled to compete in the Truckee Invitational, which has 42 schools registered to compete in 5,000-meter races in both boys and girls varsity and JV divisions at the Ponderosa Golf Course.

Fallon boys soccer splits road weekend, returns home for two matches

Robert Perea
Range Media

Fallon won 5-1 at West Wendover last Friday before falling 5-0 at Elko on Saturday in Northern 3A East boys soccer play.

The Greenwave is 372 overall and 11 in the league and returns home this week for two matches, hosting Lowry on Friday at 4:45 p.m. and Spring Creek on Saturday at 11:45 a.m.



PEGGY JONES • Range Media
Pershing County's Eddie Aceves (30) fights through a Coral Academy defender during Pershing County's 44-34 win over the Falcons.

Pershing County holds off pesky Coral Academy 44-34

Mustangs hit the road to Tahoe City, Calif.
By Peggy Jones
Range Media

Ryan Houston threw four touchdown passes in the first half as Pershing County opened league play with a 44-34 win over Coral Academy in a hard-fought home matchup.

The game was originally scheduled for Aug. 28, but was postponed because of the Hawk Fire. The Falcons came into the makeup game following a 58-10 home victory over North Tahoe.



PEGGY JONES • Range Media
Anthony Gibson (2) and Stephen Sanchez (5) pursue Coral Academy's Dominic Venegas (3) during Pershing County's 44-34 win over the Falcons.

"We were happy to play another home game, especially since this game was postponed from August 28th," said PCHS head coach Mike Brooks. "We were in a tough battle and were very happy to come away with the win."

Pershing County's offense had a big night, with Houston passing for more than 200 yards in the first half alone, and 255 for the night.

"I don't think I've ever had a QB even throw for that much in a game," Brooks said.

Quinton McKinney caught three of Houston's touchdown passes and added another touchdown on the ground. Jaxson Happy also came up with several catches, while Aaron Zelaya caught a 70-yard touchdown pass for his first touchdown of his senior season.

Eddie Aceves had a strong game running the ball, while Houston Allen, Brayden Padgett and Tate McIntee turned in solid performances on the offensive line.

The Mustangs had a couple of turnovers that Brooks said hurt them, but the defense answered with turnovers of its own.

Happy and Jorden Fitch each came away with interceptions, while Steven Sanchez recovered a crucial fumble late in the game. Brooks also credited Israel Knight with making several key plays on defense.

Pershing County and Battle Mountain are both 1-0 in the Northern 2A and Incline and Coral Academy are both 1-1. The four teams qualify for the eight-team m state championship bracket.

After the game, the Rosas family provided tacos for the Mustangs, the visiting Coral Academy team and the referees.

The JV team, coached by Buzz Brooks and Jared Jensen, will host its makeup game against Coral Academy Friday at 6 p.m.

The varsity Mustangs return to the road Sept. 26 when they travel to North Tahoe.



PEGGY JONES • Range Media
Above: Thomas Brooks (8) races to cut off a Coral Academy runner along the sideline during the Mustangs' 44-34 victory. Below: Pershing County quarterback Ryan Houston (12) looks for an opening against Coral Academy. Houston threw for more than 200 yards and four touchdowns in the first half of the Mustangs' 44-34 win.



CHELSEA MONTES • Provided to Range Media
Senior members of the Pershing County volleyball team are, from left, Magdalena Ramirez, Jerzie Jones, Arya Garland, Khloe Montes, Whitlee Diaz and Katelynn Elerick.

Mustangs use bye week for team bonding

By Peggy Jones
Range Media

The Pershing County volleyball team had a break from competition this week, but the Mustangs still spent time together on and off the court.

As part of a team-bonding night, the players wore pajamas, made candy salads and watched "Miracle Season" on the big projector in the gym after practice.

PCHS coach Monica Halverson said activities like the movie night help build team rapport while giving the players a change from their usual practice environment.

The Mustangs returned to competition Sept. 23 at Battle Mountain. Results were not available at press time.

They entered the match with a 6-9 overall record and a 3-3 mark in 2A league play.

On Friday, Pershing County travels to West Wendover for its longest road trip of



the season.

Following the two road matches, the Mustangs return to Lovelock for a stretch of five consecutive home matches, beginning Sept. 30 against Oasis Academy, Pink Homecoming Game against North Tahoe is set for Oct. 3, with JV at 11 a.m. and varsity at noon.



PEGGY JONES • Range Media
Pershing County's Alejandra Piñeda battles for control of the ball next to Battle Mountain's Kendall Mudd during the Mustangs' home match with the Longhorns.

PCHS girls earn 1-0 win over Battle Mountain

By Peggy Jones
Range Media

The Pershing County High School girls soccer team picked up its first win of the season Tuesday, Sept. 15, defeating Battle Mountain 1-0 in front of a large home crowd.

Lily Reynolds scored the game's only goal with 13 minutes remaining in the first half, with Mary McBride credited with the assist. It was Reynolds' first goal of the season.

The scoring play began with a throw-in deep in Battle Mountain territory. The ball worked its way to McBride, who deflected it toward Reynolds.

Reynolds was in position when the ball came to her and put the shot into the net for the 1-0 lead.

The Mustangs made that goal stand for the remainder of the game, thanks in part to goalkeeper Aaliyah Lora. Battle Mountain put considerable pressure on the Pershing County defense in the second half, but Lora stopped every shot that came her way to preserve the shutout.

PCHS coach Kelly Brooks said she was

pleased to see the Mustangs get a win, but felt the team did not play to its potential.

"I'm happy we got a win under our belt, but I would like to see us playing our best game of soccer every game and that did not occur on Tuesday night," Brooks said.

Brooks said a breakdown in communication contributed to problems with both passing and defense.

"I think the girls were really excited to have such a big crowd out there supporting them and they got a little carried away with it," she said. "Our hope is to hit some of the basics really hard this week at practice and come back out ready to face Dayton and Yerington."

The night game drew a sizable student crowd, with athletes from other Pershing County teams among those in attendance. Brooks said the timing of the game helped bring them out to support the soccer team.

"I think just because it was Battle Mountain and a night game," Brooks said. "All of the other teams were done with practice so they came out to support."

The Mustangs return to action Friday afternoon on the road at Dayton, followed by a Saturday morning game at Yerington.



PEGGY JONES • Range Media
Lily Reynolds moves the ball up field for Pershing County, with Desaray Vidrio behind her. Reynolds scored the Mustangs' only goal against Battle Mountain.

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With 4:05 left in the first quarter, Marvel took it himself for a 7-yard run and a 14-0 advantage.

Following another Sparks punt, Lowry was back in excellent field position late in the first quarter.

With 70 seconds left in the first quarter, Marvel and Unrein found each other for the same play they scored on earlier, this time for eight yards out.

The Buckaroos started their next drive in Railroaders’ territory, as Sparks’ offense continued to go nowhere. On its first play of the second quarter, Marvel scampered for a 17-yard run and Juan Mendoza’s 2-yard run gave Lowry a 28-0 lead.

The Buckaroos created a running clock with 4:28 remaining in the second quarter on a 6-yard run by Gomez. Lowry tacked on its final points with a 13-yard run by Staley. Following a penalty on the extra point, the Bucka-roos ran a fake 2-point conversion on a run by Unrein to make the score 43-0.

Sparks got on the scoreboard with a hook and lateral as time expired from 20 yards out.

Lowry travels to South Tahoe on Friday for a 7 p.m. kickoff. A win over the Vikings could put the Buckaroos in playoff contention.

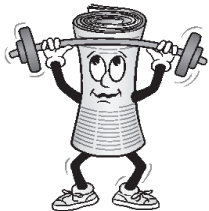
The top six teams in the Northern 3A qualify for the postseason, with the No. 1 and 2 seeds getting first-round byes.



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Lowry’s Devyn Huerta sacks the Sparks quarterback.

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Battle Mountain’s Jeremiah Goodman takes the hand off from Daniel Lara.

Lincoln County hands Battle Mountain first loss of the season

By Tony Erquiaga
Range Media

The scoreboard at Tim Knight Field hasn’t had much put on it this year as the Battle Mountain High School football team has played its first three games on the road.

That all changed this past Friday night as Battle Mountain hosted Lincoln County in a nonconference match-up.

The Lynx are considered the top team in the Southern 2A, as Needles, Calif., has new coaches and graduated a number of seniors.

A football contest quickly turned into a track meet as the teams combined for 66 points in the first half, as Lincoln County beat Battle Mountain 56-31, handing the Longhorns its first loss.

After forcing Battle Mountain to punt on its opening drive, Lincoln County scored on a 59-yard run by Braydon Miller to go up 7-0 four minutes into the contest.

The Longhorns held the ball for just over two minutes and Lynx wasted little time in adding to the lead.

Following a fourth-down conversion, Lincoln County quarterback Karon Almaraz found Daxton Donohue for a 30-yard touchdown and 15-0 advantage after the 2-point conversion.

It was quick three-and-out for the Longhorns, as penalties put them back deep in their own territory.

On Lincoln County’s next offensive play, Biller broke free for a 49-yard touchdown run and 22-0 lead with 13.3 seconds left in the first quarter.

The quick-strike offensive show continued, this time it was Battle Mountain’s turn, as Daniel Lara hit Chase Lutz, who stretched out for a 41-yard touchdown catch at the goal line.

The Longhorns added the 2-point conversion to trim the deficit to 22-8.

It took just two plays for Lincoln County to be deep in Battle Mountain territory, as Almaraz and Miller connected for a 62-yard pass down to the 2-yard line. Two plays later, Almaraz snuck it in from two yards away, giving the Lynx a 28-8 lead with 8:05 remaining in the first half.

With five minutes to go in the second quarter, Lara capped off a drive, with a 2-yard run, after getting to that point following a 30-yard run. With the 2-point conversion, the Lynx led 28-18-16.

There would be three more touchdowns in the final 5:16 of the first half. With 3:05 left, Lincoln County took a 35-16 lead on a 39-yard run by Almaraz.

Just 55 seconds later, the Longhorns used its passing game, as Lara connected with Lutz on a 59-yard touchdown to make the score 35-24 with 2:10 to go.

With 10 seconds left in the half, Almaraz and the Lynx struck again, this time the senior quarterback scampered for a 19-yard run and 42-24 lead at half.

Another touchdown run by Almaraz from nine yards out with six minutes left in the third quarter, allowed the Lynx to double up the Longhorns 48-24.

An interception by Lincoln County at the goal line ended Battle Mountain’s chances of cutting into the lead but the Lynx returned the favor fumbling at the Longhorns’ 11-yard line with a minute left in the third quarter.

Lincoln County put the contest out of reach, as Almaraz broke free for a 98-yard touchdown run with 9:15 to play. A short run by Eric Pacheco Guizar provided the final points of the night.

Battle Mountain has another bye week and returns to the field at Yerington on Friday, Oct. 2.



SANDY BENGOA LUTZ • Provided to Range Media

The Battle Mountain offense lines up for a play during Friday’s game with Lincoln County.

Greenwave volleyball opens league play with comeback win over Dayton

By Robert Perea
Range Media

The Churchill County High School volleyball team opened Northern 3A league play with a fiveset comeback win over Dayton last Thursday, defeating the Dust Devils 25-18, 22-25, 17-25, 25-21, 15-9.

Raegan Johnson led the Greenwave with 41 kills, 13 digs and 4 blocks. Kalaya Downs finished with 48 assists and 17 digs, Layla Walker had 24 digs, Hayden Dooley added 13 digs, and Audrey Fruzza

contributed 28 digs in the win.

Coach Tristin Johnson said the team showed resilience after dropping the second and third sets.

“I’m very proud of our mental toughness against Dayton and not backing down when things got tough,” she said. “Dayton plays incredible defense, but we made the adjustments we needed to and improved our ball control when it mattered. It was the best way to start league play.”

The Greenwave was scheduled to host Lowry Wednesday, then next Tuesday they play in Fernley.

Fallon’s Guerrero ties for 8th place in Spring Creek

By Robert Perea
Range Media

Fallon had two golfers compete at Spring Creek Golf Course on Sept. 14, where Truckee won with a team score of 378 behind low medalist Allison Mortimeyer’s 75. Riley Guerrero led Fallon with a 103, tying for eighth place, and Lexie MalamaGomes finished at 117.

The team returned to Ruby View Golf Course in Elko on Sept. 15 for another league round. Guerrero shot a 106, finishing tied for 17th place with three other players, while Malama-Gomes finished at 125. Mortimeyer again took lowmedalist honors with a 69, and Truckee posted a 358.

The Greenwave was scheduled to host the Northern 3A meet Sept. 21 at the Fallon Golf Course, then play Sept. 22 in Fernley.

The Northern 3A Regional meet is scheduled Oct. 5 in South Tahoe and Oct. 6 in Truckee.

Fernley girls golf continues steady progress with rounds at Spring Creek and Elko

By Robert Perea
Range Media

The Fernley High School girls golf team finished sixth in both Northern 3A meets last week at Spring Creek and Elko.

At the Spring Creek Golf Course on Sept. 14 and returned to Ruby View Golf Course the next day for a preview of the course that will host the 3A State Tournament on Oct. 13–14.

At the Spring Creek Golf Course on Sept. 14, Hailey Hall shot 111 to lead the Vaqueros and tie for 21st individually. Brylee Harry finished at 116, Kaia Ressler at 117, Scarlet Garvin at 125 and Izzy Martinez at 129. Fernley posted a team score of 469 for sixth place. Truckee won the event with a 378, led by low medalist Allison Mortimeyer, who shot 75.

The next day offered a sneak preview of

the Ruby View Golf Course that will host the state tournament next month. Garvin led Fernley with a 109 for 22nd place.

Hall and Harry each shot 110, while Martinez and Ressler finished at 116. Mortimeyer again took lowmedalist honors with a 69, and Truckee posted a 358 to again win the meet.

Coach Brian O’Neill said the Fernley players are making steady progress at the halfway point of the season.

“The girls are improving, but golf is a difficult sport and it takes time,” he said. “We will continue to work on each individual’s weaknesses and continue to push toward qualifying for spots at the state tournament.”

The Northern 3A was schedule to play in Fallon on Sept. 21 and in Fernley on Sept. 22. The regional meet is scheduled Oct. 5 in South Tahoe and Oct. 6 in Truckee.

Hislop, Miller lead Lowry girls golf team at Elko tournament

Buckaroos finish second in Fallon

By Tony Erquiaga
Range Media

Some of the lowest scores of the year were shot during the Northern 3A girls golf tournament on Tuesday, Sept. 15, at Ruby View Golf Course in Elko.

The players and coaches got a sneak peek at the state championship course they will play in October.

Once again, Truckee led the way, as five of its six golfers broke 100 to finish first at 358.

Elko (373) was second on its home course, followed by Lowry (398), Spring Creek (418), South Tahoe (438), Fernley (445), Debbie Smit CTE Academy (510) and Sparks (553).

Truckee’s Allison Mortimeyer shot an impressive 3-under 69 to win the individual title by 15 shots.

Elko’s Caitlyn Nielson was the runner-up at 84 and Lowry’s Makinley Hislop and Elko’s Sofia Winer tied for third with rounds of 93.

Maite Bengochea carded a round of 99, freshman Hadlee Corbitt was at 100 and Savannah Ortiz (106) was the final kept score. Bailey Miller shot 107 and Iris Ramirez (109).

Elko, Lowry top teams at Fallon tournament

On Monday, Lowry traveled to Fallon and placed second in the team standings. Elko won the tournament with a score of 392 and Lowry was a close second at 398, followed by Spring Creek (440), South Tahoe (453) and Fernley (495).

Truckee, who had won all the team



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

titles this year did not play in Fallon.

Nielson from Elko was the low medalist with a round of 88, with Hislop and Bengochea tying for second place, after carding 98s.

Corbitt and Ortiz each shot 101, with Ramirez (105) and Miller (115) rounding out the scores.

Lowry played at the Lakes at Desert Ranch in Fernley on Tuesday and results were not available at press time.

Following a week off, Lowry and the Northern 3A closes out the regular season at South Tahoe on Oct. 5, with the regional tournament being played Tuesday, Oct. 6, at Tahoe Donner Golf Course in Truckee.

The NIAA 3A State Championship is scheduled for Oct. 13-14 in Elko.



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Lowry’s Maite Bengochea putts on the seventh green during a Northern 3A tournament in Winnemucca.

Battle Mountain boys soccer defeats Sage Ridge for first win of the year

Nevarez, Colver, Eusebio and Caussor score for Longhorns

By Tony Erquiaga
Range Media

Following seven days off, the Battle Mountain High School boys soccer team picked up its first win of the fall, scoring

a season-high four goals in a 4-2 win over Sage Ridge this past Saturday on Tim Knight Field in Battle Mountain.

Abaraham Nevarez contributed a goal and an assist, as did Moroni Colver. Giovanni Eusebio and Ben Caussor also netted goals for the Longhorns.

Battle Mountain travels to Dayton on Saturday for a noon start and make the return to trip to Reno on Oct. 3, to play Sage Ridge at noon.

BMHS cross country team runs in Elko

Longhorns head to Truckee

By Tony Erquiaga
Range Media

The Battle Mountain High School cross country team made the short trip to Elko and Lamoille Canyon this past Friday for the Run the Rubies Invitational.

Sophomore Libby Preece was the lone girls to run for the Longhorns in the 4,999-meter race and placed 18th in a time of 23 minutes, 16.85 seconds.

Lowry senior Alyla Thomas dominated the girls race, winning by a minute,

in a time of 17:29.08. Jane Whittle from Grantsville High School in Utah was second at 18:29.69.

Lowry won a close team battle with 39 points, with Grantsville (45) second and Elko (47) third.

Sophomore Kaleb Hart was the only Longhorn in the boys race and was 36th at 20:38.28.

Grantsville narrowly defeated Elko (28-33) for the boys team title, with Lowry (72), Oasis Academy (143) and Dayton (214) completed the team scores.

Battle Mountain travels to Truckee on Saturday.



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Battle Mountain’s Shyan Gilbert makes a save.

Longhorns drop 1-0 decision to rival Mustangs

BMHS hits the road to Yerington, Dayton

By Tony Erquiaga
Range Media

It was a light week schedule wise for the Battle Mountain High School girls soccer team with just one match.

The Longhorns traveled to Lovelock on Tuesday, Sept. 15, to take on rival Pershing County in a Northern 2A contest.

The Mustangs scored the lone goal in the first half and held on the rest of the way for a 1-0 victory. It was the first win of the season for Pershing County, who are 1-5-1, while Battle Mountain dropped to 1-3-1.

Yerington leads the league with a perfect 6-0-0 record, with Dayton and White Pine tied for second at 4-1-1.

Battle Mountain is currently in the fourth and final spot for the state tournament. The top four teams advance to state.

Battle Mountain begins the second half of the league schedule, with its toughest road trip.

The Longhorns face Yerington on Friday, Sept. 25, at 3 p.m. and Dayton on Saturday, Sept. 26.



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Battle Mountain’s Sadie Mudd and Ari-anna Pineda (8) chase down a free ball in last weeks match against Pershing County.



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Battle Mountain’s Marie Klein controls and moves the ball down the field against Pershing County.

Fallon girls soccer pulls away from Lowry in first half of league opener

By Robert Perea
Range Media

The Churchill County High School girls soccer team pulled away with five goals in the second half to beat Lowry 7-2 last Friday in its Northern 3A opener.

Lowry scored in the first minute of the second half to tie the game 2-2, but eight minutes later, Fallon’s Evie Jonson broke the tie with a goal in the 49th minute, which was quickly followed by a goal by Karlie Simper in the 51st minute.

Kortnie Simper added another goal in the 61st minute to stretch the lead 5-2, then Karlie Simper and Zayrah Miranda each scored less than a minute apart in the 73rd minute to finish things off.

The Greenwave had taken a 2-0 lead in the first half on goals by Kortnie Simper in the 20th minute and Savannah Anderton in the 28th minute, but Lowry cut the lead to 2-1 with a goal in the 35th minute, before

tying it in the first minute of the second half.

The game also marked the return of head coach Macy Myers, who missed a couple of weeks after having a baby.

“It is great to have our head coach back at the helm,” assistant coach Neill Tunstead said. “Definitely makes the team happy to have her back.”

Tunstead said the Greenwave measures each season how they perform against Lowry.

“I personally love hosting Lowry’s ladies soccer team,” he said. “Right through that program from players and coaches, they’re great competitors. They remind me of Wimbledon FC from when I was growing up in that area, in the style of play they bring.”

The Greenwave goes back on the road this weekend, playing at Elko Friday at 4:45 p.m. and at Spring Creek at 11:45 a.m. Saturday.

Fernley boys soccer nets first goal of season; now seeks first win

By Robert Perea
Range Media

In the 11th game of the season, the Fernley High School boys soccer team scored its first goal of the season but is still looking for its first win.

Matt McDowell found the back of the net with a shot in the first half of last Saturday’s game at West Wendover, giving the Vaqueros their first lead of the season, with their first goal.

But West Wendover responded with two goals in the second half for 2-1 victory that kept the Vaqueros winless.

The day before, the Vaqueros lost 8-0 at Elko. The Indians scored five times in

the first half and added three more in the second half.

“We had another rough weekend getting shut down by Elko on Friday. Saturday we had a better day; we lost 2-1 but played a much stronger game,” coach Angel Muniz said. “Our goalkeeper (Travis Lyle) saved us from many goals by getting 34 saves between both games.”

Last week’s game were the first two Northern 3A East games of the season for the Vaqueros, and they have only played one game at home so far.

Fernley now hosts five of its next six games, starting Friday against Spring Creek at 1 p.m. and Saturday at 11:45 a.m. against Lowry.

Pair of sweeps runs Fernley volleyball win streak to four matches

By Robert Perea
Range Media

The Fernley High School volleyball team finished crossover play against the Northern 3A West and started league play in the East with a pair of sweeps last week.

The Vaqueros beat Sparks 25-8, 25-9 and 25-7 in their last crossover match against the West Division on Sept. 15, then

The Vaqueros dominated the match, with their 10 service aces nearly matching their 14 kills. Victoria Torres served six of the aces. Grace Chapin and Emma Masters each had three kills, while Leah Holmes, Jocelyn Escartin and Trista Menesini each had two.

Torres and Alauna Escartin both had

seven assists, while Jocelyn Escartin also had seven digs.

Last Friday the Vaqueros swept Lowry 25-14, 25-14, 25-13.

Menesini had eight kills and seven digs, Chapin added six kills, Jocelyn Escartin had seven digs, Torres had 11 assists and Alauna Escartin had 10 assists.

The Vaqueros entered this week 16-6 overall, 1-0 in league play and with four consecutive wins.

They were scheduled to host Smith Valley Tuesday night in a nonleague match, before traveling to east this weekend to face Elko at 6 p.m. Friday and Spring Creek at noon Saturday.

Next Tuesday, Sept. 29 they host Fallon at 6 p.m.

Fernley cross country places sixth in varsity races at Silver State 3K

By Robert Perea
Range Media

Fernley’s varsity boys and girls teams each placed sixth last Saturday at the Silver State 3K in Boulder City.

The boys scored 183 points in a field of 121 runners, and the girls scored 165 points among 92 runners. Bishop Gorman won the boys race with 53 points, and Coronado won the girls race with 44.

In the boys varsity race, Cael Wilson finished 10th in 9:56.0. Zachary Petersen placed 33rd (10:31.8), Ayden Johnson 44th (10:55.3), Daniel Hiles 56th (11:14.1),

Addison Davis 91st (12:21.7) and Mason Varner 94th (12:33.6).

In the girls varsity race, Regan Scott finished 36th in 13:13.8. Corbyn Gillespie placed 40th (13:21.3), JoJo Cardinal 45th (13:32.0), Wynter Angus 55th (14:27.9) and Kaylee Nicolas 66th (15:16.6).

In the boys open division, Parker Johnson finished 60th (13:15.8), Cameron Farr 61st (13:18.1) and Bentley Ubben 94th (15:10.7).

This week Fernley is among more than 40 teams scheduled to compete in the Truckee Invitational, starting at 8:45 a.m. Saturday at the Ponderosa Golf Course.

Eureka sweeps McDermitt to even league record at 2-2

Vandals busy with three matches this week
By Tony Erquiaga
Range Media

The Eureka High School volleyball team evened its Eastern 1A record at 2-2, with a 25-18, 25-22, 25-21 sweep of McDermitt this past Friday in Eureka.

The Vandals had a strong match at the net with 31 kills, including six each from Reagen Mello, Melissa Johnson and Brooke Watts and five more by Jazmine Martinez. Trinity Hudson contributed four kills, Anna McKay three and Avery Berg one.

Watts led the serving attack with five aces, Mello added four, Berg three, Mya Tognotti two and Martinez one. McKay and Hudson each had a block.

Martinez picked up a team-high 15 digs, with McKay and Watts adding eight each and Tognotti and Berg finished with six and five digs, respectfully.

McKay was the assist leader with 19, with Berg distributing seven.

The Vandals have a trio of matches, starting Thursday at home against Wells at 5 p.m. Eureka travels to Round Mountain for a 6 p.m. start and go to Lund on Saturday at noon.

Eureka hosts Carlin on Oct. 1, at 6 p.m.

Second-half rally at Fernley helps Lowry split weekend matches

Swensen scores twice against Vaqueros; Buckaroos host Spring Creek on Sept. 29
By Tony Erquiaga
Range Media

If you see a triage unit set up on the top corner of the Lowry High School property on Great Basin Drive, it just might be for the Lowry girls soccer team.

Battling through injuries and concussions all year, the Buckaroos started out Northern 3A East play with one goalie out with a broken wrist and another with a concussion. LHS coach Chris Entwistle has had to play Tetris with the lineup all fall.

Lowry hit the road last weekend for its sixth and seven road matches out of eight since Aug. 28, stopping in Fallon on Friday, Sept. 18.

The Greenwave grabbed a 2-0 advantage in the first half, before the Buckaroos closed to the gap to 2-1 at halftime. Lowry scored the tying goal early in the second half, when Fallon netted the final five goals in the 7-2 win.

Yareli Garcia and Julie Chavez each had a goal and Ava Swensen added an assist.

Lowry was in danger of getting swept



over the weekend, trailing Fernley 2-1 after 40 minutes of play on Saturday afternoon. The trip got much better, as the Buckaroos netted two goals in the second half to come back for the 3-2 victory.

Swensen found the back of the net twice, with Adalyn Entwistle adding a goal and assist. Luna Alvarez had an assist as well.

With all the injuries, sophomore Aliyah Zamudio moved up from the JV team and had two saves.

Lowry has some time off to get healthier, with its next match on Sept. 29, in Winnemucca against Spring Creek.

Buckaroo boys soccer team drop league opener to Spartans

By Tony Erquiaga
Range Media

The Northern 3A East portion of the schedule began with a familiar foe for the Lowry High School boys soccer team, as Spring Creek made a visit to Winnemucca this past Saturday.

The Spartans crashed the party as the guests, scoring the first three goals of the day. The Buckaroos gained some momentum late in the first half, as a penalty kick by Josue Barajas cut the deficit to 3-1 at halftime.

However, that was the lone goal for Lowry, as Spring Creek added three goals in the second half to earn the 6-1 win.

The Buckaroos dropped to 5-5-1 overall and 0-1 in league play.

Lowry is on the road this weekend, with a Friday match at Fallon at 4:45 p.m. and in Fernley on Saturday for an 11:45 a.m. start.



TONY ERQUIAGA • Range Media
Lowry’s Alexander Villalobos puts a shot on goal against Spring Creek.



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Lowry’s David Becerra controls the ball from a Spring Creek defender, during Saturday’s match with the Spartans.

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Verners win Again



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For the fourth straight year, Verners won the Winnemucca Men's League golf championship. The team includes, Nick Verner, Ben Burhans, Tim Roybal, Dennis Verner and Mike Adams. Not pictured: Joe Quilici, Derek Verner, Robert Stepper.

Winnemucca Ladies Golf Results —

The September Winnemucca Ladies' Golf Club Scramble had 22 members and non-members participate on a beautiful end-of-summer afternoon on Sept. 14.

Plenty of laughs were had by all and the nineteenth hole was the place to be!

The first-place team was Cortney Ayers, Schye Larson, Amanda Davidson, and Sherry Murphy with a 9-hole score of 35 which was one under par. Congratulations, ladies!

The second-place team of Candi Longan, Tami Anderson, Lori Woodland, Pam Hope, and Patty Vanosdall was not far behind with a score of 38.

The club hopes to continue the monthly scramble in 2027 since it has become so popular and so much fun!

The Tuesday morning tournament was Aces High where players were to keep both gross score and putts for each hole.

At the end of 18 holes, they were to deduct all of their one putts from their gross scores.

They were then to subtract their handicaps for the final score. This tournament was especially challenging since the holes were in the same places as they were for the NNGA Women's Partner's Tournament.

The first-place winner in the first flight

**Fernley Women's Golf Club
results, Sept. 15
Game: Reno Points**

Red Tees
1st: Linda Garrett, +15
2nd: Jolene Coverston, +12
3rd: Jana Garner, +5



was Lisa Carlson with a score of 63.

She also was closest to hole 2 with a distance of 2 feet 11 inches, closest to hole 5 with a distance of 23 feet 2 inches, and Lisa had a birdie on hole 15. Congratulations, Lisa!

Marlea Pointer finished in second place in the first flight with a score of 64. In the second flight, Pam Hope was the winner with a score of 77.

Cathy Irons was the second-place winner with a score of 88. Laurie Pickett had 30 putts which included 9 one putts.

Congratulations to all of the winners!

Purple Tees
1st: Verl Ely, +18
2nd: Val Montgomery, +3

Birdies: Juneil Key, #7; Jolene Coverston, #7; Jana Garner, #16
Closest to Hole #7: Jolene Coverston, 5'3"

Low Putts: Linda Garrett, 30

Both Fallon teams place 4th at Silver State 3K

By Robert Perea
Range Media

Fallon's varsity boys and girls teams each placed fourth Saturday at the Silver State 3K in Boulder City, with the boys scoring 151 points in a field of 121 runners and the girls scoring 102 points among 92 runners.

Bishop Gorman won the boys race with 53 points, and Coronado won the girls race with 44.

In the boys varsity race, Cayson Lacow led Fallon in 18th place in 10:10.7. Jackson Barbee finished 37th (10:35.8), Lars Rasmussen 42nd (10:51.2), Tayven Martinez 49th (11:01.2) and Cody Frey was the fifth scoring runner for Fallon in 50th place (11:05.9).

Michael Lister placed 61st (11:25.5) and Isaac Frederick came 74th (11:55.9) for the Vaqueros.

In the girls varsity race, Aubrey Strickland placed sixth in 11:47.6. Issabelle Walter Chicas Garibay finished 17th (12:18.3), Casandra Hooper 18th (12:18.5), Tommie Fitzer 27th (13:37.5) and Ella Bassham 70th (15:50.8).

In the girls open division, Melody Garcia Bishop finished 19th (15:03.6), Kylee Moore 29th (15:43.9) and Zoe Rasmussen 38th (16:57.1).

Fallon's boys placed eighth in the open



division with 212 points. Landon Liston finished 15th (11:15.2), followed by Ryan Dentimano 49th (12:44.4), Alex Bacallo 62nd (13:18.2), Vernon Harper 77th (13:49.7), Thomas Alvarado 104th (17:15.1) and Nikko Martinez 107th (20:52.9).

This Saturday the Greenwave are scheduled to run in the Truckee Invitational at Ponderosa Golf Course.

The meet begins at 8:45 a.m. with the JV girls, followed by the JV boys, varsity girls and varsity boys with more than 40 schools entered from Nevada and California.

Nevada State High School Rodeo Association

Event leaders after Ely Four Rodeos Completed

- BARREL RACING**
1. QUIL FILIPPINI, EUREKA, 56
 2. HAZEL GRIFFITH, MOAPA, 53
 3. KIALA LOPEZ, WHITE PINE, 36
 4. RYLIE GENCHI, SPANISH SPRINGS, 34
 5. BROOKLYNN SENA, WHITE PINE, 30
 6. HUNTLEY BYRD, HUMBOLDT, 29
 7. LOUISE DELONG, HUMBOLDT, 16
 8. AINSLEY MACPHERSON, FALLON, 15
 9. EMMA CARMACK, BOULDER CITY, 14
 10. ELLIE MACHADO, FERNLEY, 7
 11. KASHLIN HILL, FERNLEY, 7
 12. KYLIE VELAS, WELLS, 7
 13. SHAYLA ROUKEY, SPANISH SPRINGS, 6.50
 14. REESE MOSER, LAS VEGAS, 5
 15. KORI SADABSENG, DOUGLAS-CARSON, 4

- BOYS CUTTING**
1. QUAID SPANISHRATLING, WELLS, 53
 2. BENNETT STAHL, SPANISH SPRINGS, 47
 3. STIX LEE, FALLON, 46.50
 4. LANE BYRD, HUMBOLDT, 46.50
 5. CLAYTON HIIBEL, FALLON, 42
 6. HENRY BUCHANAN, EUREKA, 35

- BREAKAWAY ROPING**
1. KAYDEE LACEY, ELKO, 47
 2. ANNIE TIBBITTS, EUREKA, 43
 3. RAELEE CHRISTIAN, ALAMO, 42
 4. HAZEL GRIFFITH, MOAPA, 35.50
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 6. RYLIEGH E, INDEPENDENT, 20.50
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 9. MACI VANNOY, SPANISH SPRINGS, 12
 10. CHLOE KENT, FALLON, 11.50
 11. SHELBY FRY, ALAMO, 11
 12. HUNTLEY BYRD, HUMBOLDT, 10
 13. RYLIE GENCHI, SPANISH SPRINGS, 9.50
 14. KYLIE VELAS, WELLS, 5.50
 15. BROOKLYNN SENA, WHITE PINE, 5

- GIRLS CUTTING**
1. LOUISE DELONG, HUMBOLDT, 55.50
 2. QUIL FILIPPINI, EUREKA, 52.50
 3. RAELEE CHRISTIAN, ALAMO, 48
 4. KASHLIN HILL, FERNLEY, 44
 5. JORDYN PROCESS, FERNLEY, 38
 6. TAYLOR HILL, HUMBOLDT, 32
 7. AINSLEY MACPHERSON, FALLON, 24

- GOAT TYING**
1. RYLIEGH E, INDEPENDENT, 52
 2. CHLOE KENT, FALLON, 48
 3. RAELEE CHRISTIAN, ALAMO, 37
 4. BROOKE ALLISON, FALLON, 33
 5. MEGAN ALLISON, FALLON, 30
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 10. BROOKLYNN SENA, WHITE PINE, 12
 11. HAZEL GRIFFITH, MOAPA, 7
 12. HUNTLEY BYRD, HUMBOLDT, 6.50
 13. ELLIE MACHADO, FERNLEY, 6
 14. KAYDEE LACEY, ELKO, 4
 15. TAYLOR HILL, HUMBOLDT, 3
 16. ASHLYNN KAVANAGH, DOUGLAS-CARSON, 2

- POLE BENDING**
1. QUIL FILIPPINI, EUREKA, 41
 2. HUNTLEY BYRD, HUMBOLDT, 36
 3. JOSIE BRODSHO, WELLS, 35
 4. RAELEE CHRISTIAN, ALAMO, 30
 5. AUTUMN TAECKER, SPANISH SPRINGS, 30
 6. ELLIE MACHADO, FERNLEY, 25
 7. SHAYLA ROUKEY, SPANISH SPRINGS, 25
 8. KASHLIN HILL, FERNLEY, 25
 9. ADDISON ALLEGRE, FALLON, 15
 10. ANNIE TIBBITTS, EUREKA, 15
 11. TANNER BRUNSON, ELKO, 10
 12. FIA TROMBETTA, SPANISH SPRINGS, 10
 13. AINSLEY MACPHERSON, FALLON, 8
 14. CHLOE KENT, FALLON, 6
 15. HAZEL GRIFFITH, MOAPA, 4

- RIFLE SHOOT**
1. LTER RUNNION, WELLS, 16
 2. NICHOLAS BLISS, EUREKA, 15
 3. CLAIRE NINE, SPANISH SPRINGS, 14
 4. HUNTER GALLEGOS, BOULDER CITY, 13
 5. TAYLOR HILL, HUMBOLDT, 13

- SADDLE BRONC**
1. RIO SEGURA, FALLON, 30

- STEER WRESTLING**
1. STIX LEE, FALLON, 40
 2. HESTON RIMINGTON, WHITE PINE, 19

- TEAM ROPING**
1. STIX LEE, FALLON, 36
 2. PETE MORI, ELKO, 36
 3. CADE STEWARD, ALAMO, 35
 4. LANE BYRD, HUMBOLDT, 35
 5. CLAYTON HIIBEL, FALLON, 31
 6. LUKE MATSON, ELKO, 31
 7. HUNTLEY BYRD, HUMBOLDT, 30
 8. LOGAN LANCASTER, BATTLE MTN, 30
 9. CRAY TERVORT, ELKO, 30
 10. CALEB EDGMON, FALLON, 30
 11. FRANK BUCHANAN, EUREKA, 19
 12. TUCKER NILL, WALKER RIVER, 19
 13. QUIL FILIPPINI, EUREKA, 19
 14. HENRY BUCHANAN, EUREKA, 19
 15. BRAYTON BACKLUND, SPANISH SPRINGS, 17
 16. DALLIE GRIFFITH, MOAPA, 13
 17. CHARLEE SESTANOVICH, EUREKA, 13
 18. SAWYER BLISS, WHITE PINE, 13
 19. DAXTON MELENDEZ, ELKO, 12
 20. WYLIN MCLAIN, ELKO, 12

- TIE-DOWN ROPING**
1. STIX LEE, FALLON, 56
 2. TRYAN DANNELLY, MOAPA, 43
 3. HENRY BUCHANAN, EUREKA, 36
 4. PETE MORI, ELKO, 34
 5. TUCKER NILL, WALKER RIVER, 24
 6. CLAYTON HIIBEL, FALLON, 23
 7. DAXTON MELENDEZ, ELKO, 23
 8. FRANK BUCHANAN, EUREKA, 23
 9. CADE STEWARD, ALAMO, 14
 10. BRYCE FEARS, HUMBOLDT, 12
 11. LOGAN LANCASTER, BATTLE MTN, 9
 12. WYATT LUSK, ELKO, 9
 13. EMMETT GORECKI, WELLS, 7
 14. RYLAN SPANISHROUL, MOAPA, 4

- TRAP SHOOT**
1. LOGAN MARSHALL, HUMBOLDT, 20
 2. NICHOLAS BLISS, EUREKA, 17
 3. LANE WHITAKER, ELKO, 13
 4. LTER RUNNION, WELLS, 12
 5. WYATT MCY, HUMBOLDT, 11
 6. WYATT LUSK, ELKO, 9
 7. SAWYER BLISS, WHITE PINE, 9
 8. WYATT THOMAS, HUMBOLDT, 8
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 3. HENRY BUCHANAN, EUREKA, 90
 4. LANE BYRD, HUMBOLDT, 81.50
 5. PETE MORI, ELKO, 70.00
 6. QUAID SPRATLING, WELLS, 53
 7. CADE STEWARD, ALAMO, 49
 8. BENNETT STAHL, SPANISH SPRINGS, 47
 9. TUCKER NICOLL (R), WALKER RIVER, 43
 10. TRYAN DANNELLY, MOAPA, 43
 11. FRANK BUCHANAN (R), EUREKA, 42
 12. LOGAN LANCASTER, BATTLE MTN, 39
- (R) = Rookie

McDermitt volleyball drops road matches to Eureka, Lund

Bulldogs host Braves on Friday

By Tony Erquiaga
Range Media

The McDermitt High School volleyball team hit the road for the first time in 1A East play this fall with matches against Eureka and Lund. After win-ning two of its first three league contests, the Bulldogs dropped both matches this past weekend.

Virginia City /McDermitt football game canceled

By Tony Erquiaga
Range Media

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

All three sets were close versus Eureka, with the Vandals winning 25-18, 25-22, 25-21.
McDermitt found it tougher going on Saturday afternoon, with Lund winning 25-8, 25-8, 25-15.
The Bulldogs are now 4-10 overall and 2-3 in the 1A East. The top five teams qualify for the regional championships in Elko. Lund leads the league, followed by Wells, Eureka, Owyhee and McDermitt.
McDermitt hosts Owyhee on Friday at 3 p.m.

by forfeit.
Northeastern Nevada Officials Association commissioner of officials, Mary Cassinelli added in an email that McDermitt has also canceled its next game on Sept. 26, in Coleville, Calif.
McDermitt is scheduled to play its last home game on Oct. 3, against Pyramid Lake.



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The McDermitt High School football games against Virginia City and Coleville, Calif, have been canceled. The next scheduled Bulldog contest is Oct. 3, at home against Pyramid Lake.

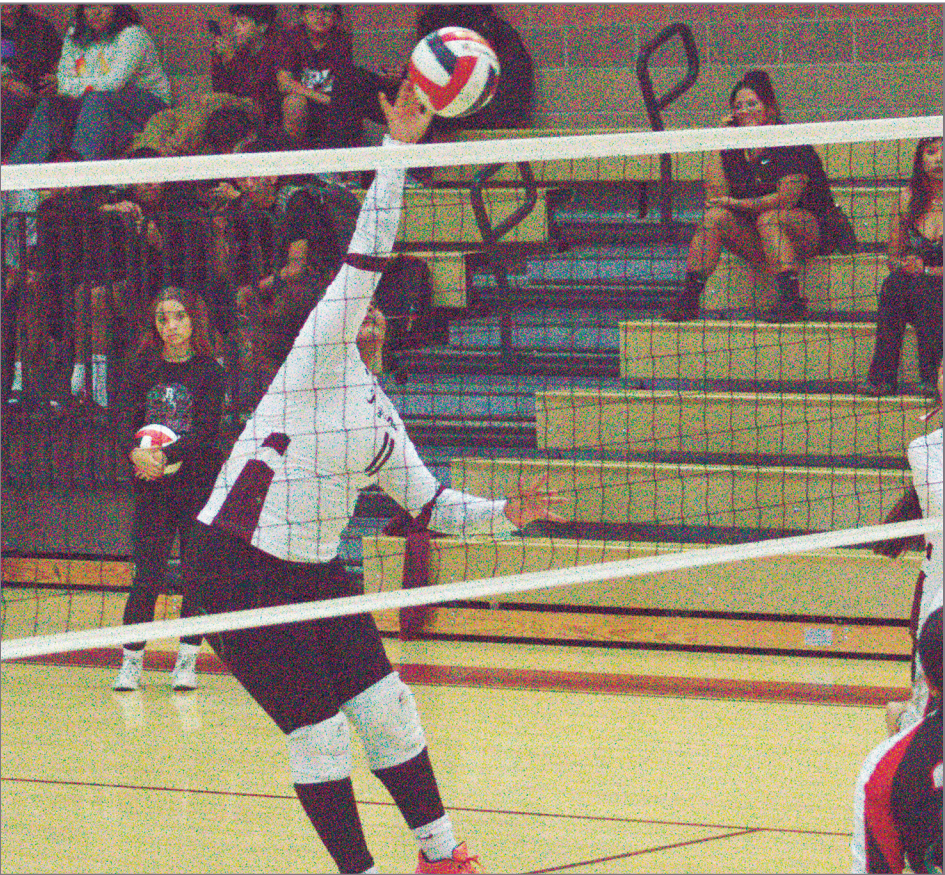
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Pyramid Lake sweeps Carlin in straight sets

By Robert Perea
Range Media

The Pyramid Lake High School volleyball team defeated Carlin in three sets Saturday, using long scoring runs in each set to secure the win.
The Lakers finished the first set with 12 consecutive points, had a run of nine straight to end the second and then, after trailing in the third set, ran off 10 straight points as part of a 12-1 run to finish the win, 25-7, 25-7, 25-18.
Coach Raveon Harrowa said the team practices playing from behind so players stay calm in pressure situations.
“There’s no panic,” she said. “Panic is when you start making mistakes. You just have to play.”
She said serving was a strength, with the team producing several aces.
The first set was close through the first

few service rotations for both teams, with the Lakers leading 8-6 before they scored five straight points. After Carlin scored one, the Lakers scored the next 12.
The Lakers started the second set with a 6-1 lead and gradually pulled away until closing with the last nine points.
Carlin led by as much as 16-10 before the Lakers final closing push.
Harrowa said the team stayed composed even when momentum dipped.
“I thought my girls did really good,” she said. “They had spurts where they lost a little bit of energy, but they picked themselves up and did really well.”
The Lakers’ Sept. 19 match with Whit-tell was canceled and their scheduled Sept. 24 match with Coleville was moved up to Sept. 21.
They were also scheduled to play at Excel Christian Sept. 22 and next Tuesday they host Hawthorne at 5 p.m.



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Pyramid Lake’s Nadaya Centeno spikes the ball during a match on Sept. 17 against Carlin.

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Lowry's Emma Deputy passes the ball to a teammate during the Buckaroos' road match with Battle Mountain on Tuesday, Sept. 15.

Lowry rallies for thrilling five-set victory over Battle Mountain

Bucks drop opening league matches to Greenwave, Vaqueros

By Tony Erquiaga
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The Lowry High School volleyball team collected a win in three matches during a busy week.

The stretch started on Tuesday, Sept. 15, in Battle Mountain, as the Buckaroos rallied for a five-set win over the host Longhorns.

Battle Mountain won the first two sets by the same 25-23 score and were in firm control in the third set.

The Longhorns led 22-15 and 23-18, when the Buckaroos scored the final seven points to complete the comeback.

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The Buckaroos took that momentum and opened a 15-4 advantage in the fourth set. Lowry saw a 21-10 lead go to 21-17 but held on for the 25-20 win. The Buckaroos were just as dominant in the fifth and final set, winning 15-6.

Lowry was back on the road last Friday to open Northern 3A East play and lost 25-14, 25-14, 25-13 to Fernley. On Saturday afternoon,

Lowry took set one from Dayton 25-21 but the Dust Devils dominated the rest of the way winning the final three sets 25-10, 25-13, 25-10.



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Lowry's Hazen Root serves the ball.

Lowry traveled to Fallon on Wednesday and results were not available at press time.

The Buckaroos are back home on Friday, Oct. 2, to host Spring Creek at 6 p.m. and Elko on Saturday, Oct. 3, at noon



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Above: Lowry's Josie Jenkins sets the ball for a teammate. Below: Lowry coach Dacey Jensen talks with her team during a time out.



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Pyramid Lake's Myron Rivers (11) tries to get away from a pair of Carlin tacklers during their game on Sept. 17.

Youth, passion driving Pyramid Lake football rebuild

By Robert Perea
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Amid a rebuilding phase defined by youth and inexperience, Pyramid Lake High School football coach Brian Borden is focusing on the one variable his team can completely control.

Following the team's third game of the season, a 40-0 loss to Carlin last Thursday, Borden acknowledged the steep learning curve facing a roster where nearly every player is brand new to the sport.

"We're young in a lot of ways. We're inexperienced, but these kids play hard," Borden said. "They're committed to the effort. That's one thing we try to establish, is 100% effort. That's the one thing we can control."

Borden said only two or three players on the entire squad of about 20 players had ever played organized football. Nine of them are freshmen, and six others are sophomores.

Despite the trial by fire for a squad trying to compete and learn the game at the same time, the coach sees a silver lining in starting from scratch.

"It's kind of tough, but it's also one of those things that they don't have bad habits," Borden said. "As soon as these guys realize how good they are, how well

they can prepare for games and get mentally ready, they'll come out and play a lot better."

After the loss to Carlin the Lakers are 0-3 and have been outscored 140-6. But throughout the early stretch, several of the young Lakers have displayed flashes of athleticism.

Junior Myron Rivers showed quickness and agility in running the ball eight times for 30 yards against Carlin, and Borden noted the athleticism and passion of freshman Kyree Phoenix that makes up for his smaller stature.

"He did an outstanding job. He loves playing," Borden said. "He's athletic, not real big, but that doesn't hold anything back. Again, it comes back to the passion that they step out there and they want to play. I can put them anywhere, and they go play hard."

Facing a more level playing field this week when they host Owyhee on Thursday night, the Lakers will look to turn that passion into progress, Borden anticipates a highly competitive, evenly matched game that routinely draws significant local backing.

"It's always a good game with the Native American community," he said. "They're big on support, so we look forward to those games."



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Pyramid Lake's Kyree Phoenix (1) runs with the ball during the game in Nixon on Sept. 17

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Battle Mountain's Paitynn Johns finishes off a kill during last week's match with Lowry.

Battle Mountain splits with Lowry, West Wendover

By Tony Erquiaga
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It was a rollercoaster of emotions for the Battle Mountain High School volleyball team last week, hosting Lowry in a non-conference meeting and traveling to West Wendover.

Battle Mountain claimed the first dets and were in firm control in the third set. The Longhorns won the first two sets by the same 25-23 score and appeared on their way to an easy three-set sweep.

The Longhorns led 22-15 and 23-18, when the Buckaroos scored the final seven points to complete the comeback. A kill by Lowry's Josie Jenkins and a Battle Mountain hitting error gave Lowry the 25-23 win.

The Buckaroos took that momentum and opened a 15-4 advantage in the fourth set. Lowry saw a 21-10 lead go to 21-17 but held on for the 25-20 win. The Buckaroos were just as dominant in the fifth and final set, winning 15-6.

"It was great to feel the push and be pushed into five sets with our I-80 neighbors," said BMHS coach Julia Ramirez. "Non-league games sure give us a challenge, but I always love the valuable reps that we can grab from a game like that."

Paitynn Johns and Ella Matheus paced the strong hitting attack with 13 and 10 kills, respectfully. The Longhorns had 35

kills on the night, including eight more from Yadira Vaquez, three from Kamila Frias and one by Rami McGrath. Farias contributed a team-high five aces, with three and two from Johns and Vaquez and Vaquez added two blocks.

Six players reached double figures in digs, including Johns (19), Sofia Andrade (18), Farias (17), Keona Colver (14) and 10 each from Miranda Lomeli and Vaquez. Lomeli also had a team-high 26 assists

Battle Mountain didn't let the loss get them down, coming back with a 25-22, 25-19, 25-17 victory at West Wendover.

"Overall, a great weekend, with everyone contributing to the success," added the coach. "They are a group that takes the good situations and turns them into great situations. They were able to find an offensive rhythm that worked, and they chose to be tougher when situations get tough. It's an amazing feeling to see all the hard work and effort they put in each week show on the court."

Farias led the way with eight kills, with six each Matheus and Johns and four from Vaquez. Mathues and Lomeli each had three aces and Colver, Farias, Vaquez and Johns two each. Vazquez added two blocks and four digs, with Andrade and Lomeli collecting 10 digs apiece.

Battle Mountain hosted Pershing County on Wednesday and results were not available at press time.



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Battle Mountain's Yadria Vazquez goes up for a block.

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Welcome to the Northern 3A, better known as Captain Chaos

By Tony Erquiaga
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If you are old enough to remember when Cannonball Run was in the movie theaters (1981 by the way), Dom DeLuise as Captain Chaos was a memorable figure. Well, Mr. Chaos has returned and it's the Northern 3A.

1. Fallon (5-0, 3-0) (LW: 1) Can you widen the gap in the league without even playing a game last week? Fallon probably did that. Sitting back with the midseason bye to get healthy and install new stuff, while the rest of the league is on fire behind them.
This week: at Spring Creek
2. Elko (4-1, 4-0) (LW: 2) Somehow, someway, Elko pulled out a win at South Tahoe beating the Vikings 18-15, with a touchdown in the final 90 seconds to avoid an upset and even worse trip home.
Winning in any league is tough and going that long distance on the road makes that much tougher. A win is a win, is a win.
This week: Bye
3. Truckee (3-2, 2-1) (LW: 3) It was business as usual for Truckee this past week with a 55-14 victory over Dayton. It took a while for the Wolverines to get the train going but it's rolling now. Truckee did not let Dayton, the feel-good story of the year, have any chance of an upset.
This week @ Fernley
4. Spring Creek (4-1, 2-1) (LW: 4) What does one that gets humbled in Truckee the week before, they return the favor the following week. Apparently, the Spartans were a bit ticked off and took their Homecoming frustrations out on Fernley. I am not sure when the last time the Vaqueros

lost 42-7.
This week vs. Fallon

5. South Tahoe (4-2, 2-2) (LW: 5) On a serious note, South Tahoe is a couple plays from being No. 2, in my power rankings. The Vikings have been quiet for the past few years but have found something this fall. A postseason berth seems like a lock. They are playing very well.
This week: vs. Lowry
6. Fernley (2-4, 1-3) (LW: 6) It has gone from bad to worse for the Vaqueros. After losing a strong senior group to graduation, it looks like a rebuilding season for Fernley.
You just don't see a 35-point loss that often. The lone league win was over Sparks and we can't gain much from that.
This week: vs. Truckee
7. Dayton (2-4, 1-3) (LW 7) After suffering a loss to South Tahoe that all but knocked out of the postseason, a strong start to the season is quickly turning the other way.
The Dust Devils had the tough task of taking on Truckee last Friday. They should get back on the winning track this week.
This week: @ Sparks
8. Lowry (2-3, 1-2) (LW 8) Lowry took a month of frustration out on Sparks last Friday, just look at the fake extra point, 2-point conversion up 41-0.
The entire game was chippy and penalty fest and just tough to watch. Lowry needs to take that momentum into South Tahoe.
This week: @ South Tahoe
9. Sparks (0-4, 0-2) (LW: 9) All you need to know about Friday night in Winnemucca was that Sparks had more player ejections (2) than points (0) through three quarters. The head coach along with the 11 fans in attendance from Sparks probably should have had the same fate. The Railroaders lone points were on a hook and lateral as time expired.
This week vs. Dayton



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Fernley's Alex Gromelski, shown attempting an extra point in a Sept. 11 game against South Tahoe, has steadily improved as a kicker and punter.

Sloan challenges Vaqueros to face adversity following 42-7 loss to Spring Creek

Fernley faces Truckee this week

By Robert Perea
Range Media

Following a definitive 42-7 loss at Spring Creek that highlighted growing pains and a looming identity crisis, Fernley High School football coach Anfernee Sloan is challenging his team to handle adversity head-on.

The defeat marked a distinct shift in perspective for the Vaqueros. After each of Fernley's first three losses this season, Sloan pointed directly at self-inflicted mistakes, maintaining a firm belief that his team had beaten itself.

This time, however, Sloan openly acknowledged that his team was simply outplayed.

"It ultimately comes down to just doing our job and making the plays," Sloan said. "They did everything again that they showed on film, and they just executed. It comes down to teams that want to execute and do the game the right way."

It didn't start of that way for the Vaqueros, who took the opening possession of the game for an apparent touchdown. But a holding penalty wiped out the 39-yard run by Ke'aunue Tolliver and the Vaqueros ended up punting at the end of a 15-play drive that took more than half the first quarter.

Spring Creek then embarked on its own 15-play drive, scoring on a 14-yard pass from McCoy McArtor to Nolen Francis, with 10:36 left in the second quarter.

The Spartans went on to score on all four of their first half possessions to take a 28-0 halftime lead.

The Vaqueros never recovered from that opening setback.

"These guys struggle with handling adversity," Sloan said. "At halftime, I

illustrated to them: 'Guys, this is life right now that you're experiencing. You guys are experiencing what happens when things just aren't going your way, and you're responding the complete wrong way.'"

The Vaqueros responded well after half, forcing a quick 3-and-out by the Spartans, and following it up with a 63-yard touchdown drive to cut the score to 28-7.

But any hopes they had of getting back into the game were dashed by a 14-play, 75-yard drive that included two third-and-long conversions and a 14-yard touchdown pass from McArtor to Landon Boyle on a fourth down play.

Though the Vaqueros showed improved fight in the second half, the defeat underscored a deeper issue for a program that has enjoyed success in recent years. The current roster is transitioning away from the veteran, star-powered groups of the past.

"I've got a group of young men right now that aren't used to having to deal with the hard. They're used to having others work through it and play for them," he said "Unfortunately, I don't got Keeshawn's, I don't got Riley's, I don't got Joey Machado's. I got who I got, and I'm gonna ride into battle with them."

But the Northern 3A is an unforgiving league, and a team suffering a crisis of confidence gets no breaks.

Underscoring that, the Vaqueros face Truckee this week, the league's longtime measuring-stick program.

"We have to go and compete to win the game," Sloan said. "I mean, we're not going to sit here and submit to anything. Truckee is a blue collar football program that's going to show up and play. And those guys, I'm willing to bet you, have a salty taste in their mouth after last season. So we gotta be willing to match that and be ready."