

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, OCT. 1

**PREP FOOTBALL**  
 • Maria Carrillo at Ukiah, 7:30 p.m. (NBL)  
 • JV - Maria Carrillo at Ukiah, 5 p.m. (NBL)  
 • JV - Deep Valley Christian at Anderson Valley, 5:30 p.m. (NCL III)  
**JC VOLLEYBALL**  
 • College of Alameda at Mendocino, 6:30 p.m. (BVC)  
**JC WOMEN'S SOCCER**  
 • Mendocino at College of Marin, 3:30 p.m. (BVC)  
**PREP BOYS SOCCER**  
 • Anderson Valley at Geyserville, 4:30 p.m. (NCL III)  
**PREP GIRLS SOCCER**  
 • Potter Valley at Mendocino, 4:30 p.m. (NCL III)  
 • Anderson Valley at Point Arena, 4:30 p.m. (NCL III)

SATURDAY, OCT. 2

**JC FOOTBALL**  
 • Monterey Peninsula College at Mendocino, 1 p.m.  
**PREP FOOTBALL**  
 • Potter Valley at Mendocino, 2 p.m. (NCL III)  
 • JV - Potter Valley at Mendocino, Noon (NCL III)  
**PREP VOLLEYBALL**  
 • Ukiah at Novato Tourney  
 • Anderson Valley at St. Vincent Tourney  
**PREP CROSS COUNTRY**  
 • Ukiah at Clam Beach Invitational, 10 a.m.  
**RUSTY BOWL BMX**  
 • Motocross bicycle races, sign-ups 9:30-10:30 a.m. followed by racing  
 -Calendar listings are culled from the most recent schedules provided by the schools and organizations in our coverage area. Please report schedule changes or incorrect listings to The Daily Journal Sports Department at 468-3518.

COMMUNITY SPORTS DIGEST

Point Reyes guided backpacking trip

The city of Ukiah is offering a backpacking basics guided excursion to Point Reyes National Park (a two-hour drive from Ukiah) from Oct. 18-22.

The course fee is \$125, payable to the city of Ukiah by Oct. 1. The required class size is six, with a waiting list established. The fee is non-refundable, unless a chosen replacement is provided, or the position can be filled from the waiting list. If, for unforeseen reasons, the class is canceled, a full refund will be made.

Backpackers will be contacted the first week of October to arrange a group meeting convenient to all to discuss the basics. A pack fitting will be scheduled individually.

Contact course instructor Tom Lefebvre at 462-0257 for additional information.

CYO basketball assessments

CYO basketball assessments will be held at the Ukiah High School gym for girls and boys (fourth-eighth grade) on the following dates and times:

- Sunday, Oct. 3, and Sunday, Oct. 10
- Fourth graders — 10 a.m.
- Fifth graders — 11 a.m.
- Sixth graders — Noon
- Seventh graders — 1 p.m.
- Eighth graders — 2 p.m.

There is a \$100 participation fee due at sign-up and a parent or guardian must complete an enrollment form. Call Kelvin Chapman at 485-8184 with questions.

UHS Boosters dinner-auction/meeting

The Ukiah High School Boosters Club is holding its annual dinner-auction fundraiser on Monday, Oct. 4, at Broiler Steakhouse.

Due to the dinner, the Boosters' meeting regularly scheduled for Oct. 4 has been pushed back to Oct. 18. The meeting, which will be held at UHS (Building A, Career Center), is slated for 7 p.m.

Special Olympics Soup-Off

Mendocino County Special Olympics is holding its fourth annual soup-off on Oct. 16 from 5-8 p.m. The soup-off will be held at the Elks Lodge at 1200 Hastings Rd. in Ukiah.

Booth space is \$50, with no more than three cooks per booth. All booths need to be set up by 4:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Sharon at 468-1282.

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PREP SPORTS

Wildcats battling a big-time injury bug

Ukiah seeks revenge against Maria Carrillo

By JEFF CASPERSEN

**The Daily Journal**  
 UKIAH — Maria Carrillo, the team that dealt Ukiah perhaps its most stinging blow of the 2003 season, comes to town tonight.

Last year, the Wildcats appeared on their way to putting the finishing touches on a 5-3-2 season in both teams' season closer at Maria Carrillo. Ukiah took an early 21-7 lead and seemed to have the contest in hand.

The Pumas, though, came storming back and, with a late surge, captured a 28-21 victory in the game's closing moments.

This year, the teams open up the

WEEKEND VARSITY FOOTBALL

Tonight's game

Maria Carrillo at Ukiah, 7:30 p.m. (North Bay League)

Saturday's game

Potter Valley at Mendocino, 2 p.m. (NCL III)

Anderson Valley, bye

North Bay League slate rather than close it.

Ukiah (1-2) ended its preseason with a 33-7 loss at Eureka in Week 3. Maria Carrillo, also 1-2, lost to Sonoma Valley 27-14.

The Wildcats lost much more than a game last weekend, watching both their starting and backup tailbacks suffer injuries that'll sideline them indefinitely.

Starter Andy Fatch tore a hamstring in the third quarter just moments before Jason Chapman dislocated his shoulder. Ukiah head coach Chris Burris isn't sure how long either will be out, but he knows plugging the holes the injuries have created will be a challenge.

"It was tough," said Burris. "We've really had to scramble to figure something out."

JUNIOR COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Eagles hope to bust out of first-quarter funk

Slow defensive starts have plagued Mendocino

By JEFF CASPERSEN

**The Daily Journal**

UKIAH — Its ability to break out of a dubiously habitual first-quarter funk will determine what's in store for Mendocino College as the year wears on. Eagles head football coach Tom Gang is nothing but frustrated with his defense's penchant for allowing opposing teams' huge starts in recent weeks.

"We've had to focus on why we're giving up a majority of our points in the first quarter," said the second-year head coach, whose team permitted 20 first-quarter points in a Week 4 loss to De Anza College and then proceeded to outscore the visiting school 17-14 the rest of the way.

Week 4 was a virtual reprise of a Week 3 loss at Diablo Valley College.

"The previous game we gave up 20 points in the first and shut them down the rest," said Gang, whose Eagles are off to a 1-3 start. "We've got to focus on coming out strong, on getting ourselves prepared mentally. We're making some changes. We've had different ideas for getting them prepared."

"The kids all believe we can compete. We've just



file photo

Mendocino College quarterback Chris Cavender has played well enough in early 2004 to earn the starting spot at the position.

been giving them (opposing teams) the first quarter to get warmed up. You can't do that in college football."

Saturday's matchup with 3-0 Monterey Peninsula College represents a shot on righting the Eagles' early season wrongs. Gang isn't in awe of Monterey's

unblemished record and anticipates a competitive contest.

"Monterey's a team that's played lower-level teams, not to take anything away from what they've done," the coach began. "I think we match up well with them. They're 3-0 but they haven't

played teams like Santa Rosa or DVC, as we have. We've been playing up a level. This will be a great challenge to see if our kids can step it up."

Saturday will see a healthier Mendocino

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MONTEREY @ MENDOCINO

BAY VALLEY CONFERENCE STANDINGS

|              | Overall W-L | Conf W-L |
|--------------|-------------|----------|
| Mendocino    | 1-3         | 0-0      |
| Yuba         | 1-3         | 0-0      |
| Contra Costa | 0-4         | 0-0      |
| Marin        | 0-4         | 0-0      |
| Solano       | 0-4         | 0-0      |

Last week's results

De Anza 34, Mendocino 20  
 Feather River 50, Yuba 10  
 Cabrillo 25, Contra Costa 14  
 Monterey Peninsula 49, Marin 6  
 Sierra 35, Solano 22

Saturday's games

Monterey at Mendocino, 1 p.m.  
 Redwoods at Solano, 1 p.m.  
 Butte at Yuba, 1 p.m.  
 Contra Costa at Shasta, 7 p.m.  
 Siskiyou at Marin, 1 p.m.

COAST CONFERENCE STANDINGS

|          | Overall W-L | Conf W-L |
|----------|-------------|----------|
| Monterey | 3-0         | 0-0      |
| Gavilan  | 3-1         | 0-0      |
| De Anza  | 2-2         | 0-0      |
| Cabrillo | 2-2         | 0-0      |
| Hartnell | 1-3         | 0-0      |
| San Jose | 0-4         | 0-0      |

Last week's results

Monterey Peninsula 49, Marin 6  
 Gavilan 22, Diablo Valley 15  
 San Mateo 38, San Jose 21  
 De Anza 34, Mendocino 20  
 Cabrillo 35, Contra Costa 14  
 Merced 15, Hartnell 9

Saturday's games

Monterey at Mendocino, 1 p.m.  
 West Hills at Cabrillo, 7 p.m.  
 Hartnell at Sequoias, 7 p.m.  
 De Anza at Los Medanos, 7 p.m.  
 San Jose, bye

MENDOCINO GAME LOG

Sept. 4 — Santa Rosa 43, Mendocino 15  
 Sept. 11 — Mendocino 28, Redwoods 14  
 Sept. 18 — Diablo Valley 27, Mendocino 7  
 Sept. 25 — De Anza 34, Mendocino 20

MONTEREY PENINSULA GAME LOG

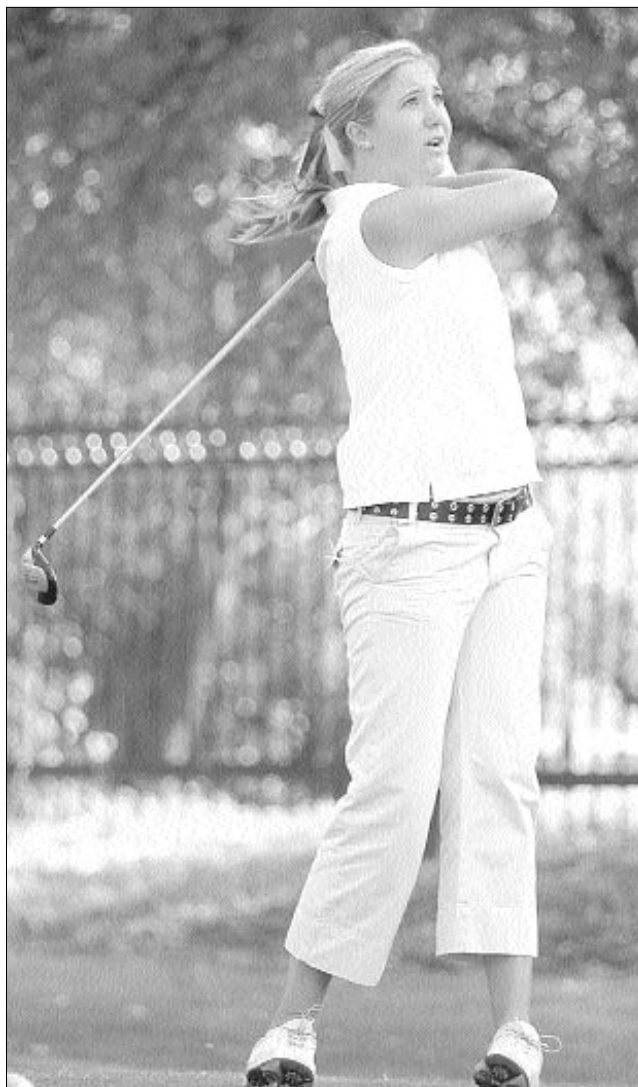
Sept. 4 — Monterey 37, Solano 31  
 Sept. 11 — Monterey 20, Yuba 13  
 Sept. 18 — bye  
 Sept. 25 — Monterey 49, Marin 6

Monterey Peninsula at Mendocino

Saturday, 1 p.m.

PREP SPORTS ROUNDUP

Wildcat golfers sweep season series from Bears



Amy Wellnitz/The Daily Journal

Ukiah High golfer Jenna McPhaul, a junior, watches her shot sail off the first tee at Ukiah Municipal Golf Course Thursday. The Wildcats defeated Ursuline 256-269.

Finally playing on home course, Ukiah bests Ursuline by 13

The Daily Journal

UKIAH — Ukiah picked up a big varsity girls golf win to open the second half of North Bay League play, beating Ursuline by a lucky 13 strokes (256-269) at Ukiah Municipal Golf Course Thursday.

The win gave the Wildcats — now 6-2 on the year — a season sweep of Ursuline. The visiting Bears dropped to 5-3.

Shaun Reid shot a team-low 45 (nine-hole total) to lead Ukiah. Jondie Sperry carded a 48, Kristin Chiles a 52, Jenna McPhaul a 54, Deborah Duncan a 57 and Shanel Sayad a 59.

"Shaun and Jondie provided a great one-two punch in this match, beating their opponents by a combined 15 strokes," said second-year Wildcats coach Chris Philbrick. "It was definitely a great way to start the second half of the season."

After a tortuous first half that included six road matches and one home match, the Wildcats will enjoy six home matches in the second half of NBL play.

Ukiah hosts Elsie Allen Tuesday. Match time is set for 3:30 p.m. at Ukiah Municipal Golf Course.

VOLLEYBALL

Wildcats' varsity team stumbles; JVs notch another win

SANTA ROSA — Ukiah dropped a tough varsity volleyball match at Ursuline Thursday. The Bears topped the Wildcats in three games (25-5, 28-26, 25-15).

By far, the middle game was the most entertaining.

"Obviously, the second game was a real good game," said Ukiah coach Ori Polkinghorne. "It was neck and neck, point by point. After about 20, we'd go ahead a little and then they'd go ahead a little."

Junior setter Laura Schramer had a strong second game, serving well and tallying three aces during the stretch. Junior outside hitter Fawnell Meders contributed a pair of kills and spun some solid defensive plays during the game as well.

Sophomore Lisa Muzio recorded another strong night up front for the Wildcats, who dropped to 1-2 in North Bay League play.

"She was able to get up and go over the top on girls who were quite impressive in their own right," said Polkinghorne of Muzio, who totaled nine kills and three solo blocks on the night. "She found good open spots."

The Wildcat varsity squad

travels to the Novato Tournament Saturday.

Ukiah's JV spikers — now 2-1 in NBL play — continued to shine, winning in two games (25-13, 25-6) and in just over 30 minutes.

In Game 1, Yvette Vazquez had a service-point streak of 10 for the Wildcats. She had three aces during the rally and also had a kill on the night.

In Game 2, Amanda Boardman had 10 service points to go along with three aces and a kill.

"The JV team continues to get it done from service line," lauded Polkinghorne. "They only had three errors."

Katie Dooghe, a freshman middle hitter, continued her solid play up front, smashing eight kills. Stephanie Edwards played a strong back row for the Wildcats.

WATER POLO

Ukiah JV polo squad remains unbeaten

SONOMA — Ukiah's junior varsity water polo squad improved to 3-0 with a 4-2 win at Sonoma Valley High School Thursday.

Peter Zellman scored two goals to lead the Wildcats. Grant Armstrong and Robert Lee also had goals.

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