



Bobcats barge into Bears' party

By Joel Priest
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That's more like it. The Cats are back on track after playing Dolores out like — and on — an eight-track on Friday, Oct. 14.

Setting themselves up the Friday, Oct. 21 trip to Viking Field at Center Community Park, as well as the Friday, Oct. 28 regular-season finale at home, Ignacio mustered together a major morale boost with a 14-point win, crushing the cornerstone event of the rival Bears' Homecoming Week 2011.

It wasn't always pretty; DHS, in fact, led 8-0 at halftime on a 1-yard Wyatt Wallace plunge with 5:21 left in the opening quarter. But the Bears' "victory" at the time came after a big loss: lineman Richard Belt for the season's remainder after breaking his fibula three plays after coralling an interception off lineman Tyler Weir's deflection, setting up the scoring drive.

Ignacio regrouped immediately in the third quarter though, and

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halted DHS's lengthy initial march with 7:33 left, then proceeded to restart their own offense. Senior Alex Pena eventually scampered in for an 18-yard TD, but the Bobcats' two-point conversion bid — unlike Dolores' earlier — went bust.

"And we held those danged two points [the Bears' 8-6 lead] until almost the end of the fourth quarter!" said Dolores' KKDC radio play-by-play announcer Ray McDonnell. "You've got to give Ignacio credit; they called

some great defenses out there." McDonnell's notes then showed Ignacio scoring the game-winning points with 2:40 remaining.

Ignacio assistant coach Greg Jones' statistics showed the Cats (now 3-4, 1-2 SPC) completing 16 of 23 pass attempts for 177 yards with a touchdown, gaining 115 rushing yards on 21 total carries, and also returning an interception defensively for six points. Multiple fumbles were also recovered in the 22-8 win.

Following a heated exchange with officials, head coach Lupe Huerta was ejected after stating his case for protecting quarterback Adison Jones — victim of a hard hit by Weir — and will the Oct. 21 game versus Center (who surrenders about 28 points per game; IHS is allowing 25) as a result.

Dolores dropped to 3-4 overall, 1-2 in the Southern Peaks Conference before their trek to Sargent.

Ignacio wraps up its 2011 regular season against Del Norte (currently 3-4, 2-1).



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Ignacio's Mariah Vigil (6) and Shawni Troup (8) leap to deflect an attack by Norwood's Katelyn Hardman (20) during the Saturday, Oct. 15 triangular in Dove Creek.

Spikers stopped twice in Dove Creek

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Scott Knuckles, first-year head coach for Dove Creek, pointed out an overlooked item of success for Ignacio after an otherwise bleak-inside, sunny-outside trip to Dolores County.

Something not league powerhouses Telluride and Norwood, nor rebuilding Ridgway, loop unpredictable Dolores and Nucla, nor even the Volleys through two sets of the triangular's final match on Saturday, Oct. 15 inside DCHS Gymnasium could accomplish: goad Jessica Guynes into a service error.

After landing well over 100 serves in play consecutively, the DC sophomore finally misfired in Set 3 against IHS — virtually the only set in which the Cats, as a whole, displayed the energy that doused DHS the night before. At Dolores' Homecoming no less, as Ignacio improved to 4-0 in five-set battles.

Anything less than five, however — well, there's only so many ways a baffled Bayli Stillwell can scratch her head in search of solutions. She offered no excuses either, however; both DC and Norwood also had a San Juan Basin League match the night before, both won, and were simply hungrier for more.

Coming in off a 3-1 Homecoming win over Mancos, the Lady Mavericks had already warmed up with a 3-1 win over Dove Creek — though the Lady Bulldogs (who'd swept Nucla) dominated the first set — by the time Shania Snow threw up the opening serve versus the Cats. Hitting it long gave IHS the only lead they'd have in Set 1, as NHS junior Harlie Williams then held serve until Michelle Simmons put away a tip after Stillwell called timeout trailing 12-1.

After Angela Herrera hit long to give Norwood a 25-14 win, Williams was again on serve in Set 2 with her side cruising. At the line for each of the last four points, the Lady Mavs breezed to a 25-10 win after senior middle Lindsey Stindt converted a tip and a brutal kill to put NHS ahead for good at 7-5.

Ignacio had led 5-3 when a Stindt tip went wide, but the rally then began with a Katelyn Hardman kill and a Teya Kvasnicka service ace. Set 3 showed the Cats were well awake, climbing out of an 8-3 hole — but never quite getting clear or even level with the No. 10 [Colorado



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Earning two varsity starts at libero on Saturday, Oct. 15, Ignacio's Tristany Valencia scrambles for a dig against Dove Creek inside DCHS Gymnasium.

Preps poll, 10/10] side in 1A.

Three times IHS pulled within a single point, but each time their ensuing serves were halted by the net — the last a Rylie Jefferson netter after Simmons powered down a kill to cut the deficit to 15-14. One last Stindt smash put the Lady Mavericks (13-2, 10-1 SJB) up 23-18, and Herrera attacked into the strings for the final 25-18 margin.

Guynes greeted Ignacio starting the Cats-versus-Dogs contest, but classmate Corissa Guynes' successful tip shot was canceled by a DC net violation on Jessica Guynes' second serve. Fellow soph Shelbie Knuckles, Dove Creek's approximation of Stindt power-wise, banged down a kill to regain the lead, and before Simmons dropped one of her own the scoreboard read 7-1. Knuckles' first ace put the 'Dogs up 12-5, and helped by six IHS errors, DC soon prevailed 25-10, punctuated by a tip from Knuckles and one from senior Jessica Heaton on set point.

After a Shawni Troup ace put IHS ahead 2-0 in Set 2, Jessica Guynes put down a kill and then held serve until the Dogs led 6-2. It was 8-3 before Ignacio collected six of the next seven points to tie at 9-9 on a Simmons stuff of Madison Young. But beginning with a pass error, giving DC a 10-9 lead, the hosts went on a 12-1 spree — finalized by three Young aces and a Mariah Vigil net attack — to separate.

Already utilizing speedy Tristany Valencia at libero in place of absent regular Abeth Okall, Stillwell looked to further rejuvenate her crew by transferring setting duties from Jefferson to Cloe Seibel during a timeout, and the idea worked as Ignacio

— via a Herrera kill, Brittney Benavidez ace, Destinee Lucero kill, and DC hitting error — rallied back to 23-17.

But Knuckles walloped a kill at 24-18, giving the locals a 2-0 match lead, and Jessica Guynes ball-in-hand at the line beginning Set 3. But Ignacio wasn't about to go quietly, trading point-for-point with DC (10-6, 7-4) until 6-6. A Knuckles ace off Valencia, then two IHS lift violations put the Dogs up three, but Ignacio came back on two Guynes hitting errors, a Guynes pass miscue, and Lucero kill for a 10-9 lead.

Threatening to stretch the match to at least a fourth, maybe even another fifth, the Volleys somehow maintained either a one- or two-point advantage — including at 14-12 on Guynes' rare net serve — all the way until 19-17 when Herrera rejected a Young tip. Young, annoyed, came right back with a kill and then fired an ace off Lucero. Guynes then put down a kill, but Young served the net for a 20-20 tie.

Corissa Guynes stuffed an errant IHS pass, Simmons was denied a kill by the strings, and Knuckles notched another kill for DC's insurmountable lead. Simmons' final tip try went into the net after Dove Creek senior Megan Denno served at point-21.

But in the wide-spread SJB, there's a saying: "If at first you don't succeed, 'tri,' 'tri' again."

And, looking to solidify for the postseason, the Cats (5-9, 5-6) have one last "tri" they can use: on Saturday, Oct. 22, back at DCHS Gymnasium (9 a.m.) versus Ridgway and likely Ouray in all-neutral action. Should Ignacio win both, they would top last season's victory total before districts, Oct. 29 in Dolores.

Football Frenzy!

Class 1A Southern Peaks Conference
Standings, entering Week 8 (Oct. 21 - 22)

| Team | OVERALL | | | SPC | | |
|----------------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|----------------|
| | W | L | Pct. | W | L | Us/Them |
| Monte Vista | 5 | 2 | .714 | 3 | 0 | 226/87 |
| Sargent | 3 | 4 | .428 | 2 | 1 | 125/190 |
| Del Norte | 3 | 4 | .42 | 2 | 1 | 155/203 |
| IGNACIO | 3 | 4 | .428 | 1 | 2 | 124/175 |
| Dolores | 3 | 4 | .428 | 1 | 2 | 128/163 |
| Center | 2 | 5 | .286 | 0 | 3 | 88/198 |

Week 8 Matchups: Monte Vista at Del Norte; Dolores at Sargent. Ahead in week 9 (10/28-29): Del Norte at IGNACIO; Center at Sargent.

— compiled by Joel Priest

Youth Basketball

Boys & girls, ages 5-12
Practices will begin in November.
Game and practice schedule will be announced when registration is complete.

\$25 per participant.
Deadline to register is Nov. 4.

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Diggin' the pink



Ignacio assistant coach Thad Cano (above, left) and head coach Bayli Stillwell (center) meet and greet Laura Webb, one of the All-Star Survivors saluted at Pink Digs for the Cure V on Tuesday, Oct. 11 inside IHS Gymnasium — living proof to fans and all that the yearly event is helping.

Watching the action intently, Ignacio senior Kelton Canterbury (left) waits to perform "The Star-spangled Banner" along with the IHS Choir prior to the varsity match at Pink Digs for the Cure V on Tuesday, Oct. 11.

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Indian Policies and Procedures meeting notice

The Ignacio School District's Indian Policies and Procedures (IPP) meeting will be held Oct. 27 at the Ignacio High School cafeteria. A meal will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the Indian Education meeting beginning at 6 p.m. All parents and guardians of Native American children in the Ignacio School District are invited to attend.