Golfers perform well

By Rongi YostCorrespondent

The boys golf team played at Prineville Country Club on Tuesday, April 7, on a wet, cold and windy day, and walked away with some of their best scores of the year.

Freshman Austin Lake had a great round of golf. Lake broke 100 for the first time this year and led the Outlaws with a score of 91. Lake carded a 48 on the front nine and lowered his score by five strokes on the back nine for a 43.

Austin posted four pars and only had one three-putt in the round.

Coach Bill Mitchell said, "Those four pars were huge, but the big thing was his putting. He did a great job on the green today."

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Steen Johnson also broke 100 and finished the round with a 98, highlighted by his first-ever birdie. Johnson missed the green on his teeshot on the par-three No. 7 hole, but chipped it in with his sand-wedge for birdie.

Ben Saba carded a 106, Devin Robillard shot a 102, and Kade Owen finished at 112.

"All the kids are getting better with their short games, and that's the difference," commented Mitchell. "I tell them every week not to have any three-putts, but it's not easy, but that's what will make the difference in the game.

"We shot under 400 today, and it's been a long time since we've done that. Our goal is to keep getting better and keep lowering our scores."

Summit dominated the tourney and easily took championship honors with a team score of 295. Bend was runner-up at 338, Ridgeview took third (392), and Sisters finished fourth with a 397.

On the girls side, Emily Christen played at Meadow Lakes on Thursday, April 9. Christen tied for her best score ever with a 104.

Emily was very consistent with her ball-striking, and is close to reaching her goal of breaking 100. On the par-three No. 17 hole, Emily hit her tee shot about six feet short of the flag and just barely missed her birdie-putt.

Mitchell said, "Emily's game gets better every week, but her putting still needs to improve."

Summit won the tournament with a team score of 307.

The boys were to golf at Bend Country Club on Monday, April 13. On Thursday, April 16, the boys will play in a tournament at Awbrey Glen. The girls will head to Tokatee on Thursday, April 16.

Boys lacrosse faces top-ranked teams

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The boys lacrosse team started their week with two losses against top-ranked teams. Sisters fell 11-5 to Summit on Tuesday, April 7, and three days later lost 11-7 to Westview. On Saturday, Sisters defeated Forest Grove 6-2.

In Tuesday's game, Summit jumped out with five quick goals in the first quarter, and from there the Outlaws played toe-to-toe with the Storm. Sisters was able to score five goals and Summit added six in a very hard-fought game.

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"We stayed within a goal of them for three quarters," said Coach Andrew Gorayeb. "If not for the first quarter, we only would have lost the game by one goal. It was a frustrating game for many of us, but really, truly, I saw some amazing lacrosse."

Chance Halley had two goals he self-initiated, which rallied the team to fire up and compete. Joe Jones knocked in two beautiful goals and kept trying to score, but once the Storm recognized his ability, they double-teamed him every time he attempted to score. Mark Fish scored Sisters' fifth and final goal of the contest.

Gorayeb gave kudos to Angelo Frack for showing up and playing even though he wasn't feeling well.

"Angelo played hard during the first quarter, and then got really sick on the sidelines," said Gorayeb. "Max Kahnt, our German foreignexchange student, stepped in as goalie and had an amazing game."

Gorayeb told *The Nugget* many of the players were nervous, and even a bit scared, and didn't want to let each other down.

"We're the 26th-ranked program in the state of Oregon, and we took on the 8th-ranked program, and we hung in there, and we showed them we can compete," commented Gorayeb. "That's a win in my book. My Outlaws never gave up. They worked hard and tried to make something happen until the clock ran all the way down. I am so proud of these guys."

On Friday, the Outlaws faced No. 12-ranked Westview. The Wildcats jumped out early and at the half held a 10-4 lead. Sisters tacked on three goals in the second half, and only allowed Westview to score once.

"I think if we would have had more time to play, we would have won, just based on the momentum we were enjoying," said Gorayeb. Casey Lane recorded 12-plus ground balls and continued to show why he's considered one of the best defensemen in the conference. Halley and Lane Gladden led the scoring effort with three goals each.

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In Saturday's action, Sisters mixed it up a bit. Forest Grove is a relatively young program, and the Outlaws wanted to give them a good game, so they played everyone in unfamiliar positions and started all the junior players.

"It was a fun game," said Gorayeb. "By the fourth quarter the score was 2-2. I'd had enough and we went into our regular positions, banged out four goals, and called it a win."

Tyler Head and Fish each scored two goals, and Luke Hull and Gladden each scored one.

The Outlaws play at Bend on Wednesday, April 15, and finish out their week at home on Saturday with a game against Churchill.

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