

Boys golf competes at district preview

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The boys golf team participated in the district preview held at Tokatee on Thursday, March 17. All the teams in the district were in attendance and got a quick look into their competition for the season.

Sisters finished seventh with a team score of 449. Sutherlin took first with a score of 378 and beat runner-up North Marion by 24 strokes. Cottage Grove took third (410), Cascade was fourth (414), and Junction City finished fifth (434). Remaining scores were: Stayton (435), Sweet Home (472), and Newport (476).

Austin Lake led the Outlaws with a score of 92. Lake scored a 50 on the front nine, and finished strong with a par on the ninth hole. Austin started the back nine with a par, and also parred on the 13th and 15th holes. He lowered his score by eight on the back nine for a score of 42. Lake did struggle with his driver, but hit his irons well, especially on the back nine.

"Austin finished the round with bogey-double-bogey, so had a great chance to actually break 40 on the back nine," said Coach Bill Mitchell. "I think he can develop into

one of the best players in the district."

Cade Owen scored two pars in the round, on the 11th and 17th holes, and finished with a 58/53/111.

"Cade shot two eights on the back nine," said Mitchell. "If he just makes bogies on these holes he breaks 50 on the back nine. It was a great start for him."

Andrew Mayes shot a 56/65/121, and Wyatt Hernandez posted scores of 63/62/125.

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"I am proud of Andrew and Wyatt," said Mitchell. "This was their first competition golf ever. Devin Robillard had the stomach flu and wasn't able to play, but he'll be a big help when we start back up in April."

The Outlaws will take some time off over spring break and then be back on Thursday, April 7, in a match against Mt. View at Awbrey Glen.

Eighth-grade boys wrap up season

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The eighth-grade boys basketball team recently wrapped up a successful season. They had different players step up and lead the team every game they played, and all of them improved tremendously in their individual skills.

Seven eighth-graders, Taylor Fendall, Gator Haken, Aaron Johnson, Garret Kersavage, Sam Mayes, Sam Nicklous and Brogan Petterson, along with the help of seventh-graders Nate Weber and Hayden Sharp, played 20 games against other Central Oregon schools. They finished the season 11-9.

Jason Huber concluded his second year as coach for the eighth-grade squad, and talked about his team:

"These guys all improved in their fundamentals, especially offensive execution, which was their strength this year," said Huber. "They also improved in their physicality and defense."

Haken and Petterson made

huge strides scoring points for the Outlaws, Fendall, Johnson, and Mayes were physical in the paint and did a great job on the glass, and Kersavage and Nicklous were good ball-handlers and did a great job bringing the ball up the court.

Weber and Sharp not only played on the seventh-grade team, but since the eighth-grade team was short players, they stepped up and contributed there as well, filling in wherever they were needed.

When the school season ended, the boys jumped right into playing ball through COBO (Central Oregon Basketball Organization), in order to extend the amount of games the boys could play. Justin Nicklous and Blake Weber coached COBO, and the boys finished with a 10-10 overall record.

The same group of boys played COBO, as well as seventh-graders Collin Fischer and Kaleb Hartman, who joined the team. The Outlaws finished COBO play with a 10-10 overall record, and one of the big highlights was

their play at the annual Sisters Shootout, where they went 3-1.

Sisters also traveled to Portland for a tournament where they played against some of the top teams from around the state. Coaches were pleased with their performance, the way they represented Sisters, and also their 3-1 finish.

"This eighth-grade team was one of the best I've seen work together as a team mechanically on offense since I've been coaching," said Huber. "The kids who played school ball and COBO got to play at least 35 games this season."

"I've seen kids start basketball for the first time in seventh or eighth grade," added Huber. "They were great by the end of the season, and went on to play every year in high school. So, it's never too late to start, and it's something special to be able to represent Sisters Outlaws. We'd love to have more guys come out next year, and give basketball a try. I guarantee they'll have fun."

CORRECTION

Due to a typographical error, Wyatt Hernandez' name was incorrect in the story "Sisters youth copes with effects of concussion," *The Nugget*, March 16, page 16.

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