

# Alpine skiers turn in strong performance on slopes

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The Outlaws boys ski team finished fourth in their race at Mt. Bachelor on Saturday, January 26, and the girls posted an eighth-place finish under sunny, warm, and calm conditions.

The course got a bit soft and wet with the heat, and there were a record number of crashes among all the teams, but the Sisters teams finished strong and scored well.

The boys varsity team posted a team time of 6:48.77 for their fourth-place finish, just behind Mt. View's third-place finish (6:47:76). Colton Seymour finished fifth (2:14.66), Kincaid Smeltzer was eighth (2:15.97), George Chladek 12th (2:18.14), Evan Palmer 27th (2:33.25), and Christopher Lundgren, in his first varsity race of the year finished 30th (2:36.89).

Coach Gabe Chladek said, "Colton and Kincaid skied exceptionally well for the difficult conditions, and maintained clean, high, direct lines.

They had to balance being aggressive with responding to the variable snow conditions on a course with a couple tricky gate placements. And, in this league it's a big deal to finish in the top 30 in your first varsity race, and Christopher did a great job."

The girls were missing two racers and still finished eighth with a team time of 10:59.68. Three freshmen, Hollie Lewis, Piper Adelt, and Sydney Wilkins led the squad and did an incredible job. Lewis skied very fast and finished 18th with a combined

time of 2:36.44. Adelt finished 29th with a time of 3:14.78, for her first top-30 finish. Wilkins pushed hard and crashed on her second run, but got back on course and finished to record a second-run time, which kept the Sisters girls team in the team score. Sydney finished 33rd with a combined time of 5:08.46.

Chladek said, "I'm really proud of how well the Outlaws skied. The team keeps improving with every week. They're moving up in the finish a little bit with each race, so we may move into third place. It will

be an exciting second half to the season."

The boys JV team was missing some veteran racers, and fielded some for their first-ever race. Caden Mercer, Ian Cash, and Jacob Lee combined for fifth place.

"First-time racers Mercer

and Lee skied clean lines for a great start to their racing careers, and Ian continues to improve with every race," Chladek said.

Next up for the Outlaws is a Giant Slalom race at Mt. Bachelor on Saturday, February 2.



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Outlaws skiers are skiing well as the season hits the midway point.

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was going to be her first lifting competition. Since she no longer can, let's do the heavy (and light) lifting for her! Spectators are welcome to come for free and can make donations or purchase fundraising items during the meet."

A silent auction will be held at Sisters Saloon on Friday, February 8, from 5 to 9 p.m., with all proceeds going to the Daughters of Jenny Cashwell Memorial Fund.

Thirty-six-year-old Alan Porciello remains in Deschutes County Jail on charges of manslaughter and unlawful use of a weapon in connection with the shooting.

Deschutes County District Attorney John Hummel has reported that Cashwell and Porciello had connected through the dating website PlentyOfFish and had communicated several times before agreeing to meet in person for the first time on the day of the shooting.

Cashwell reportedly picked up Porciello at his apartment and they went hiking at Pine Nursery Park Trail before returning to the apartment. Authorities say Porciello shot Cashwell in the apartment and called 911.

Investigators are still working to determine what led up to her death.

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