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Three Outlaws in ski championships

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Three Outlaws skiers -Evan Palmer, and Bela and George Chladek - have qualified for the Western States High School Regional Championships at Mammoth Mountain, California, next week.

They earned their slots in competition at the 2020 Alpine Ski Race State Championships at Mount Ashland on Thursday and Friday, March 5-6. The exciting event boasted the top four teams from every high school ski league in the state of Oregon competing for the state title. Race conditions were sunny and calm, and the course surfaces were hard and fast.

The three boys will travel with their coaches to that competition on Wednesday, March 11, and competition will be Friday and Saturday, March 13 and 14.

The varsity boys started state competition in the slalom event on Thursday, and due to the hard, fast course conditions almost half of the competitors crashed out on their first run. The Outlaws finished fourth overall for the day. The top three finishers for the Outlaws were George Chladek, Colton Seymour, and Bela Chladek on the first run. In the second run, Evan Palmer, George Chladek and Colton Seymour were the top finishers. Mitchell Griffin skied as a substitute and came

in fifth for the day out of all the subs.

On Friday, the boys competed in the giant slalom event. The weather was much colder, and at times heavy fog caused visibility to be a bit difficult. Bela Chladek, Evan Palmer, and George Chladek were the top finishers in run one, and in run two Evan Palmer, Bela Chladek, and George Chladek were at the top. Corbin Fredland and Seymour logged great supporting runs and displaced racers from other teams further back in the order. Griffin logged the fourth-fastest time out of all the teams' subs in the Giant Slalom event.

The Outlaws did an outstanding job, and after two

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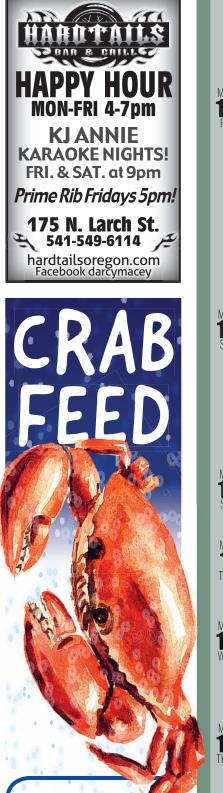
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days of racing finished third place overall.

Coach Gabe Chladek said, "Evan's (Palmer) second slalom run was very fast and was our highest-scoring run of the event. George (Chladek) and Cole (Seymour) were very consistent through the entire competition and resulted in a solid team score."

On the girls side, the Lady

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