

Skiers sweep race at Willamette Pass

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The Outlaws skiers swept both the boys' and girls' races under beautiful and sunny skies, with five racers from each team finishing in the top 10 in the Giant Slalom race held on Saturday, January 22, at Willamette Pass.

Both Bela Chladek and Araiya Grummer took first-place finishes and won their races by more than a second, which, according to Coach Gabe Chladek, is a big margin in alpine ski racing.

Grummer finished with a combined time of 1:44.10 and Chladek finished with a combined time of 1:33.33.

"Both Bela and Araiya kept their lines through the course close to the gates and skied aggressively right out of the start, and were able to hold a fast pace through the finish," said Chladek.

Four other girls finished in the top 10, including Tallis Grummer, who took third with a combined time of 1:46.02, Ella Eby who finished seventh (1:47.58); Charlotte Seymour, who took eighth (1:47.62); and Piper Adelt, who took ninth (1:51.76).

Remaining scores were: Ava Riehle, 13th place with a time of 1:53.85; Annie Cohen, 14th with a time of 1:54.67; Mae Roth, 16th (1:59.34); Lauren Sitz, 18th (2:04.90); Kiara Martin 21st (2:07.88); and Molly Greaney, 24th (3:03.79).

On the boys' side, Corbin Fredland finished third with a combined time of 1:35.33, Styopa Myagkov took fourth



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Araiya Grummer shows winning form in her run for first place in Outlaws alpine skiing action.

(1:37.45), Gus Patton took seventh (1:41.75), and Brody Duey finished 10th with a combined time of 1:47.71.

Remaining scores were Emerson Backus, 11th (1:47.83); Spencer Tisdell, 14th (1:49.33); Cooper Merrill, 16th (1:53.11); John Berg, 23rd (2:07.74); Jack Turpin, 26th (2:14.89); and Kellen Petke finished 28th (2:26.08).

"The entire team put on an outstanding performance, and it was really great to

see some of our racers from the lower seeds moving up in their finish order," said Chladek. "Especially noteworthy were junior and first-year racer Gus Patton from the boys' team and freshman Tallis Grummer on the girls' side. Both racers were able to move their turns in closer to the race gates taking seconds off their runs."

The Outlaw skiers' next race will be a slalom on Wednesday, January 26, at Hoodoo Ski Area.

Nordic skiers compete at XC Oregon

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Evan Eby placed 18th overall to lead the Outlaws contingent at the Oregon XC Nordic ski race held at Mt. Bachelor on Saturday, January 22.

Eby finished the 5-kilometer course in 13:05 in a race that featured skiers from the Northern and Southern and Mt. Hood divisions of the Oregon Interscholastic Ski Racing Association (OISRA). A total of 103 competitors completed the skate-style course.

Parke Chapin of Summit cruised to an easy win as the individual champion in 11:00.6.

Kaleb Briggs, in his first season of Nordic skiing, finished mid-pack in 54th place with a time of 16:10. Jackson Griffin, also in his first season, came through in 76th place in 19:40.

Summit won the boys' team title with just nine points. Sisters finished in seventh place among 10 complete teams, with 71 points.

Neve Gerard of Bend Senior High led 82 girls through the course in a time of 12:37.6. Brooklyn Liddell finished strong with a time of 15:43.5 to place 17th. Ella Bartlett came through next for the Outlaws in 19:17 for 44th place, and Josie Berg placed 63rd in a time of 22:59.

The Outlaw girls finished sixth as a team with 72 points. Bend won the meet with 15 to edge Summit (20) and Mountain View (22).

The teams did not compete in the 3x1-kilometer relays that took place after the main races.

The next competition for the Outlaws takes place close to home on Sunday, January 30, at the Hoodoo Night Race, which commences at 6 p.m.

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