

Ella Bartlett, Clayten Heuberger, and Joe Souza were all smiles following the State swimming meet.

## Heuberger medals in State swimming

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Clayten Heuberger brought home two medals from the OSAA 4A/3A/2A/1A championships held Saturday, February 19, at Tualatin Valley Swim Center, completing a stellar season for the junior.

Heuberger placed third in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 55.86, which was 1.5 seconds faster than his seed time entering the meet. Akira Van de Groen of Catlin Gabel won the race in 53.83.

In the 50-yard free, Heuberger kept pace in a very close race, setting a new personal best of 22.86 to place fourth. The three seniors ahead of him, including the winner Carson Washburn of North Valley (21.78), all swam season bests.

"Clayten had an outstanding day," said Coach Alex Bick.

Freshman Joe Souza narrowly missed a medal, finishing seventh with a tremendous improvement in the 100-yard breaststroke, lowering his time by nearly five full seconds, clocking 1:07.47 —a school record.

"What a great experience for Joe," said Bick.

Ella Bartlett swam in two races, taking 10th place in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:18.7) and 11th in the 500-yard freestyle (6:01.21). Both times

were season bests for Bartlett, who is also on the Nordic ski team this winter.

Catlin Gabel won the boys team title with 53 points, followed by Newport (39), St. Mary's (36), and Madras (27), who took home the remaining trophies. Heuberger's efforts totaled seven points, which placed Sisters in a tie for 11th among 17 scoring teams.

The Huskies of Sweet Home added another top trophy to their collection, easily outdistancing the competition with 87 points. Catlin Gabel (66), Newport (25), and Henley (18) rounded out the trophy winners.

Coach Bick praised the efforts of his swimmers and expressed his thanks for the team's support.

"The kids have been great and we all want to thank Black Butte Ranch for the use of the Glaze Meadow pool," he said. "There is no way we could have a team without their help." **BASKETBALL:** Outlaws put up a fight against pair of dominant teams

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"I was proud of how the boys finished the game in the fourth quarter," added Rush. "That will hopefully give us something to build off of as we prepare for our remaining games of the season."

After three weeks on the road the Outlaws finally got to play on their home court on Friday, but were upended by top-ranked Cascade. The Cougars' 6-foot-11-inch and 6-foot-7-inch posts, along with their highly skilled perimeter players, were too much for the Outlaws to handle.

Sisters started the game with competitive play behind some solid baskets from Adam Maddox-Castle. The Cougars' big men got some easy shots and extended Cascade's lead to eight points at the end of the first quarter.

In the second period the teams played even. Schwartz scored five points, including a big three-point shot to keep the Outlaws within striking

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distance. Sisters was only outscored by two, 11-9, in the period. The Cougars hit a three-pointer at the buzzer and at the half the Outlaws trailed 18-28.

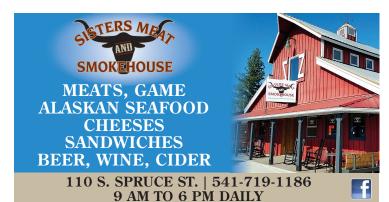
The Outlaws struggled offensively in the third. They put two points on the scoreboard off a lay-up by Ricky Huffman, and then Palanuk hit a long ball at the buzzer to give the Outlaws five points in the period.

Sisters didn't quit, buckled down, played a good fourth quarter, and outscored the Cougars 15-11. Huffman had a solid quarter, scored four points, and played with hustle and energy. Scholl and Murillo also scored four points each in the quarter.

Huffman finished with eight points, Schwartz had seven, Noah Pittman contributed six, and Palanuk tallied five. Murillo and Scholl added four points each.

Rush said, "I was pleased with how the team competed tonight against top-ranked Cascade. Playing against a team as talented and skilled as Cascade poses a challenge, but our kids did a terrific job of fighting, scrapping, and making Cascade earn their points and final outcome."

The Outlaws were to wrap up league play at home against Woodburn on Tuesday, February 22.





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