

# Silverton graduates team up again as college bowlers

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Jeffrey Holden and Lucas Ferrando have been friends since they were small children.

While their fathers bowled frame after frame at alleys around Salem, the two youngsters would run around, getting into trouble and forging a life-long bond.

Fifteen years later they're college teammates on the bowling team at Calumet College of Saint Joseph in Indiana and the two are closer than ever on one of the top teams in the nation.

As teammates at Silverton High School in 2012, they both played key roles on the team's state championship-winning bowling team.

In December Ferrando, a senior, and Holden, a sophomore, helped Calumet win the Collegiate Shoot-Out in Las Vegas. Calumet went 29-1 in the Baker game matches at the tournament and scored 12,445 to beat Webber International by 11 pins

"It's funny to think we bowled in Silverton together. We won a state championship there," Ferrando said. "We go out to one of the top teams in the nation for bowling. We kind of took the high school team with us."

The season didn't start as well as hoped for Calumet.

In the second tournament of the season, the Oregon & Black Classic in the middle of October, Calumet placed 15th.

For a program accustomed to a high level of success – the team has made the NAIA National Tournament in all 10 years there has been a national tourna-



Jeffrey Holden



Lucas Ferrando

ment – it was less than they expected.

As opposed to the national tournament, the Collegiate Shootout included teams from NCAA Division I schools like Wichita State, Arizona State, San Jose State, Nevada-Las Vegas, Fresno State and Washington State.

"It started with practice, and then we have a really young team so the older people in our program had to step up and understand college bowling," Holden said.

"I feel like those tournaments (in Las Vegas) were a better representation about the skill level our team is at. Now we're all on the same page and I think Vegas helped give us a better showing of what we can be as a team."

The competition within Calumet's team to be on the active roster for a spot

to compete at tournaments is tough.

To determine the players who travel to compete in each tournament, the team holds a series of trials over a week's time.

The competition is so tough to earn a spot on the tournament teams that Ferrando had made it on for just over half the tournaments this season.

That internal competition has been a benefit for Holden. He says that before he came to Calumet he had an average of 201 and now averages 240.

"The competition definitely helps because if you start slacking off two days before trials, just a snap of the fingers and you're off the team," said Holden, a Computer Information Systems major.

Ferrando enrolled at Calumet after graduating from Silverton in 2013.

Holden originally was intent on going to bowl in college in Las Vegas after he graduated from Silverton in 2015, but when an aunt and uncle moved back to Oregon, he changed his mind.

The first person he contacted was Ferrando, who was then a sophomore at Calumet.

Within hours the Calumet coaching staff had contacted him and Holden was on his way to Indiana.

"He was great last year being a freshman," said Ferrando, a Business Management major on track to graduate in May. "This year he's really shown he's one of the top bowlers on our team. Having him is definitely a boost to the talent level on our starting team."

Holden's older brother, Daniel, joined Calumet's team this year.

Daniel Holden is a freshman in college eligibility, but was three years ahead of his younger brother in high school. After graduating from Silverton, he took a gap year then went to college at Chemeketa.

Jeffrey Holden tried to convince his brother to come to Calumet when he first did last year, but his brother waited a year.

"I think it's good for both of us because I have family there now so I don't feel like I'm so far away," Jeffrey Holden said. "I think it's good for him because I have a little bit of the experience."

"It's definitely been good for all of us."

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# Families sled Santiam Sno-Park

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**SISTERS** – You have to drive more than 80 miles east from Salem to reach one of the closest sno-parks to the state capital, past Detroit Lake and armies of trees dressed in white and green like troops soldiering through the winter.

If you pulled into the parking lot of Santiam Sno-Park on Monday, you may have seen Jared Harrison of Salem kick a log back onto his small fire. It did little to beat back the cold there, as temperatures hovered around 13 degrees.

Cold didn't deter families such as Harrison's from whizzing down a nearby snowy hill by sled or tube.

Seasonal permits for sno-parks like Santiam run \$25. It's not far from the roughly 4,800-foot summit of Oregon's Santiam Pass. Aside from the sledding hill, there are two bathrooms and lots of parking spaces. Those spaces were filled with burly SUVs and pickups — and at least one Toyota Prius with chains.

Winter conditions made the powder ideal for sledding. Harrison brought his family after snowboarding Hoodoo and ringing in the New Year in Bend.

His daughter, Summer, 4, was eager to get out of the nearby car and hit the slopes. Sunday was her first day snowboarding. Now it was time to sled. Jared, 34, bundled her up.

"All this to have her go out for 10 minutes," he said.

David Rutledge of Salem said goggles were recommended. "Otherwise you have a frozen face," he said. His family had been there for about an hour and a half.

On the hill, one packed-down lane was a straight shot all the way down, whereas another had a jump that made sledders go airborne.

Leah Asay of Eugene and her granddaughter Olivia Gilhuber came speeding down the hill together, though somewhere along the way their sled came out from under them. That didn't stop them going a little farther down or seem to dampen 11-year-old Olivia's enthusiasm. "It was so fun," she said afterward.

Jayden Harrison, 14, shot off the ramp. He went backward over the jump, but reconnected with the ground without falling off his sled and eating snow.

The younger Harrison, Jared's nephew, was a man of high speed and few adjectives. Asked how he felt about the jump he nailed, he responded straightforwardly: "Good."

Not everyone was outside. In a two-story Sisters coffee house further down the road, temperatures were comfortably warm. People worked on laptops and sipped coffee.

Greg and Vivi Ouellette of Bend were just off a cross-country skiing expedition when they stopped to grab a drink.

"It was unreal," Greg said of the powder outside. "The conditions were nearly perfect."

Indeed, the trek seemed idyllic. "The sun came through and it was beautiful," Vivi said.

They snow-shoed with a man whom Greg said he was vetting for a trip to Mount Denali, the highest mountain in North America that shoots up more than 20,000 feet in Alaska, according to the U.S. National Park Service. It's a far cry



Salem's Jayden Harrison, 14, sleds down the large hill at the Santiam Sno-Park. It's the only tubing and sledding hill in the Santiam Pass area.

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Olivia Gilhuber, 11, blinks away the snowflakes on her eyelashes at the Santiam Sno-Park. Located near the 4,817-foot summit of the Santiam Pass, the park has a large hill that is popular for sledding.



Cameron Asay has a bumpy landing after flying off a ramp made out of snow. The Asay and Gilhuber families drove out to the Santiam Sno-Park from Eugene for some fun in the snow on the second day of the New Year.

from the Oregon wilderness.

"It's all about the right people," he said. "You (don't) have the right people, you shouldn't go."

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