

Burns beats all odds to win State as freshman

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Cabernet Burns, freshman, upset the competition at State to take home gold in Jumping after narrowly

qualified," Burns said. "Now I'll have expectations for myself when I compete over the next three years."

Eight of the ten riders on the Equestrian Team traveled

racing to dressage. In order to qualify, athletes must have won first, second, or third place in one event over two of the three meets, or have secured the gold, silver, or bronze medal after the scores from all three meets have been added.

"I think that it was awesome that eight of our ten competing athletes qualified for State. It shows how hard they have worked and improved throughout the season," Teri Obye, team adviser, said.

For the first time, the team created two drill teams. In this event, a group of four athletes ride a four to six minute self-created pattern to music. The Western Team took the gold medal and the English Team took bronze in districts from their scores added up over all three meets. Both teams qualified for the State competition.

"It is really cool to see so many girls from the team qualify for State. We had to practice that much harder to compete at the state level. It makes the team closer and a lot more fun!" Hillary Obye, senior, said.

Courtney Moore and Obye, seniors, were on the Western Team with Samantha Roberts and Karleigh Vroman, juniors. Maile Reniche, senior, was the captain of the English Team, which also included

Hartley Kelley and Sydney MacNaughton, sophomores, and Burns.

In addition, Obye competed in both Working Rancher and Stockseat Equitation, receiving fourteenth and sixteenth, respectively. Roberts and

Vroman, who had won districts in Working Pairs, took eleventh.

"Being a senior on the team, I have qualified for more events at the State level this year than in the past, which is really sweet and rewarding," Obye said.

Softball Team performs well against Lakers despite rain

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After a week of rain and little practice, Varsity Softball players were pleased with a close 4-3 win against Lake Oswego. Jamie LeVeque, head coach, was worried his team wouldn't come back to win against the Lakers after a week with no practice, was proved wrong.

"We were playing our best ball before a week of bad weather where we didn't play much or practice," LeVeque said. LeVeque also commented on the performance from certain players.

"Good pitching performance from Rhianna Russell (sophomore) contributed to the LO win. She had just one walk and gave up just seven hits. Taylor Brooke (junior) scored two of our four runs. Her speed gives us so many

more opportunities to score runs," LeVeque said.

After being tied 3-3 the whole game, a single from Kylie Crawford, freshman, put West Linn ahead at 4-3 in the eighth inning. Mackenzie Domann, freshman, had the run batted in that tied up the game and a number of other players had RBIs including Sommer Figone, freshman, and Brooke, as well as a strong pitching performance from Russell.

The win was an important one for WL after losing to Clackamas and Putnam. The win was not only attributed to the physical performance of the players, but the mental performance as well, according to McKenna Pyeatt, junior.

"It felt good to beat LO because they've always been rivals of ours. We needed to take advantage of their weak spots and we did," Pyeatt said.

The team played very strategically, picking up on errors LO was making and using them to their advantage. After the Lions realized how many errors LO's fielders were making, West Linn had more base hits and advanced more runners. Pyeatt also attributed the win to the performance of the outfield, hitting and communication.

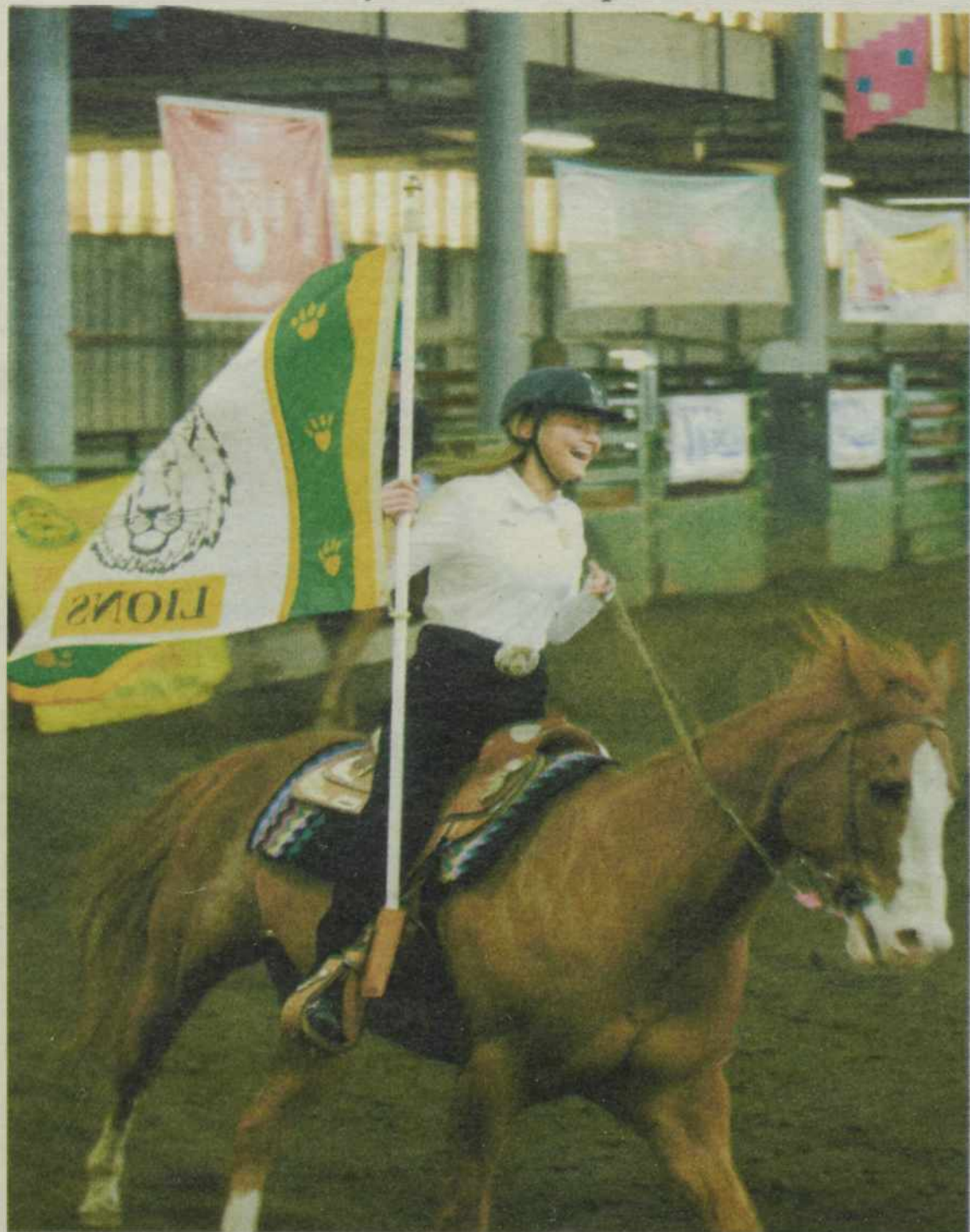
"We were hitting well, our fielders were making plays, we were communicating and there's not much more you can ask of a team," Pyeatt said.

Sachie Hopkins, junior, also recognized the importance of the win and gives credit to LeVeque.

"We were competing for a playoff spot, it came against LO, and we won in extra innings. LeVeque has talked about getting timely hits, and this time we were able to pull one out," Hopkins said.

After losses from Oregon City, 5-0 and Putnam, 18-0, West Linn didn't make it to the playoffs, but the players still feel good about their season.

"We would have liked to make the playoffs, but we are really happy with the progress we made and next year we will come back stronger," Hopkins said.



Hillary Obye, senior, sports the Equestrian Team flag in the flag ceremony at the District Meet. Obye qualified for and competed in three events at the State competition.

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making the cut with just two third places from the two meets in which she was able to compete.

"It was really neat that I won, especially since I barely

to the State competition in Redmond, May 15-18. They competed against the top riders in the state in both speed and performance events ranging from barrel

Lions eliminated from State with second loss to OES

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Both Varsity Lacrosse teams fought hard for playoff position and both teams came up short with the girls barely missing State. The boys finished third in the Three Rivers League making the road to the final four too difficult for the Lions.

The boys' team played well down the stretch blowing out Oregon City 18-2 on April 25, Putnam 10-2 on April 22 and Clackamas 15-1 on April 18, but losing a close game to first place Lake Oswego, 8-12. It was a difficult loss

for the Lions who not only lost the game, but also Jeffrey Janoff, junior, for the rest of the season with a hand injury, as well as Paul Garcia, junior, with a knee injury. Without them, the Lions lost heartbreakers to Lakeridge in a 8-9 overtime thriller and lost once again to Lake Oswego by the same score.

"The team is playing well together and playing well in their roles. To stay competitive we need to stay healthy and work hard," Flood said prior to the competition.

In the first game of playoffs the Lions beat South Salem 12-4. In the second round, leading scorer Michael Fay, sophomore, captains Spencer Smith, Nicholas Peppler, Shannon Sirvaitis, seniors, and other Lions were not able to overcome injuries. OES was too much to handle for the Lions who lost 3-10, for the second time this year. Earlier in the season they lost 2-3 in triple overtime to OES.

Capping their TRL finish, Fay, Peppler and Tony Engel, sophomore made First Team All League. Smith, Sirvaitis, Connor Deeks, senior, and Drew Forseth made Second

After a five game slide, the team rebounded by dominating North Clackamas 19-7 and Hood River 18-6, but couldn't upset Lakeridge, losing 11-13 to the Pacers.



Drew Forseth, junior, defends the goal from Lakeridge attackmen during the Lions 8-9 loss against Lakeridge. The Lions weren't able to beat OES in a season rematch and were eliminated in the second round. Photo submitted by Linda McClanathan

Team All League while Parker Nichol, junior, and Squires, made Honorable Mention. Mark Flood, head coach, was named TRL coach of the year. Deeks also was a OHSLA Academic All American.

The girls' team struggled losing five in a row to some of the top teams in the TRL including Lake Oswego, Oregon City and Lakeridge.

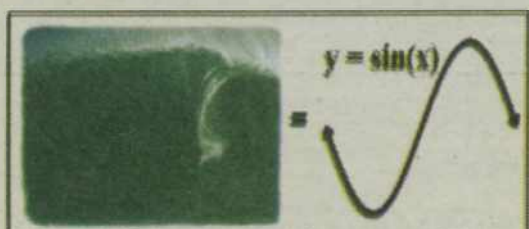
The girls also had several players make All League and Solveig Lee, senior, was named All State Honorable Mention and First Team All League. Making Second Team All League were Samantha Dewart, senior, Karina Dewart, Kristen Brown and Jenna Steele, juniors, and Emily Ostbo, sophomore.

The team finished 9-7 overall and 4-6 in the TRL.

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