

BOYS BASKETBALL

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we are, and that size was difficult to deal with.”

For the most part, the Cougars stymied team-leading scorers Kory Parent and Blake Sentman. The sophomore pair was held to 16 points and 5-of-19 shooting from the field.

Junior Chance Hopkins picked up the scoring slack with a team-high 13 points on 6-of-7 shooting.

Cascade coach Steve Ball said that during halftime he emphasized better focus on defense and rebounding, and that was the difference in the second half.

“Once we were able to get stops we were able to get out in our transition game. In the first half they were making shots, and we aren’t able to get out and run when they’re making shots,” he said.

Sentman said that it was difficult to keep track of Cascade’s

shooters in the transition game and this left them with uncontested shots. Cougar John Schirmer scored seven of his game-high 21 points during the decisive third quarter, including a 3-pointer with 2:03 remaining that gave Cascade a 45-32 lead.

Ball said that he was disappointed in a few sloppy turnovers during the first half, but believes that his team — with its height and athleticism — could be a threat in the postseason.

“We’re not a tournament-caliber team yet but we’re getting there. This is a very good team

but there are a lot of little things that we’re still getting better at,” he said.

As for Cottage Grove, Polard noted that the Lions shot 12 fewer free throws than Cascade, and that they will need to continue to work on attacking the basket and drawing fouls.

“We’re definitely getting better, and we’re playing a difficult schedule for a young team. We’re going to be pretty good at some point; we just need to keep going to work in practice, and I think things are going to turn around,” he said.

Tuesday, Jan. 6

CASCADE 66, COTTAGE GROVE 52

Cascade	15	15	21	15	— 66
Cottage Grove	13	15	12	12	— 52

Cascade: Schirmer 21, Coffey 12, Roos 11, Zavydovskyy 6, Molan 6, Raney 6, Thomas 2, #21 1, Braff 1
Cottage Grove: Hopkins 13, Porter 10, Parent 9, Sentman 7, Tucker 6, Murphy 3, Gipson 2, Hagewood 2

WRESTLING

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“I thought we were going to do a lot better, but nobody was prepared for this first dual meet. We need to turn it up in practice,” Bordeaux said.

Coach Kyle Temple was equally disappointed in Cottage Grove’s showing.

“Elmira is a really good team, particularly in the upper weights. We’re younger and less experienced in those classes. Still, that’s not really an excuse. We had some kids that just weren’t ready to wrestle,” he said.

The Falcons got off to a quick start behind those upper-weight competitors. Matt Engholm won by forfeit at 195 pounds, and Ray Dollahite and Zane Wardwell achieved pins at 220 pounds and 285 pounds, respectively. Wardwell was particularly impressive as he dropped Adam Lamb just 27 seconds into their match.

“We’ve been practicing pretty hard, and we have a lot of experience on our team,” said Elmira coach Scott Shannon.

Elmira placed sixth at last year’s state tournament. Wardwell was the state champion at 285 pounds; Engholm placed second at 195 pounds; Agnes and Garth Evanson were state finalists at 160 pounds and 145 pounds, respectively.

One of the most competitive matches of the evening was at 120 pounds, where Elmira’s Riley Craig beat Bryce Allen by decision, 4-2.

“Every time those two wrestle it always seems to come down to the end. You never know who’s going to pull it out,” Shannon said.

Despite his team’s outstanding performance, Shannon still believes that Sweet Home is the favorite to win the Sky-Em. He also said that he wouldn’t be surprised if Cottage Grove shows dramatic improvement by the end of the year.

“I know that coach Temple has a younger crew and they’ve got some injuries, but when he gets his team all back together they’re a solid bunch,” he said.

The Lions faced Elmira without junior Alan Bordeaux and senior Tanner Herbert.

Those absences and others left opportunities for other Lions to get valuable experience, including Tony Arnold, who moved up in class to 126 pounds.

“Tony fought through the entire match and did some good things. Did some things wrong, but he

knows what he needs to improve on to be better in the long run,” said Temple.

Although the competition was lopsided, both programs were excited for the return of league dual meets. In the previous four years, the Sky-Em staged crossover meets with the Oregon West Conference.

Temple said that from a training and competition standpoint, however, Cottage Grove did not place any more or less emphasis on this meet.

“Its all preseason to me until you get to the regional tournament. Unlike most other sports, you can lose every single regular-season match and still be a state champion. The idea is: if we didn’t wrestle right, what did we learn from our mistakes? And that’s what we have to do moving forward,” he said.

Cottage Grove hosts Junction City tonight (Jan. 14). Matches start at 6 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 8

ELMIRA 66, COTTAGE GROVE 12

Results

- 195: Matt Engholm (ELM) by forfeit
- 220: Ray Dollahite (ELM) by pin over Elijah Farrell (CG)
- 285: Zane Wardwell (ELM) by pin over Adam Lamb (CG)
- 106: Logan Walker (ELM) by forfeit
- 113: Aaron Boitz (CG) by forfeit
- 120: Riley Craig (ELM) by dec. over Bryce Allen (CG), 4-2
- 126: Jasper Kamerer (ELM) by pin over Tony Arnold (CG)
- 132: Dillon Spangler (ELM) by pin over Lucas Swearingin (CG)
- 138: Anthony Tena (ELM) by dec. over Rodney Chamberlain (CG), 11-9
- 145: Garth Evanson (ELM) by pin over Gage Herbert (CG)
- 152: Mason Walker (ELM) by pin over Japeth Ashley (CG)
- 160: Andrew Bordeaux (CG) by pin over Ethan Agnes (ELM)
- 170: Levi Hanson (ELM) by pin over Rafe Barkley (CG)
- 182: Connor Schauer (ELM) by pin over Seth Morris (CG)



photo by Matt Holander

Cottage Grove's Taylor Sayles drives in against Cascade's Alix Biddington during the second half of Friday night's game. Sayles scored four points in the Lions' 60-33 loss.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

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Biddington scored 14 of her game-high 24 points in the second quarter as she went 4-for-4 from beyond the arc, including a dagger at the buzzer that gave the Cougars a double-digit lead.

When the teams returned to the court after halftime, Cascade continued on its ferocious tear, except this time it was Wright who did the bulk of the damage. The 5'11" freshman scored 13 points in the third quarter as she operated as the team’s primary point guard.

After the game, several Lion players and coach Clawson talked about the team’s lack of energy coming back from halftime:

“We worked really hard to stay in that game. And I thought we came out tired and they out ran us,” said Borigo, who finished with a team-high 16 points.

“I don’t have any excuses for how we came out in the second half. With a team like that, you can’t let them get loose cause they will run away. And that is exactly what happened,” said Clawson.

Coach Stevens said that his team has developed a reputation for stepping on the gas in the third quarter, but that a 26-3 run is an extraordinary performance.

“That size of swing is not typical, but we are very explosive,” he said. “We can run the floor; we can shoot; we have weapons. If you’re not careful things can sometimes go that way.”

In addition to their success on the offensive end, the Cougars also put the clamps down on Borigo. Cascade began the game in a man-to-man defense but later found success with a zone.

Unable to get the ball to their best weapon, and faced with an ever-growing deficit, the Lions’ perimeter players began hoisting up 3-pointers on nearly every possession. Unfortunately for Cottage Grove, however, the team shot 10 percent

from beyond the arc.

“Conner was getting pummeled on the inside, so it was really hard to get the ball to her. And our shooters were open in the corners,” said Thielman, who made two 3-pointers in the game and was second on the team with six points. “We watched film of Cascade this week and talked a lot about what they do. They showed up and did very well. They’re a good team.”

While Stevens may have won the chess match of in-game adjustments, he acknowledged the talent at his disposal.

“We have multiple players who can score. Borigo doesn’t have anyone to take the pressure off of her. I’ve been in that boat before and it’s way easier like this. When you can try different things you’ll have an easier time finding an opponent’s weakness,” he said.

Thus far this season there has been a strong correlation between Borigo’s production and the team’s success, but she does not believe that’s indicative of a kryptonite.

“The team isn’t just me,” she said. “I play a big part in it, but I guess I see it as the team is successful when we come out ready to play. My teammates help me produce, and I help them.”

Tuesday, Jan. 6

CASCADE 60, COTTAGE GROVE 33

Cascade	10	19	26	5	— 60
Cottage Grove	9	10	3	11	— 33

Cascade: Biddington 24, Wright 21, St. Peter 9, Molan 4, Haddix 1, Loukojarvi 1
Cottage Grove: Borigo 16, Thielman 6, Sayles 4, Mootz 2, Nichols-Ferguson 2, Neely 2, Gardner 1



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SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Jan. 14

Wrestling vs. Junction City — 6 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 15

Wrestling @ Oregon Classic (Redmond)

Friday, Jan. 16

Wrestling @ Oregon Classic (Redmond)
 Boys Basketball vs. Sisters — 5:45 p.m.
 Girls Basketball vs. Sisters — 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 17

Wrestling @ Oregon Classic (Redmond)
 Wrestling @ Siuslaw — 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 20

Boys Basketball vs. Junction City — 5:45 p.m.
 Girls Basketball vs. Junction City — 7:15 p.m.

RESULTS

Boys Basketball

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Girls Basketball

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COTTAGE BOWL

League: Cottage Mixers
Date Bowled: Dec. 17

Team	W	L
Covered Bridge U	29	13
Cottage Bowl	29	13
Bowling Stone	28	14
CG Speedway	27	15
Kelly Trailer R.	22	20
Taylor's Towing	19	23
Jerry Brown Co.	18	24
Funseekers	15	27
Swearingin Design	12	30
Commonwealth F.	11	31

High Game

Men: Erol Miller 268
 Women: Kayla Simmons 196
High Series
 Men: Tom Neeley 649
 Women: Kayla Simmons 565

League: 5 O'Clock Shadows
Date Bowled: Jan. 4

Team	W	L
Ames to be true	20	8
V. Richenstein MD	19	8
Amigos Quatro	17	4
Ace's High	16	11
Book Mine	15	11
Mid-State	15	10
All in the Family	15	10
Jim's Tire Factory	13	14
Jenni & the Jetts	10	18
4 U Simple Book.	10	7
CG Vac & Sew	9	19

High Game:

Men: Aaron Ames 268
 Women: Jennifer Saldana 211

Men Three High Series:

1. Aaron Ames 741
 2. Johnny Saldana 636
 3. Don Perkins 631
- Women Three High Series:**
1. Jennifer Saldana 573
 2. Jo Fitzgerald 480
 3. Callena True 476

League: Dynamic Trios
Date Bowled: Jan. 6

Team	W	L
Golding Enterprises	20.5	11.5
Cott. Bowlerettes	19	13
Swearingin Design	18	14
Hs Rowdy Bunch	17	15
Rs Beauty Salon	17	15
K Family Merc.	16.5	15.5
New Creations	15	17
H Selective Log.	12	20
This is fun?	12	4
Advanced Eyecare	10	22

High Game: Jeralee Swearingin 214

Three High Series:

1. Alicia Esser 502
2. Margot Gotcher 485
3. Jeralee Swearingin 480

League: Meri Rollers

Date Bowled: Jan. 6

Team	W	L
Three Amigos	23	9
Team Reliv	22	10
Lucky Ladies	21	10
Treasure Chest	19	9
Charlie's Angels	18	14
Mom's Girls	17	11
Simand Chiro.	16	16
Emerald Valley	15	17
Ron's Girls	13	16
Blue Sunshine	12	20
Addi's Diner	8	24

High Game: Dana Miller 220

Three Game High Series:

1. Shelly O'Reilly 545
 2. Jacki Jackson 541
 3. Mary Whetstone 536
- Dawn Cushman 536

MIDDLEFIELD MENS GOLF

Date: Jan. 5
Game: 2 Points

1. Bill Avery, Russell Bryce, Gary Ingram, Jerry Pennington — 90. 2 (t), Tom Arney, Darrell Lee, Don Hanly, Steve Lindholm — 89. 2(t), Dave England, Jerry Fisher, David Morris, Gary Culp — 89. 2(t), Leon Hayes, Pat Rickard, Jim Wamsley, Dick Winters — 89.
- Low Gross: 1. Ingram 72. 2(t), Culp 74. 2(t) Mike Helms 74.
- Low Net: 1. Winters 60. 2(t), Morris 64. 3(t) Bob McCarty 64.
- Closest to the Pin: No. 5, Culp. No. 7, Jack Doleman. No. 14, Russell Bryce.
- Longest Putt: No. 11, Avery.

CG WOMENS VOLLEYBALL

League: Set & Spike
Date: Jan. 6

Team	W	L
Timber Chicks	23	4
Olsson Electric	21	6
Markham Electric	14	13
Nice Hits	11	13
O Dux	9	18
Horner's	8	16
Twisted Sisters	4	20