

## GIRLS BASKETBALL



photo by Matt Hollander

Sisters did everything it could to stop Cottage Grove's Conner Borigo. The senior still finished with 20 points.

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Gardner scored on a layup to put the game out of reach.

"We got flustered and we looked like we were going to give it away," said Clawson. "But they straightened up and held tough. Everybody did just enough."

The keyword being 'everybody.' Sisters' coach Julainne Horner said that her team came in with a game plan to make someone besides Borigo try to beat them.

"She's a really dynamic inside player," she said of Borigo, who set a new school record of 34 points in last Friday's loss to Stayton. "We wanted to make sure that she earned every shot. We ran a zone defense, gambling that some of Cottage Grove's guards wouldn't make their shots."

Enter Neely and Sayles, who combined for 12 points in the fourth quarter.

"We weren't expecting them to come back, but we were able to feed off of each other's composure down the stretch," said Sayles. "We were pretty gassed from a hard week of practice, but it paid off. And it's super important to start off with a win in league."

When the Lions began the game

on a 12-0 run, it looked like they would run Sisters out of the gym. But between 1:58 and 1:00 left in the first quarter, the Outlaws scored nine straight points. However, Sisters would still play in catch-up mode the rest of the game, and Horner said that the slow start and 21 fouls were the difference in the game.

"We knew coming into the game that putting Borigo on the line is a bad idea. It was part of our game plan to play stronger defense and not put them on the line," she said.

The saving grace for the Outlaws was that Cottage Grove left many points at the free throw line; Borigo shot 8-for-12, but the entire team combined was only 14-for-27.

The Lions also committed 19 turnovers, which Clawson sees as part of a recurrent problem.

"When we're patient we can be dangerous; whether it goes down to Conner or somewhere else," she said. "But when we're impatient, that's when we get in trouble. And we're still trying to figure

out that medium."

Based on nonconference records, it would seem as though Cottage Grove is closer to the middle of the pack in the Sky-Em than to Sutherlin at the top. But Clawson would love a chance at re-dos against Creswell, Gladstone and Philomath.

"Obviously we can't get those three games back, but 11-4 looks a lot different than 8-7. On the other hand, we're healthy and I feel like we're ready to go for the league," she said.

The Lions were scheduled to host Junction City on Tuesday, Jan. 20, and will travel to face undefeated Sutherlin on Friday, Jan. 23. The No. 1 Bulldogs have beaten their opponents by an average of 25 points.

### Friday, Jan. 18

COTTAGE GROVE 57, SISTERS 50

Sisters	11	9	12	18	— 50
Cottage Grove	15	14	9	19	— 57

**Sisters:** Bachmeir 14, Moore 14, Horner 6, Stewart 5, Knoop 4, Hudson 3, Mann 2, Smith 2.

**Cottage Grove:** Borigo 20, Neely 14, Sayles 12, Arnold 4, Gardner 3, Nichols-Ferguson 2, Thielman 2.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Lion swimmers back to racing

The Cottage Grove swim team returned to competition on Tuesday, Jan. 13 after a three-week layoff due to the winter holidays. Although the boys and girls were swept by North Bend, coach Tyson Pilling is pleased

with what he saw.

"Winter break is always the hardest part of the season," he said. "Because of the holidays we didn't always have a full team, but the ones who were there put in solid work."

The Cottage Grove boys lost 89-77, but the Lions won three individual races: Senior Jarett Raade took first place in both

the 200-yard (2:08.91) and 500-yard (5:52.54) freestyles; sophomore Josh Ireland won the individual medley in 1:32.78.

The Lady Lions were defeated 123-47. Sophomore Tori Raade claimed the 100-yard (1:06.25) and 200-yard (2:20.82) freestyles. Sophomore Clover Rudicel picked up a win in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:26.97).

Pilling said that the meet against North Bend went pretty well and that many of the kids are on pace to set new personal bests by the end of the season.

He added that several athletes could compete for spots at the state meet, including Raade in the long freestyle races and sophomore Ian Miller in the 100-yard fly.

"Sometimes it really depends on who's coming back from last year," Pilling said of the team's state-meet hopefuls. "Not many swimmers from last year's finals of the 200 and 500 freestyles

graduated. That being said, I think Jarett could still make it. Events like the 100 fly, on the other hand, seem to be wide open. We just have to see what happens."

Cottage Grove hosts Marshfield at the Daugherty Aquatics Center this Friday. It will also be Senior Night for Raade and Christi Willits.

### CGHS Boys Bowling

The Lions won their home match on Jan. 4. Austin Renfro regrouped after a difficult outing the previous week and had a very good day going 45-for-48 on his frames. Skyler Arnold also had a good showing as he bowled 80 percent. As a team, all five bowlers were over 75 percent for the day. The varsity II team qualified for the semi-finals for the first time all year but ran out of steam and finished last out of eight teams.

At the Springfield Timber Bowl this past Sunday, Cottage Grove was in first place through the semifinals but ended the day in third. Renfro filled 42-of-48 frames and solidified his second place standing in the state's all-star rankings. Arnold filled 40-of-48 frames and is currently ranked among the top-six.

### CGHS Girls Bowling

The varsity girls out bowled their opponents over the final four games of the Holiday Bowl in Florence, Ore. on Jan. 4 to walk away with first place medals. Fayth Stewart picked up the ever-difficult, 5-7-10 (Sour Apple) split, adding extra sweetness to an already delicious victory. Fayth and older sister Grace Stewart — who is currently ranked fourth in the state's all-star standings — both closed over 75 percent of their frames.

On Jan. 11, the Lady Lions again defeated six other teams to bring home gold medals.

Cottage Grove beat North Bend by five pins in the final series to clinch first place, 344 to 339.

The girls dominated the competition at the Timber Bowl in Springfield this past Sunday. Cottage Grove entered the finals in first place. And despite turning in scores of 183, 184, 201 and 188 over their final four games, the Lions ended up finishing in second to Springfield.

Both the boys and girls teams will compete at the district championships in Eugene this Sunday.

### Lion alumnae make indoor track season debuts for OSU

Cottage Grove High School alumnae Ahsha Mootz and Tricia Ingraham competed for the Beavers at the Washington Preview at the Dempsey Indoor Center in Seattle.

Mootz placed 12th out of 41 competitors in the 200-meter dash. Her time of 25.50 was ranks fourth all-time at Oregon State.

Ingraham placed 23rd in the shot put with a mark of 36' 1 1/2".

### CGESC to host series of NSCA shoots

The Cottage Grove-Eugene Sportsmen's Club, along with Siuslaw Sporting Clays, is hosting the first leg in the 12th annual Willamette Sporting Clay Target League on Saturday, Jan. 24. In total, entrants will have the opportunity to shoot 600 targets at the six stops in the series.

The entrance fee is \$45. Awards will be presented for each individual shoot and for the overall series, which concludes on March 28.

CGESC will also league shoots on Feb. 21 and Mar. 21.

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