

## Lions place ninth in home invitational

Regionals are next for wrestling team

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Cottage Grove finished tied for ninth out of 42 teams in its two-day home invitational this past weekend. Churchill and North Medford each scored 212 points to share the championship.

Four Lions placed in the top six of their respective weight classes: Bryce Allen (5th — 120 pounds), Andrew Bordeaux (2nd — 160 pounds), Tanner Herbert (3rd — 195 pounds) and Adam Lamb (6th — 285 pounds).

Herbert had a particularly outstanding tournament. After losing in the opening round to Ashland's Chance Swenson, he pinned his next five opponents to reach the consolation final. Waiting for him in that third-place match was Swenson. However, this time Herbert came out on

top with a technical fall.

Bordeaux cruised through the 160-pound bracket but faced a familiar opponent in Churchill's Riley Jaramillo in the finals. Jaramillo, who is undefeated this season, pinned Bordeaux — a transfer from Churchill — with 30 seconds remaining in the bout.

"As a coach you could see that both of them knew exactly what the other was wanting to do," said Cottage Grove coach Kyle Temple of the matchup of former workout partners. "It may not have been the fireworks show that people were expecting. But those kids support one another. There was no animosity or hard feelings afterward."

With 101 team points, Cottage Grove only trailed two 4A schools: Marshfield (136.5) and Phoenix (101.5).

Between the varsity, JV/freshman and girls' tournaments, no fewer than 650 wrestlers took part in the 22nd annual Cottage Grove Invitational. Temple said that 2015 was the largest in the tournaments history and that it took many hands to make sure that all went

smoothly. He was particularly grateful to have high-school math teacher Jeff Drumm as the meet director.

Temple said that the large and busy tournament serves as great preparation for the regional and state formats.

The Lions will now turn their attention to next weekend's regional tournament. The favorites in the team championship race are Cascade, Elmira and Sweet Home, with Cottage Grove, North Marion and Philomath expected to compete for fourth through sixth place.

Five Lions are seeded among the top six wrestlers in their weight classes. Allen (120) and Herbert (195) are number-three seeds, while Alan Bordeaux (152), Andrew Bordeaux (160), Herbert (195) and Lamb (285) are number-two seeds.

"We came out of the seeding pretty well. I like how we're wrestling at this point in the season. We just need to do what we're capable of doing and we'll be in peak form," Temple said.



## Athlete of the Week



Tanner Herbert

## Epilogue

Closing out the most successful season and era of Oregon football with Grant Thompson

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Since the 2010 season, the Ducks are 60-8; they've played for two national championships; they've won three conference titles, two Rose Bowls and a Fiesta Bowl. Over this time, the Pac 10 became the Pac 12, Chip Kelly passed the torch to Mark Helfrich, Marcus Mariota won the Heisman Trophy and the College Football Playoffs supplanted the Bowl Championship Series. It was an unprecedented five-year run of success and change for the Oregon program — one that may never be topped. And Cottage Grove alum Grant Thompson was there for all of it.

**Matt Hollander:** What stands out from your time at Oregon?

**Grant Thompson:** All the accomplishments seem kind of small when you put in the day-to-day work and see what it takes to get there. Obviously, it was a matter of good timing, and it wasn't like I took us to the national championship games. But I feel fortunate to have been a part of it.

'Good timing' may also depend on one's goals and perspective. In 2005, Cottage Grove alum Brent Haberly was a 12-game starter, finished fifth on the team in tackles and returned a fumble for a touchdown against Arizona to keep Oregon's BCS-game hopes alive. Competing for playing time with a caliber of recruits that reflected the rise of the program, Thompson appeared in 17 games and made nine tackles.

**MH:** Had you come along at a different time, do you think you could have had a career — like Brent's — in which you had a greater impact on the field?

**GT:** Brent was a beast. I remember



Tyler Johnstone interviewed teammate Grant Thompson for a television spot during Media Day for the CFP Championship Game at the Dallas Convention Center in Dallas, Texas on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015.

watching him while I was in middle school and asking for advice from one Cottage Grove kid to another. I looked up to Brent, and his was the path I wanted to follow. But there were so many things that went into Brent being able to start: The guy in front of him tore his ACL; Terrance Kelley got shot. There are a lot of circumstances that go into earning a starting role.

*Prior to this season, there had only*

*been two Heisman finalists in the history of Oregon football: Joey Harrington finished fourth in the 2001 balloting, and LaMichael James was third in 2010. Marcus Mariota brought home this year's trophy with the second highest percentage of votes in the 80-year history of the award.*

**MH:** What was it like to be around Mariota during his historic season?

**GT:** I remember questioning if a

Duck would ever win the Heisman. But then, after knowing Marcus for four years, I came to expect it. I remember watching him run hill sprints all by himself as a redshirt freshman and thinking that he could get to that level. He was mature enough to get there and had the mental toughness to win it. We saw that from day one, and it was an honor to be around him.

Oregon entered the 2015 CFP Cham-

pionship Game against Ohio State on Jan. 12 as seven-point favorites. The Buckeyes prevailed 42-20.

**MH:** Were you surprised by how the game played out?

**GT:** Obviously, I expected for us to win. I thought our gameplan was

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## Equestrian team is off to a quick start in OHSET season

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EUGENE — The Cottage Grove competed in the first Oreon High School Equestrian Team South Valley district meet of the season this past weekend, and the Lions showed particularly well in the gaming events with numerous top-five finishes.

Shania Schueller was the overall winner in breakaway roping. She also placed fourth in pole bending and fifth in barrel racing.

Ashley Goertzen finished second pole bending and third in barrel racing.

In steer daubing, Ellie Harold finished second out of 19 competitors.

Newcomer Shelby Glaspie placed third in saddle seat equitation.

The Canadian flag team of Schueller, Justin Hill, Katherine Dennis and Sara Witty placed second out of 15 teams.

Cottage Grove had two teams place in two-man birangle: Schueller and Goertzen finished fourth, just ahead of Hill and Ty Schueller.

The Lions did, however, have a mishap during their drill performance and will need to improve in the next two district meets in order to pick up their fourth-straight title.

"Our kids run a very fast paced, rodeo-style drill," said team advisor Shannon Simons. "You want to do your best at every single meet, and Cottage Grove is a very aggressive team."

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## Lions take their final laps before districts

Swimmers set new PRs against Springfield, Junction City

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SPRINGFIELD — The Cottage Grove swim teams had their final tune-up for districts in a triangular meet with Junction City and Springfield on Friday at the Willamalane Park Swim Center. The 5A Millers swept the boys' and girls' competitions, but the Lions easily outpaced the Tigers for second.

Springfield boys won all 11 races en route to 164 team points. Riley and Tristan James and Shane Williams each picked up two individual victories for the Millers, and they were key legs on winning relay teams.

However, the Lions did their best to keep up, and many were rewarded with personal records.

Sophomore Ian Miller finished third in the 100-yard butterfly and set a PR of 1:04.59.



Cottage Grove's Clover Rudicel finished second in the 100-yard breaststroke in Friday's meet at Willamalane Park Swim Center. Her time of 1:22.53 set a new personal best by four seconds.

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