

# BASEBALL

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wild pitches, as Elmira cut into the Lions' lead with two runs of its own.

In the second inning, Thomason walked three consecutive batters to load the bases. Brett Ollivant had a chance to turn a double play on Griffin Meyer's grounder to second base, but he bobbled the ball and one run scored for Elmira.

Ollivant recovered to lead a double play on the next at bat, but still without any outs, Elmira scored another run to take the lead. The Falcons scored once more before the inning was through on an error by Bellamy.

Cottage Grove responded in the third inning when Tristan Mihan hit a double to score Hunter Harris and Bellamy. While the Lions only trailed by two at that point, Mihan said that the early miscues had set an ominous tone for the rest of the game.

"Physically we're a great

team. But when something bad happens, it compounds on us mentally. When those things happen we need to be able to move on," he said.

Thomason's day only got worse in the top of the third. He gave up three triples and three runs, as the Falcons pushed their lead up to 9-5.

After a scoreless fourth inning, Harley Clarke hit a solo homerun off of Mihan, who came in for Thomason at the start of the fifth. Clarke went 3-for-3 with three RBIs and came within a single of hitting for the cycle.

Cottage Grove coach Dan Geisler said that he considered pulling Thomason before the end of the fourth inning, but to do so would have put the rest of the pitching rotation in a bind.

"When we have our number one pitcher going, we don't spend a lot of time planning for who's going to relieve him. We have guys who are ready, but our expectation is that he's go-

ing to go five or six strong innings," he said.

Elmira starter Luke Brockman struck out seven, walked five and gave up five hits in five innings of work. After he hit Mihan to lead off the sixth inning, the Falcons brought in Matt Engholm, who then walked the next two batters to load the bases.

Back at the top of the order, Brett Ollivant hit an RBI single to left field. And next, Payton Presley hit a three-run double to the left-field fence. But Presley — the game-tying run — was picked off at second base for the Lions first out.

"A lot of little things went into us losing that baseball game. But when Payton got picked off, I knew that was it," Geisler said.

After the rough start, Engholm recovered to strike out five of the next six batters.

"Matt's one of those guys you don't read too much into [his struggles]," said Elmira coach Rick Royster. "Once in a while

he has trouble finding the zone — as a lot of high school pitchers do. Once he settles in he usually throws a lot of strikes."

After the Elmira game, the Sky-Em had four teams in the top-11 of the OSAA Power Rankings; no other conference had more than two. But as Cottage Grove would lose tiebreakers to Elmira and Sisters, the Lions now find themselves in an unenviable position with two weeks left in the season.

"Our backs are against the wall, no doubt about it," said Geisler. "We're in a fight for third and fourth in league. I don't think a league championship is out of sight, but that's not our worry right now."

Cottage Grove was scheduled to play Sisters at home on Tuesday for the third and final time this season. The Lions (12-6, 4-4 Sky-Em) have two winnable games against Sutherlin (2-16, 0-8 Sky-Em), at home on Friday, and on the road on Monday.

# HALL OF FAME

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Later that year, Wiltse placed fourth in the nation in the 100-yard breast stroke and was named all-American.

During his junior year, Wiltse won an epic battle with Sheldon's Bob Van Fleet in the 100-yard breast stroke. His time of 1:01.8 was the fastest time in the district and the state and set a new school record. He said this race stands out last one of his all-time favorite memories.

Wiltse said that another fond memory was at a team awards banquet, when coach Bud Taylor presented him with an alarm clock to help him wake up for morning practices.

Wiltse said that Taylor had an incredible influence on his career at Cottage Grove.

"Bud is a master motivator and swim-meet strategist. His teams consistently performed beyond expectations. He helped numerous high schoolers turn their lives around by providing

consistent, caring and strict discipline, while also making the sport fun," he said.

Wiltse was also a 1974 state all-star in water polo.

After high school, Wiltse attended the University of Southern California, where he was a member of the swim team from 1978-1980. He set school records in the 100 and 200 yard breaststrokes and was named all-American for the 100-yard breaststroke and 4x100 yard medley relay.

Wiltse ended his career at the 1980 U.S. Olympic Swimming Trials, where he placed in the top 30 in three events.

Wiltse went on to earn bachelors and masters degrees from Azusa-Pacific University, and he recently completed 30 years of service in the Department of Children and Family Services of Los Angeles County. He lives with his wife in Long Beach.

Hall-of-Fame preview will continue in the May 6 issue.

# TRACK AND FIELD

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"He looked great and really attacked the first 200," Knutson said of Howard.

Running in the 800 meters for the first time all season, Tyler Ledford dusted the field with a 2:06.94 — a top-five time in the Sky-Em.

Making his season debut, Ryan Westerkamp threw 41-01.5 in the shot out and 112-03 in the discus. Teammate Brad Geisler won the latter event with a mark of 114-03.

Other event winners included Chris Clure (200 meters — 25.11) and Joshua Clafin (High jump — 5-04).

The girls edged Sweet Home 83-79, with Elmira finishing way back with 13 points.

They also won eight events, including a sweep of the middle distances.

Halle Petersen and Jaylene Forrester went 1-2 in the 1500 meters with times of 5:41.07 and 5:41.62, respectively. And Hudson Weybright won the 800 (2:39.87) by a comfortable margin. Those three would team with Chelsey Bottorff to cap the day with a victory in the 4x400 meter relay (4:28.00).

In her season debut, Hannah Albrecht won the 400 meters in 1:04.47, just ahead of teammate Bottorff (1:05.46). Albrecht's time is the sixth-fastest in the Sky-Em this year.

"It was just great to see her out there," Knutson said of Albrecht. He added that she will likely add the 4x400, and either the 100 or 200, to her work load as long as a lingering knee issue remains manageable.

Conner Borigo and Courtney Hammel continued their dominance in the throwing events. Borigo took first in the shot put and came in second to Hammel in the discus. Hammel also finished third in the shot put.

Other event winners included Celeste Pelham in the 100 meter hurdles (18.15) and Sara Gardner in the high jump (4-06).

Knutson said that the Falcons — who competed at the John



photo by Matt Hollander

Cottage Grove's Conner Borgio, shown competing at the Springfield Rotary Invitational on April 10, had another outstanding meet on Thursday, throwing 35-11.25 in the shot put.

Oliver Invitational the following day — were not at full strength on Thursday, effectively making the meet a dual with the Huskies; however, this allowed more Lions to contribute to the

winning total. Cottage Grove will compete at the Stayton Twilight meet on Friday.

Sky-Em Baseball		
Team	W	L
Sisters	7	1
Cottage Grove	5	2
Elmira	5	2
Sweet Home	4	4
Junction City	2	6
Sutherlin	0	8
Tuesday's Results		
Elmira 11, Cottage Grove 9		
Sisters 15, Sutherlin 1		
Sweet Home 8, Junction City 1		
Friday's Results		
Sisters 13, Cottage Grove 3		
Junction City 13, Sutherlin 1		
Friday's Games		
Elmira at Junction City 4:30pm		
Sutherlin at Cottage Grove 4:30pm		
Sweet Home at Sister 4:30 p.m.		
Monday's Games		
Junction City at Elmira 4:30pm		
Cottage Grove at Sutherlin 4:30pm		
Sisters at Sweet Home 4:30 p.m.		
Sky-Em Softball		
Team	W	L
Elmira	7	0
Sweet Home	6	2
Junction City	4	4
Sutherlin	3	5
Cottage Grove	2	5
Sisters	0	6
Tuesday's Results		
Elmira 8, Cottage Grove 3		
Sutherlin 12, Sisters 7		
Sweet Home 16, Junction City 2		
Friday's Results		
Junction City 9, Sutherlin 7		
Elmira 7, Sweet Home 3		
Today's Game		
Elmira at Santiam Christian 4:30pm		
Thursday's Game		
Marshfield at Elmira 4:30pm		
Friday's Games		
Sisters at Sweet Home 4:30pm		
Cottage Grove at Sutherlin 4:30pm		
Junction City at Elmira 4:30pm		
Monday's Games		
Sweet Home at Sisters 4:30pm		
Sutherlin at Cottage Grove 4:30pm		
Elmira at Junction City 4:30pm		
COTTAGE BOWL		
League: 5 O'Clock Shadows		
Date: April 19		
Team	W	L
Mid State	28	8
Book Mine	25	11
4 U Simple Book	25	11
C.G. Vac & Sew	22	14
Amigos Quatro	21	15
V. Richenstein MD	20.5	15.5
Ames to be True	18	18
All In the Family	14	22
Ace's High	13	23
Jim's Tire Factory	13	23
Jenni & the Jets 2	9.5	26.5
High Game		
Men: Ron Bascue 236		
Women: Lia McTaggart 231		
Men Three-high Series		
1. Ron Bascue 630		
2. Marv Pratt 586		
3. Don Fitzgerald 567		
Women Three-high Series		
1. Lia McTaggart 563		
2. Callena True 562		
3. Jan McTaggart 510		
League: Yamaha City League		
Date: April 20		
Team	W	L
Red Solo Cup	125.5	66.5
Columbia 300	117	75
Bi Mart	114	78
Marvin Smith Auto	106.5	85.5
Who Cares	104.5	87.5
Cottage Bowl	102.5	89.5
Firs Bowl	96	96
TJ's Big Horse	85	107
You've Been M.	85	107
CG Speedway	81	111
Hines Cutting	78	114
One Night Stand	64	131
High Scratch Game		
Individual: Joe Simons 290		
Team: Cottage Bowl 879		
High Scratch Series		
Individual: Tom Mathis 979		
Team: Cottage Bowl 3340		
League: Cottage Mixers		
Date: April 22		
Team	W	L
Commonwealth F.	60	10
C.G. Speedway	44	26
Bowling Stones	39	31
Covered Bridge U.	35	35
Kelly's Trailer R.	32	38
Jerry Brown Co.	31	39
Funseekers	30	40
Swearengin Design	29	41
Cottage Bowl	29	41
Taylor's Towing	21	49
High Game		
Men: Ernie Owen 286		
Women: Laura Cardoza 201		
High Series		
Men: Ernie Owen 733		
Women: Laura Cardoza 505		
League: Yamaha City League		
Date: April 23		
Team	W	L
Who Cares	27	9
Cottage Bowl	24	12
Drain Chainsaw	21	15
High Yield Tech	20	16
Jim's Tire	20	16
Gilkison & Dad	19	17
Urban Honey	18	18
Dawgnauts	12.5	23.5
Addi's Diner	12	24
Gladiator's	6.5	29.5
High Scratch Game		
Individual: Jeremy Nelson 267		
Team: Who Cares 968		
High Scratch Series		
Individual: Ernie Owen 683		
Team: Drain Chainsaw 2915		
League: Ball and Chain		
Date: April 24		
Team	W	L
Bowl Dozers	27	13
Roman Numerals	26	14
More Beer	26	14
Cracker Jacks	21	19
Senior Funsters	20	20
Joe's Diner	18	22
Party Patrol	18	22
Thunder Boltz	17	19
Pin Pushers	15	25
Ally Oops	8	28
High Game		
Men: David Nichols 246		
Women: Koleen Kelly 235		
Men Three-high Series		
1. Jim Chenoweth 665		
2. Brian Roman 664		
3. David Nichols 649		
Women Three-high Series		
1. Koleen Kelly 611		
2. Vanessa Chenoweth 572		
3. Robin Kwandt 540		
League: Junior Stars		
Date: April 25		
Team	W	L
Ten Pin Mafia	39	6
J Dawgs	34	11
Lane Rangers	29	16
Space Money Mafia	26	19
Delivery Boys	24	21
Hot Shots	18	27
Lane Damage	17	28
My Spare Ladies	12	33
High Scratch Game		
Boys: Jared Simmons 221		
Girls: Olivia Perkins 142		
Team: j Dawgs 462		
High Scratch Series		
Boys: Steven Richey 567		
Girls: Fayth Stewart 513		
Team: Delivery Boys 1431		
MIDDLEFIELD MENS GOLF		
Date: April 20		
Game: 3 Points		
1. Hibner, Morris, Tooker, Wamsley 133. 2. Emery, Hanly, Cunningham, Hamilton 130. 3T. Eymann, Gates, Ingram, Sparks 126. 3T. Helms, Cooney, Doleman, Lee 126.		
Low Gross: 1, Helms 70. 2, Ingram 73. 3, Cox 77.		
Low Net: 1T, Cunningham 59. 1T, Lee 59. 3, Hibner 60.		
Closest to the Pin: No. 5, Doleman. No. 7, Cox. No. 14, Winters.		
Longest Putt: No. 16, Higgins.		
1, Helms, Zuvich, Levings, Cunningham (-28). 2T, Fisher, Lemmon, Prunkl, Richard (-25). 2T, Cooney, Cox, Wamsley, Chatigny (-25).		
Low Gross: 1T, Helms 74. 1T, Cox 74. 1T, Sparks 74. 1T, Doleman 74.		
Low Net: 1, Cunningham 53. 2, Fisher 63. 3, Duffy 61.		
Closest to the Pin: No. 5, Pennington. No. 7, Zuvich. No. 14, Ingram.		
Longest Putt: No. 17, Bryce.		

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