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respectively. Those times also rank in the top six of 4A.

"He was just awesome," Cottage Grove coach Ricky Knutson said of Tharpe. "It was a breakthrough kind of day for him, especially in the 300 hurdles. He ran out of lane eight but really attacked it."

The 100 became part of Tharpe's standard work load two weeks ago, and not only has he dropped time in that event each week, Knutson believes it has contributed to his improvements in the high hurdles.

The Lions, who placed seventh out of 16 teams, got a second-place finish from Tyler Ledford in the 1500 meters. According to Knutson, the freshman settled into fourth place after Sisters' Jadon Bachtold set a quick early pace. Bachtold

would go on to win in 4:13.84, but Ledford, who used a strong move with 300 meters to go, lowered his PR to 4:20.31 and beat several other Sky-Em foes in the process.

Connor Howard lowered his PR in the 400 meters to 52.54 and placed sixth overall. Ryan Westerkamp finished seventh in the shot put with a throw of 44-03, which is the third best mark in the Sky-Em. And Jayden Tucker contributed a pair of top-eight finishes in the horizontal jumps; his mark of 19-10.75 in the long jump set a new PR and ranks fourth in the Sky-Em.

The girls also finished seventh on Friday. Cottage Grove was once again led by throwers Conner Borigo and Courtney Hammel. Borigo placed second in the shot put with a throw of 36 feet even, and Hammel won the discus with a new PR of

108-00.

In the 1500 meters, Hudson Weybright hung with the lead pack until the final 200 meters but still finished in third place. Her time of 5:06.31 is the second fastest in the Sky-Em.

Chelsey Bottorff set a new PR of 28.12 with her fifth-place finish in the 200 meters. Bottorff and Weybright later teamed with Halle Petersen and Hannah Albrecht to place fifth in the 4x400 meter relay. Their time of 4:21.39 ranks 10th in the state.

On Friday, Cottage Grove will host the 11th annual Wally Ciochetti Invitational. Field events begin at 2 p.m and the first running event will go off at 5 p.m.

photo by Matt Hollander

Chelsey Bottorff, shown competing at Springfield on April 10, set a new PR of 28.12 in the 200 on Friday.



SOFTBALL

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victory, the tide turned when first baseman Katie Lyons twisted her ankle coming across home plate for a run in the bottom of the third.

The subsequent infield shuffle put several Lions in foreign positions, and that inexperience proved costly. Cottage Grove allowed four unearned runs over the fourth and fifth innings, and Nina Horner and Haylie Hudson had RBI singles to help Sisters cut into the lead.

The Lions appeared to have lost all of their composure during the Outlaws' rally, and up to that point they had only managed four hits. But Wiltse had no doubt that Cottage Grove would come

up with an answer on offense.

"If we didn't bounce back, the momentum was going to continue to shift in favor of Sisters," said Wiltse. "I always have confidence that we'll come through in those situations."

The Lions then put together their best at-bats of the evening to score five runs in the fifth inning. After Abigail Bunce and Kalea Galbreath got on base with singles, Kassidy Whisler hit a two-run single to right field, and Wiltse scored another run with her first triple of the game.

Sisters responded with two runs in the sixth inning, including a sacrifice fly by Cassidy Long-Scott.

Cottage Grove's offensive swoon continued into the bottom of the sixth

inning. With the bases loaded, Galbreath hit a two-run single that extended the Lions lead to 15-8. Wiltse then hit her second triple of the game to bring in two more runs.

"I don't know what got into the girls in the latter innings, but it was definitely what we needed," said Cottage Grove coach Cheryl Frieze. "They really started coming around, hitting the ball, getting on base and being aggressive."

However, Cottage Grove was not yet out of the woods. Kylie Steiner hit an inside-the-park home run that left Sisters trailing 17-9 with no outs in the top of the seventh, but Sayles retired three of the next four batters to finish the game.

"At times the pace of the game was hectic, and we panicked a bit — especially after losing two key players (Cottage Grove's Kamryn Ortloff was injured in the first game)," Wiltse said. "But we tried to stay calm and make the outs — even if it meant giving up a run because we had a bit of a cushion."

In the first game, Sayles went 2-for-4 and Kassidy Whisler went 1-for-3 with an RBI for the Lions, who beat the Outlaws 5-1. Sayles threw 11 strikeouts and didn't give up an earned run.

The Lions' postseason hopes took a major hit on Friday when they lost to Sutherlin, 7-5. Sayles, Wiltse and Maria Pardee each went 2-for-4 for Cottage Grove (7-11, 4-6 Sky-Em).

The Lions, who are in fourth place in

the Sky-Em, have a critical home-and-home series this week with Junction City (5-13, 5-5 Sky-Em). The Tigers previously beat Cottage Grove 8-7 on April 20.

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Sky-Em Baseball

Team	W	L
Sisters	9	1
Sweet Home	7	3
Elmira	6	4
Cottage Grove	5	5
Junction City	2	8
Sutherlin	1	9

Tuesday's Results
Sutherlin 17, Junction City 2
Sisters 9, Cottage Grove 2
Sweet Home 4, Elmira 0

Friday's Results
Sisters 4, Sweet Home 0
Elmira 10, Junction City 3
Cottage Grove 9, Sutherlin 3

Today's Games
Junction City at Cottage Grove 4:30pm
Sweet Home @ Sutherlin 4:30pm
Sisters at Elmira 4:30 p.m.

Thursday's Game
Cottage Grove at Junction City 4:30pm

Friday's Games
Sutherlin at Sweet Home 4:30pm
Elmira at Sisters 4:30 p.m.

Sky-Em Softball

Team	W	L
Elmira	9	0
Sweet Home	7	3
Junction City	5	5
Sutherlin	4	6
Cottage Grove	4	6
Sisters	0	9

Tuesday's Results
Cottage Grove 5, Sisters 1
Elmira 14, Sweet Home 5
Junction City 10, Sutherlin 8

Cottage Grove 17, Sisters 9

Wednesday's Results
Elmira 16, Santiam Christian 3

Thursday's Results
Marshfield 5, Elmira 0

Friday's Results
Sweet Home 13, Sisters 3
Sutherlin 7, Cottage Grove 5
Elmira 12, Junction City 4

Today's Games
Elmira at Sisters 4:30pm
Cottage Grove at Junction City 4:30pm
Sutherlin at Sweet Home 4:30pm

Thursday's Results
Santiam Christian at Elmira 4:30 p.m.

Friday's Games
Sweet Home at Sutherlin 4:30pm
Sisters at Elmira 4:30pm
Junction City at Cottage Grove 4:30pm
Sisters at Elmira 6:30pm

COTTAGE BOWL
League: 5 O'Clock Shadows
Date: April 26

Team	W	L
Mid State	29	11
4 U Simple Book.	29	11
Book Mine	27	13
C.G. Vac & Sew	25	15
Amigos Quatro	25	15
Ames to be True	21	19
V. Richenstein MD	20.5	19.5
Ace's High	17	23
All In the Family	14	26
Jim's Tire Factory	14	26
Jenni & the Jets 2	11.5	28.5

High Game

Men: Robert Hand 224

Women: Carolyn Allen 211

Men Three-high Series

1. Mick Batchelor 615

2. Ron Bascue 607

3. Robert Hand 592

Women Three-high Series

1. Carolyn Allen 556

2. Jo Fitzgerald 541

3. Janet Batchelor 516

League: Cottage Mixers
Date: April 29

Team	W	L
Commonwealth F.	67	10
Bowling Stones	46	31
C.G. Speedway	46	31
Covered Bridge U.	37	40
Cottage Bowl	36	41
Funseekers	35	42
Swearingin Design	34	43
Kelly's Trailer R.	32	45
Jerry Brown Co.	31	46
Taylor's Towing	21	56

High Game
Men: Steve Maezes and Vince Fiatarone 258

Women: Edie Owen 205

High Series

Men: Vince Fiatarone 672

Women: Edie Owen 520

League: Ball and Chain
Date: May 1

Team	W	L
Bowl Dozers	30	14
Roman Numerals	27	17
More Beer	27	17
Cracker Jacks	24	20
Senior Funsters	24	20
Party Patrol	22	22
Thunder Boltz	20	24
Joe's Diner	18	26
Pin Pushers	18	26
Ally Oops	10	34

High Game
Men: Jeremy Nelson 257

Women: Koleen Kelly 230

Men Three-high Series

1. Jeremy Nelson 718

2. Glenn Clark 691

3. Andy Adams 642

Women Three-high Series

1. Koleen Kelly 628

2. Vanessa Chenoweth 578

3. Robin Kwandt 524

MIDDLEFIELD MENS GOLF

Date: April 27

Game: 2-3 Points

1, Cunningham, Miller, Ryan, Rhodes 109. 2, Hanly, Hayes, Ordway, Lindholm 107. 3, Ingram, LaCosse, Tooker, Waterman 106.

Low Gross: 1T, Doleman 74. 1T, Helms 74. 3, Hanly 77.

Low Net: 1, Lee 58. 2, Tooker 61. 3, Cunningham 62.

Closest to the Pin: No. 5, England. No. 7, Ingram. No. 14, Lee.

Longest Putt: No. 16, Winters.

Date: April 30
Game: 2-3 Best Ball

1, McCarty, Dorman, Wamsley, Eyman (-24). 2, Helms, Doleman, Miller, Chatigny (-23). 3, Lemmon, Wilson, Winters, Hibner (-21).

Low Gross: 1, Helms 67. 2, Dorman 75.

Low Net: 1T, Prunkl 61. 1T, Eyman 61. 3, Wamsley 62.

Closest to the Pin: No. 5, Avery. No. 7, Cox. No. 14, Waterman.

Hole in One: On April 29, Jim Theabolt of Creswell aced the 130-yard No. 3 hole at Hidden Valley Golf Course.

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