

CORWIN



Jason Corwin

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at OIT. Corwin also led the Owls to back-to-back postseason appearances in 2013 and 2014.

According to Athletic Director Dave Presley, Corwin was a candidate during last year's search process; however, the timing was not yet right for him to leave the OIT program.

"It's not very often that an AD will come across a candidate who is, frankly, so overqualified as Jason," said Presley. "We are very fortunate that the stars aligned this time around."

Corwin grew up in the Springfield area and coached at Thurston High School for five years prior to becoming the head coach at OIT. He said that the opportunity to be closer to his home and children was a key factor in his decision to accept the position. His

daughter, Haley, will be a sophomore at the University of Oregon, and his son, Carson, will be a freshman at Willemette High School.

"I'm really excited to be joining the South Lane School District," said Corwin, who will be teaching health and PE at Lincoln Middle School. "The facilities are outstanding and the people are great."

Although Corwin is Cottage Grove's third coach in as many years, Presley said he believes that Corwin will provide long-term stability for the program.

"I've had numerous conversations with Jason over the past couple of months as far as his passion for building a successful K-12 volleyball system here in Cottage Grove," he said. "When college coaches move down to high school, they aren't always willing to put in the work to rebuild a program.

Jason did not make this decision lightly, and he put a lot of work into getting back to a place where he wants to be."

While Corwin's hiring, which was finalized on July 6, came a mere six weeks before the start of the fall season, he feels like the Lions are still on track for where they need to be. CGHS grad Elysha served as the interim coach during the team's summer league in June.

"It seems like a nice group of kids, and I really like their energy and hustle," said Corwin. "It's also clear that they want to be good, and they haven't necessarily needed a coach to teach that desire."

Cottage Grove is expected to return a pair of all-league performers in seniors Abby Ladd and Ally Ganchequi. The Lions will host South Umpqua on Sept. 1 for their first match of the year.

Corwin added that he is not anxious about taking over a program so close

to the start of the season. He said that through his coaching experiences he has become familiar with the 4A level and the Sky-Em League. He also said that while he anticipates some adjustment period to working with a younger, less experienced group of athletes, the fundamental principals are the same between high school and college.

Presley said that he has already heard positive feedback from players and parents on Corwin.

"The first thing Jason told the players when we introduced him was, 'You are volleyball players; you can't think of yourselves as just a single position. Everyone is going to learn how to do everything, because that's what's best for the team.' That philosophy makes a lot of sense to me," Presley said.

Gold Rush 5K Results

TIME	First	Last Name
18:51	Kyle	McNary
20:27	Pete	Dolan
20:47	Patrick	Frost
21:51	Jarett	Raade
22:35	Matthew	Clark
22:36	Madison	Long
23:00	Jamon	Ellingson
23:07	Rob	McCallum
23:27	James	Markus
24:18	Dave	Davis
24:31	Charles	Hudson
24:52	Bob	Schneider
25:23	Steve	Noll
25:47	Johnny	Witt
25:51	Tyra	Gordon
25:54	Kenzie	Parsons
25:54	Matt	Parsons
25:54	Chelsea	Miller
25:57	Trenton	Witt

26:28	David	Fen
26:30	Ian	Dukes
26:34	Bob	Bode
26:38	MJ	Raade
26:41	Michael	Dukes
26:41	Nodia	Witt
27:07	Annabel	Dostal
27:12	Kale'a	Galbreath
27:17	David	Hugman
27:49	Joe	Spady
27:59	Julie	Gardner
27:59	Leslie	Walker
28:00	Zdenka	Wybrog
28:03	Michelle	Weybright
28:04	Sawyer	Weybright
28:25	Elizabeth	Peterson
28:25	Wade	Davis
28:36	Sheri	Martin
28:37	Jodi	Krenik
28:42	Erik	Bridgeford
28:43	Mary	Kessler
29:03	Karley	Earlywine

30:06	Danelle	Clark
30:07	Emma	Matteo
30:08	Cassidy	Leatherwood
30:18	Erik	Torkelson
31:01	Kimberly	Atwood
31:03	Lindsey	Evans
31:09	Billy	Reed
31:15	Sara	Smith
31:57	Tori	Raade
32:00	Amanda	Cook
32:02	Rene	Cook
32:02	Sara	Meyer
32:33	Emma	Meyers
32:34	Christel	Braun
32:53	Sophia	Raade
32:54	Brian	Williams
32:54	Jamie	Carr
32:56	Taylor	Carr
33:26	Jennifer	Monegan
33:32	Lisa	Hilderbrod
35:24	Rose	Witt
35:45	Jane	Daum

Middlefield Mens Golf

Game: 2 Points
Date: July 13

1, Paul Waterman, Steve Lindholm, Larry Dreiling, Darrell Lee 100. 2, Gerald Singer, Bob Lefler, Les Rhodes, Darrell Lee BD 98. 3t, Ron Ackerman, Jim Wamsley, Dave England, Jack Doleman 97. 3t, Gary Culp, Virgil Miller, Ed Wilson, Don Arendell 97.
Low Gross: 1, Bill Avery 68. 2t, Gerald Singer 69. 2t, Jack Doleman 69.
Low Net: 1, Bill Avery 57. 2t, Jim Wamsley 60. 2t, Darrell Lee 60.
Closest to the Pin: No. 5, Jim Wamsley. No. 7, Bob Armor.

No. 14 Tom Arney.

Game: 2 Best Ball
Date: July 16

1, Jim Cunningham, Sam Kelder, Jerry Pennington, Gary Culp (-34). 2, Mel Gowing, Dave Gilmore, Bob Armor, Richard Vargas (-31). 3, Jake Cox, Darrell Lee, David Morris, Gary Sparks (-23).
Low Gross: 1, Gary Culp 66. 2, Jerry Pennington 70.
Low Net: 1, Jerry Pennington 55. 2, Gary Culp 56. 3, Dave Gilmore 59.
Closest to the Pin: No. 5, Dave Gilmore. No. 7, Pat Rickard. No. 14, Dave England.
Longest Putt: No. 10, Gary Culp.

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