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Scotty Hitner, Sentman appears to be a better fit for the Lions' offense. While not as tall as the former two signal callers (6' versus 6'3") he still has the ability to deliver downfield throws, outside the hash marks from inside the pocket. And because a defense must account for a quarterback who can stretch the field vertically, the offense has significantly more room to operate.

Sentman's yards per attempt improved from 4.9 to 6.7 over the second

half of last season, and he has demonstrated even better downfield efficiency during 7-on-7 drills this summer. But while he threw fewer interceptions over the second half of last season, Sentman can still make some poor decisions. During the team's scrimmage against Creswell on July 21, Sentman had the Lions in a goal-to-go situation when he forced a throw that was intercepted in the end zone.

I recently asked Roberts if there was a prototypical quarterback for the Cottage Grove offense, and he said that

the critical attributes are ball control, good decision making, athleticism and throwing ability — in that order.

Parent may not have thrown for a touchdown pass at quarterback last year, but he committed relatively few mental mistakes, and he led the team in rushing with just under 300 yards and five scores.

Of course the decision over who starts at quarterback won't be made in a vacuum. It could come down to which player better complements the rest of the team. Sentman can make a wider

variety of throws than Parent, but if the undersized offensive line can't protect him long enough to make those throws, that ability could be nullified.

Against Creswell, Cottage Grove seemed to run more rollout pass plays than in any previous scrimmage, and that feature would certainly benefit Parent. By running toward the sidelines, Parent's throws wouldn't need to travel as far to reach his receivers, and defenses could be held frozen by his running ability.

Was this rollout-heavy offense with

Parent a preview of what Cottage Grove will look like in 2015? Stay tuned.

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# FOOTBALL

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and Tristan Fuller each came up with interceptions to end Bulldog drives.

Creswell was without starting quarterback Trey Magnuson, and Colton White and Hunter Stevhan combined to go 14-of-27 for six touchdowns. Jack Callahan led all receivers with six catches for 106 yards and one score for the Bulldogs, and teammate Dylan Miller hauled in two touchdowns.

Cottage Grove previously played Creswell in a 7-on-7 tournament at home last month, and Roberts said that he felt the team was much sharper this time around.

"I wanted to see us compete tonight because the last time we played I thought we let down against Creswell," he said. "We've gotten a lot better over the summer, but we still have to see how that translates to Friday nights."

While the 7-on-7s have not showcased Cottage Grove's linemen, which include Shawn Farrell, Beau Crawford, Seth Morris, Brad Geisler and Ryan Westerkamp, Roberts said that they also demonstrated improvement over last year during the Lions' team camp earlier



photo by Matt Hollander

**Tristan Fuller (left), a newcomer to the sport, has been a pleasant surprise for the Lions this summer. He made an interception to end Creswell's first possession of the July 21 7-on-7 scrimmage.**

this month.

Up Next: Cottage Grove is hosting its kids and middle school/high school camps during the week of Aug. 10-

13. Kids playing in tiny mite through fifth grade will practice at the high school from 6 to 8 p.m.; grades six through 12 will practice from 8 to 10 a.m., also

at the high school. Registration flyers for both camps can be found at [cgilions.org](http://cgilions.org).

## Special Olympics bocce, track and field athletes collect hardware at Summer State Games

Five bocce teams from Cottage Grove/Creswell Special Olympics Oregon Athletics traveled to compete in the Summer State Games, July 11 and 12 in Newberg.

"This year's teams were a mix of new players and some seasoned veterans," said coach Bill Dowell. "I am amazed by how well everyone did. Our athletes practiced under some extreme heat conditions. We compete on turf, and the High School is kind enough to let us practice on their turf."

Newcomers Robert Brooks and John Baker placed fourth; Debra Blake and Myla Julien received the silver medal, and Elizabeth Crockett and Loren Goodman also received a silver medal, as well as the sportsmanship award. Longtime partners Gary Hilgendorf and Pete Heron brought home a gold medal, as did the team of Monica Venice and Carmen Dowell.

Coach Dowell said that the organization is always looking for volunteers to help. Those seeking more information may contact Co-LPC Carmen Dowell at 541-285-5475. The organization's next sport is bowling



photo by Becky Venice

**Athletes from Cottage Grove/Creswell Special Olympics Athletics at the Summer State Games in Newberg.**

in the fall.

Cottage Grove/Creswell Special Olympics Oregon Athletics also competed in track and field, and those participating athletes earned six gold medals, two silver medals and two bronze medals. Those receiving gold were: Natasha Cosper in the 50 meter run and softball throw; William Craft in the softball throw; Michael Crockett in the softball throw; Ian Miller in the shotput and Kendall Thiel in the soft-

ball throw. Kendall Thiel and Jill Vaverka won silver medals in the softball throw. Bronze medals went to Austin Crockett for the 100 meter run, and Ryan Britton in the shotput. Others competing were Daniel Abbott and Rebecca Panella.

The team was coached by Bob Alexander assisted by Gene O'Neil, Jerry Vaverka and teen helpers: Breanna Eberle-Estrada, Taylor Hallowell and Mystika Abbott.

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