



Lions showcase versatile offense, explosive defense



Athlete of the Week

Michael Tharpe takes control of Lion's offense during jamboree



The Lions did a great job at spreading the ball around at Friday night's jamboree. Head Coach Gary Roberts showed versatility in the Lions offense, but no one stood out more than Michael Tharpe. Tharpe caught several key passes including a short pass towards the right side of the end zone for a touchdown. Tharpe cradled the bullet pass from Blake Sentman, which managed to barely slip through his arms, but he managed to use his legs to maintain control of the ball as he fell to the ground.



Photo by SamWright

Senior Wide Receiver Michael Tharpe leaps for a deep pass. He would score within the next few plays.

sively contested by the Phoenix cornerback, and the two athletes fought for a jump ball which resulted in an incomplete pass. However, it was a play that displayed both accuracy in the arm of Sentman and the athleticism of Tharpe.

On the other side of the ball, the Lions found themselves blowing up plays, causing three fumbles in a row, but fortunately

for Phoenix, none were recovered by the Lions' defense.

"Find the ball!" Head Coach Gary Roberts yelled across the field to his players. It was an impressive show of defensive capability. The defensive line found penetration on almost every play. The Lions blew up Phoenix's first set of downs, but the Pirates eventually found some footing. After a facemask

call on third down, the Lions gave up several running plays, and eventually Pirates quarterback Dylan Knudson found his receiver wide-open, who wrestled Sentman (who plays as a defensive back on defense) into the end zone.

Athletic Director Dave Presley says that the team is looking well rounded and that coach Roberts seems to be working

the players hard.

The Lions will travel southwest to Coos Bay on Friday, Sept. 4 to battle Marshfield High School. The Lions look to kick off their season with a strong presentation on the coast, and will return to Lane County to play California school Del Norte at Autzen Stadium on Saturday, Sept. 12.

Curtis Towns wins 2015 Logger's Cup; Braaten, G. Thomas and Sine also get CGS victories

Cottage Grove local Curtis Towns won the main event as the Logger's Cup returns to the Speedway for the first time since the early 1990s

BY BEN DEATHERAGE
For the Sentinel

Cottage Grove Speedway would bring back a Stock Car tradition of the 1980s and early 90s, the Logger's Cup. Although the defunct Super Stocks were the headliner decades ago, their descendants, the Late Models, would take over the spotlight with the \$1,500-to-win main event. In addition to the Late Models racing, so were the IMCA Sport Mods, Northwest Focus Midget Series and Street Stocks.

The 40-lap Late Model feature would begin with Bricen James of Albany getting out front to the early race lead. James would be in the position until lap seven. The driver to take over the position was Cottage Grove's Curtis Towns.

Towns would lose the lead on lap 21 to Justin Duty from Molalla. Duty would begin to



Photo courtesy of Dirty Monkey Productions

Curtis Towns does his town proud by taking first place in the Logger's Cup and taking home the \$1,500 prize.

check out but in the closing laps Towns would begin to reel him in. On lap 34, Towns would repossess the lead and capture the victory. It was the eighth time he has won for car owner Paul Culp.

The IMCA Sport Mods would have a great car count for the night with 10 entries in the pits.

It may have taken him nine laps but Jordan Braaten of Central Point would remain the leader the rest of the way despite a few cautions before the checkered flag. It was Braaten's second win this year.

The Northwest Focus Midget Series were on hand for their only cars appearance at Cottage

Grove Speedway in 2015. Once the green flag dropped it would be a dominating effort by McCleary, Washington's Garrett Thomas. Thomas would lead every lap.

Finally it was Chris Sine showing his muscle in the Street Stocks yet again. Sine, from Eugene, was fast all race and even

though he would be smoking quite a bit he managed to keep all challengers back after completely securing the lead on lap nine. It would be the eighth win for the Murphy Plywood/Quantum Mechanics/Pure Romance By April #24 Camaro entry.



Superb turnout for XC's Two Mile Trial

Over 250 compete at CGHS' friendly meet

BY SAM WRIGHT
The Cottage Grove Sentinel

Cottage Grove High School hosted its first event of the season Thursday with the friendly "Two Mile Trial" meet. Over 250 runners found themselves on the trail. The race featured teams from Roseburg, North Eugene, East Linn Christian, Junction City, Sutherlin, Crow, Pleasant Hill and Creswell. The race also featured "open" runners from the community, visiting coaches, and even spectators gave the trial a try. The race featured eight Lion boys and 19 Lion girls.

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Cottage Grove Speedway

Join us
**September 5th for
KIDS NIGHT- KART EXHIBITION (NO POINTS)**
Clark Printing Extreme Sprints, IMCA SportMods, Pee Wee,
5HP Intermediate, 125cc, 250cc, Open Kage, Micros

**September 6th for
MIKE LYONS MEMORIAL KING OF THE WEST KART RACE**
Pee Wee, 5HP Intermediate, 125cc, 250cc, Open Kage, Micros