

Girls' basketball nabs first win at Siuslaw after another harsh loss to North Bend

After a rough 0-6 start, the Lions manage to get a win against Siuslaw on Friday

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Freshman Tara Child stepped up on Tuesday from JV to help her varsity Lions against North Bend.

0-6, after losing by more than 20 points for the fourth time in a row, the Lions mounted a comeback win over Siuslaw to beat the Vikings 47-44.

Interestingly enough, the Lions had a worse field goal percentage than their last game (24.24 percent), sinking 16 of 66 attempted shots. This time, however, they shot slightly better from the free throw-line (30 percent).

The Lions were outscored 14-3 in the second quarter, and by halftime, Cottage Grove was down 25-13. The girls found themselves down by 14 be-

fore they began mounting their comeback streak. At the start of the fourth quarter, the Lions were down 34-24 but went on a 10-0 run to tie the game. It was Harsh who stepped up in the fourth quarter. She sank three three-point shots and another two-pointer in the final quarter; she made 11 out of the 23 points the Lions scored in the fourth.

Harsh scored a total of 13 points that game, with five deflections and five total rebounds. Arnold was close behind, as she scored 11 points with seven total rebounds. Melissa Thielman dominated the rebound game

with seven offensive and seven defensive rebounds, along with four steals and eight points. The swiftness of Dana Caro was seen by her five steals and five deflections on the night, along with her total of nine points. Other scorers were Ellie Brown, Keara Murphy and Delia Nichols-Ferguson with two points each.

"We're getting better each week," said Head Coach Kevin Yoss. "We just have to keep practicing and get more accurate."

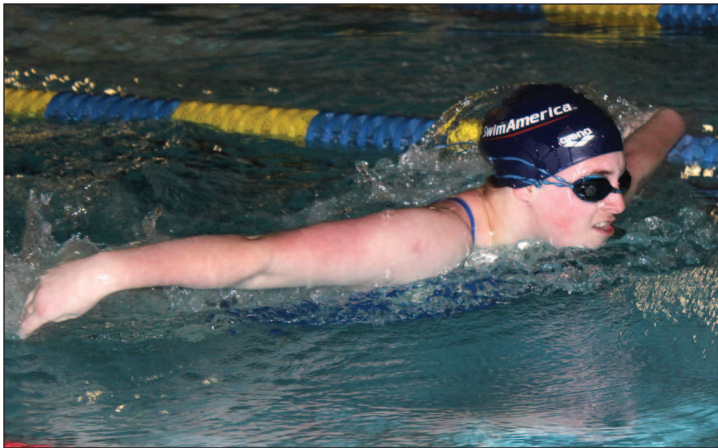


Athlete of the Week

Taylor Harsh led the way in the Lions' comeback win over Siuslaw on Friday



When the Lions outscored the Vikings 23-10 in the fourth quarter, it was Taylor Harsh who sank three threes and another two-pointer to score 11 out of her total 13 points on the game. The Lions surmounted a 14 point deficit during the game to beat Siuslaw 47-44.



Rose Witt swims the 100-meter butterfly.

Aqua Lions doing well, still room for improvement

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The Cottage Grove High School swim team hosted Junction City and Marist on Tuesday, Dec. 15, looking to show more impressive times as they did the week before. Due to the amount of participants from each school in each event, it was Marist who dominated the scoreboard, the boys winning 128 to Cottage Grove's 70 and Junction City's 34, and the girls from Marist winning 129 to the Lion's 97 and Junction City's 8. The Tigers only had two participating girl swimmers and only four on the boys' team.

The competition therefore fell between Cottage Grove and Marist; however the latter still maintained more participants in each event.

Seth Chambers, Johnny Witt, Chris Clure and Josef Pifer kicked things off in the 266 meter medley relay, finishing second out of four with a time of 3:01.22. In the 133 meter in-

dividual medley, Johnny Witt took first place with a time of 1:27.03.

Other first place winners were Ethan Burselson at the 100-meter freestyle with a time of 58.85 seconds. Witt shortly after had an extremely impressive time in the 500-meter freestyle with 5:30.25, taking another first-place spot. Pifer finished that race third with 6:24.28. The last two first place finishes were by Chambers in the 100-meter backstroke with a time of 1:06.06 and then the original relay group (Chambers, Witt, Clure, Pifer) winning the 400-meter freestyle relay with a time of 4:14.06.

Unlike the boys, the Cottage Grove girls participated in all of the events, which kept things closer in terms of points. Although the girls scored higher in total than the boys (97 compared to 70), there was not a single first-place finisher amongst the Aqua Lions on the girls' side.

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Wrestling team places well at Grants Pass

Cottage Grove places sixth overall at Winter Kickoff Tournament



Photo by John Howard, courtesy of the Daily Courier

Andrew Bordeaux wrestles Gary Jantzer of Marshfield for the 170 pounds title match. Bordeaux lost 3-0 by decision.

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The Cottage Grove wrestling team traveled down to Grants Pass this past weekend to participate in the Grants Pass Winter Kickoff tournament. The Lions placed sixth overall out of 36 participating teams.

Cottage Grove saw a big win from senior Alan Bordeaux who beat Austin Tillery of Henley in the tournament quarterfinals. Last year, Bordeaux lost to Tillery in the state semifinals. But the Lions saw success elsewhere.

At 120 pounds, senior Bryce Allen placed third overall, at 160 pounds; Alan Bordeaux placed third and at 170 pounds and his twin brother Andrew Bordeaux finished second overall. Other honorable mentions were junior Seth Morris who placed 6th at 195 pounds and sophomore Adam Lamb placed fourth at 285 pounds. Senior Rodney Chamberlain finished seventh at 138 pounds and junior Gage Herbert finished seventh at 152 pounds.

"This is probably the toughest tournament we'll face all year," said Head Coach Kyle Temple. The tournament featured teams

from 6A and 5A schools from around the state. And for Cottage Grove to finish sixth out of 36 teams is an impressive finish. The Lions placed fairly high in the state finals last year, and it is not a stretch to think they can't finish the job this year.

"Some of the kids that we faced at this tournament, such as Marshfield, are probably dominant by the time we get to the state finals," said Temple. The head coach has been pleased with the way his team has been performing throughout the season and is eager to see what more of the younger wrestlers can do on the mat.

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