

Lions sweep Phoenix multi-dual meet

After falling to two out of three opponents on Friday's Crossover Duals, the Lions returned from Phoenix with three wins the next day



Photo by Sam Wright

Jayson Stalder takes down a Philomath opponent on Friday.

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On Friday, the Lion wrestling team played host to Cascade, North Marion and Philomath in the Region Two Crossover Dual meet. Cottage Grove struggled, falling just short to Cascade 37-31, lost to North Marion, 53-18 but managed to overcome Philomath, 48-26.

Cascade started off well against the Lions, as Richelle Rolfe fell to Devin Privratsky from a pin in the first period. However, Cottage Grove's Aar-

on Boitz responded with two takedowns in the third period against Darien Fagin, winning 5-2 by decision. After Cascade's Marshal Christman's 16-3 major decision over Chan Kripeerapan, Cottage Grove bounced back with three wins in a row. Bryce Allen pinned Adam Stratemeyer near the end of the first period, giving his team a much needed six points. Rodney Chamberlain then won by major decision 10-2 over Connor Kelly, but then Rafe Barkely fell to a pin by Asa Alexander in the first period.

The Bordeaux twins did well;

Alan Bordeaux pinned James Baxter in overtime after eight and a half minutes of combat. Andrew Bordeaux won by an 8-2 decision after three periods over Hayes VanDeHey.

The Lions lost the next four matchups in a row until Chance Ralston pinned Brook Petterson in the first period; however, the Cougar's lead was too great, and Cottage Grove came up short, 37-31.

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CGHS Chess

Slow start as chess team looks to improve

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The Cottage Grove H.S. varsity chess team has gotten off to a slow start this season, winning one match (4-1) against Junction City, and losing to South Eugene (0.5-4.5), Willamette (2-3) and Pleasant Hill (1-4). The Lions have hopes of finishing league play with an even record by winning their two remaining league matches this week against Sheldon and next week against Marist. Players on the team have included senior Ben Bauml, juniors Chris Glesmann and Justin Long, sophomores Spencer Falk and Alex Reimann and freshman Alex Istudor.

The Lions JV chess team has gained a 2-2 league record thus far, with players including freshmen Zeak Bray and Taylor Henry, joined by Latham E.S. fifth-grader Maia Wilhour.

On Saturday, Jan. 16, Chris Glesmann, first board on the Cottage Grove H.S. team, won three games and lost one to take first place in the Advanced Division of the Winter Carnival Chess Tournament held at South Eugene H.S.



Athlete of the Week



Chris Glesmann receives the First Place plaque for the Advanced Division from tournament director Jerry Ramey at the Winter Carnival Chess Tournament held at South Eugene High School.

Lions lead Sky-Em after overtime thriller in Junction City

After winning eight in a row, the Lions find themselves as the No. 1 team in the Sky-Em League

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If there is one word to describe the Lions' basketball season this year, it would most definitely be 'clutch.' Cottage Grove has gone into overtime in several games this year, and it seems that they always manage to come out on top in these thrillers; much like Friday night's game against Junction City, where the Lions emerged victorious, 62-61, after yet another overtime battle.

The game was sealed (barely) by junior Kory Parent, who was sent to the free-throw line with 3.5 seconds left in overtime. Parent unflinchingly sank both

shots to give the Lions the lead. All Junction City could do after that was take a desperate shot from half-court which bounced off the backboard as the buzzer went off.

"I love to be in crunch time," Parent said. "Those are the moments I play for, I had a smile on my face when I stepped up to the line."

And the smile most likely stayed imprinted on his face the entire bus ride home.

Parent and Blake Sentman each had 19 points, keeping the Lions in the game down the stretch. Parent scored six of Cottage Grove's eight points in overtime, and Sentman scored

eight of the Lions' 10 fourth-quarter points.

Sentman quite possibly equally saved the day as much as Parent. With 27 seconds left, the junior pulled up for a three-pointer, bringing a five-point deficit in the final 30 seconds down to two, and then pulled something the Register-Guard described as a "spinning one-handed floater" with seven seconds left, which tied the game and forced overtime.

"They don't give up, they just keep hammering away," said Head Coach Don Pollard of his team.

There's also something to be said about the way the game

was finally won. This was a game that saw a total of 20 missed free throws (11 of which came from Junction City) yet it was Parent (4-7 for free throws on the night) who shot 100 percent from the line when it truly counted.

Along with the Tigers' missed free throws, there were six turnovers near the end of the game that cost Junction City the win.

"You're going to have one of those [games]," said Tigers' Head Coach Craig Rothenberger. "You just hope you don't have it against a team the caliber of Cottage Grove."

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Senior Chance Hopkins had a relatively quiet night against Junction City with four points and six rebounds.

Under-manned, swimming still strong against N. Eugene

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Despite several first place finishes, the boys' swim team was unable to overcome North Eugene during its meet on Friday, Jan. 15. The loss came not from the Lions' inability to win races (many race times exceeded expectations), but simply because North Eugene presented more swimmers than Cottage Grove, giving the Highlanders a distinct point advantage.

The meet started out well with Seth Chambers, Johnny Witt, Ian Dukes and Joseph Pifer finishing the 133-meter medley relay with a first place time of 2:49.41.

Ethan Burleson and Pifer placed second and third respectively in the 200-meter free-style with times of 2:09.8 and 2:21.97.

Witt and Chambers helped maintain a Lion lead in the third event, the 133-meter individual medley with times of 1:26.55 and 1:30.96. Witt placed first and Chambers placed third, and the Lions held a lead of 29-25.



Photo by Sam Wright

The boys' swim team wasn't down against North Eugene because a lack of success in the pool, but being outnumbered hindered their chances of racking up points.

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Girl Lions look to bounce back

CG back on another losing streak

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It's been the story of the season for the girls' basketball team as Head Coach Kevin Yoss and company continuously search for answers. The Lions now find themselves on another four-game losing streak after falling to Sisters and Junction City this past week. Cottage Grove (3-14, 0-3 Sky-Em) traveled to Sisters on Tuesday, Jan. 19 and fought a hard game, eventually falling to the Outlaws 33-30. The Lions shot better from the field than Sisters, sinking 13 of 39 field goals (33 percent) compared to the Outlaws' 12 of 42 (28 percent), but it was free throws that ultimately failed the Lions. Were the free-throw game made irrelevant, the Lions could have walked away with a 27-24 victory. However, the Lions only made three out of nine of their free throws, and the Outlaws managed to sink nine of the 13 shots taken from the line.

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