

BASEBALL

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Each time the Lions had someone on first base, Geizler would initially signal for the base runner to wait until a bad pitch was thrown. But if that didn't happen, many players found themselves stealing second base regardless.

"If we have a guy on first, we want that to mean he's going to be on second," Geizler said. The play calling is very aggressive, even though it sometimes doesn't work out. For instance, Ryan East misread a signal and didn't steal on a bad pitch and was then tagged out stealing a few pitches later. Another out came from a questionable call by the umpire.

"We don't want them to be discouraged," Geizler said, "we tell them that if they get called

out, that's our fault." Geizler said that the aggressive stance on base running has been fairly successful so far. At the end of the game, Geizler reported the Lions to have 30 stolen bases on the season compared to their opponents' 10. According to those stats and the way the Lions ran during the Stayton game, the aggressive base-running calls seem to pay off.

The Lions capped off the week with another win against Creswell on Saturday, beating the Bulldogs 10-4.

Cottage Grove enters league play this week with its first match against Sisters and then against Sutherlin. The 5-4 Lions enter they Sky-Em competition having already been tested by strong 5A and 6A talent and should be prepared for their league opponents.

South Valley Athletics Boys and Girls Basketball Champions



Left to right, back to front: Coach Willie Reeder, Trevor Reeder, Joey Carpenter, Logan Marek, Jackson Neckels, Tristan Kane, Coach Brian Kane, Luke Gifford, JJ Thornton, Owen Hovet, Carter Parsons.



Left to right: Aislynn Quatier, Helen Leal, Halle DeGarlais, Gracie Arnold, Emma Hitt, Peyton Baird, Madeline Bridler, Noe Valley, Assistant coach Mike Arnold. Not pictured: Coach Craig DeGarlais.

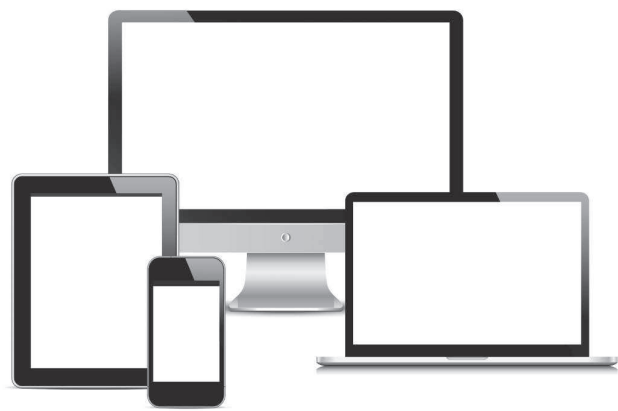


Set and Spike Volleyball Final Results

Sets in the City	48	12
Nice Hits	44	16
Markham Electric	38	22
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Horner's	17	43
Missfits	2	58

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South Valley Athletics would like to say thank you to everyone who made this another great season of basketball for the kids of our community! A special thank you goes out to Mike McCarty, who has run our camp for almost 40 years! He retired from running camp so that he can enjoy spending time with his family. We appreciate everything he has done for our program over the years. A lot of kids (too many to count) have learned so much and had a great time playing basketball with him. We wish him all the best in his free time!

We would also like to say thank you to all of our coaches, referees and SVA staff who spent countless hours prepping and teaching the kids the great game of basketball. There were endless smiles all through the season, once again.

Thank you to South Lane School District and Riverside Church for allowing us to use the gyms for practices and games. Without the space, we wouldn't have a place for our teams to practice and play games.

A huge thank you goes out to our sponsors this season - we were able to have a sponsor for every team this year, which is amazing! The money goes right back to the program, purchasing new equipment or to help kids who are less fortunate and may not have been able to play.

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And lastly, thank you to the community for bringing your kids to our program to play and also to all the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and other spectators who came out each week to cheer on these kids!



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