2016 Track & Field State Qualifiers

Connor Howard (100, 400, 200, 4x100 relay) Michael Tharpe (110 hurdles, 100, 4x100 relay) Jacob Woods (4x100 relay) Brynden Howell (4x100m relay) Cooper Ladd (4x100m relay alternate) Chad Bottorff (4x100m relay alternate) Konrad Raum (3000m) Brad Geisler (shot and discus) Seth Green (discus) Jayden Tucker (Long jump and triple jump) Tucker Porter (Triple Jump) Hannah Albrecht (100, 200, 400, 4x400 relay) Hudson Weybright (3000, 4x400 relay) Breanna Wright (3000, 1500, 4x400 relay) Melissa Thielman (4x400 relay) Jaylene Forrester (4x400 relay alternate) Zarah Wemple (4x400 relay alternate) Keara Murphy (High Jump)

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For the distance events, Breanna Wright made a statement during her last run by taking gold in the 1500 and 3000-meter races. Wright finished the 1500-meter in just under five minutes with a time of 4:59.54. Her first place time of the 3000-meter run was 11:33.88, and her junior teammate, Hudson Weybright, finished just behind her with a time of 11:41.29.

In the field events, Brad Geisler and Jayden Tucker were both named co-most valuable field athletes of the meet. Giesler led the way by taking first place in the discus with a throw of 133 feet, three inches, and teammate Seth Green placed second with 128 feet, eight inches. Geisler

also placed second in the shot put with a distance of 47 feet. two inches, just barely behind first placer Tristan Needham of Sutherlin (48 feet, 0.75 inches). Tucker similarly took home one gold and one silver medal for his jumping performances. In the long jump, he placed second with a distance of 21 feet, two inches. His triple jump, however, stole first place with a distance of 41 feet, 10 inches. His teammate, Tucker Porter, took second with a strong jump of 39 feet, six inches.

With 18 state qualifiers, Cottage Grove is in good shape to continue the success of the track program. The state meet will take place this upcoming Friday and Saturday at Hayward Field in Eugene.

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pitch an entire game, pitching all seven innings with an ERA of exactly one.

Hunter Harris took over for the next game at home. Harris also had an ERA of one and allowed only seven hits in six innings. However, the Lions batting average fell to .280 on the day.

The two losses for Elmira bounced the Falcons down to third place with a 9-6 league record, and Sisters took second with a 10-5 record. Cottage Grove held its top position with a 13-2 record.

The Lions now look towards the play offs, where their first contest is against Blanchet Catholic on Saturday. The Cavaliers are a menacing team that went 15-0 in league play and has scored up to as many as 27 runs in one game. But Blanchet Catholic is a 3A school, and its entire season has been filled with lighter competition. The Lions have overcome 5A and 6A schools this year. So, even a team that still holds a 15-game winning streak and hasn't lost since April 8 will need to be very wary when facing Cottage Grove on Saturday.

D. Redmond and King win during Friday night thriller at CG Speedway

Speedway returns after Saturday's rain cancellation

BY BEN DEATHERAGEFor the Sentinel

If you missed the May 13, \$5 Fast Friday, then you missed one of the best races of the whole season. Despite only two classes on the card, a great turnout of 48 cars would fill the pit area. The two classes were the Clark Printing Extreme Sprints and Dwarf Cars.

Sixteen Clark Printing Extreme Sprints signed in on the registration sheets and they had a thrilling race. Medford teenager Bailey Hibbard showed the way for the most laps. Hibbard took the lead on the opening lap and it seemed that he was on his way to his first career victory. Two cautions kept the field bunched up but Hibbard was good on the restarts.

As the race started to enter the final stages, some heavy lapped traffic was approaching the leaders. Roseburg's Dusty Redmond was able to somehow find a way to master the bottom when the high side seemed to be the fastest way around, and he got past Hibbard with just a few laps to go. Redmond managed to create a little bit of space to have some breathing room. When the checkered flag was dropped it was Redmond with the victory and the second time that the No. 57 Rocket entry has visited victory lane in 2016.

Orion Redmond, also from Roseburg (and Dusty's son), edged out Hibbard for second place at the line. The rest of the top five was made up of Albany teenager Bricen James, driving for car owner Tim Galloway, and Eugene's Raquel Ivie in fifth

Ivie was fast time of the night, and the winner of the Dot's Trophy Shop Trophy Dash was Medford native Dave Hibbard. Heat race winners were Medford's Brandi Crockett and

A whopping 32 Dwarf Cars would make the trip from the states of Oregon, Washington, and California. Kelso, Washington's Jess Turner Sr., was the leader of lap one. Turner lost the lead on lap three to Eagle

Point chauffeur Brock Peters.

Ricky Ashley from Thurston.

Peters looked to complete a clean sweep after dominating preliminary action.

Unfortunately for Brock Peters, he was passed on lap nine by Josh King. King, who now resides in Red Bluff, California,

checked out from the rest of the field, but several cautions didn't allow him to build too big of a lead. He briefly lost the lead to Medford's Kalvin Morton, but the yellow would come out giving the lead back to King. King would master the rest of the restarts to put himself in the

winner's circle.

Kalvin Morton was the run-

ner-up, while third went to Brock Peters. Molalla's Henry Corbin III crossed fourth, and Jess Turner Sr. ended his night in fifth. Heat races were won by Josh King, Rob Gergel from Grants Pass, Brock Peters and Kalvin Morton. Peters was able to top the field in the Dot's Trophy Shop Trophy Dash, while Grant Pass driver Kaycee Sheeler was victorious in the consolation feature.

After getting rained out last Saturday, Cottage Grove Speedway is excited to get back to racing this weekend. Everything gets kicked off on Friday, May 20 with the Kage Karts as they will be on hand for their second race of the season. The Saturday, May 21, will feature the Wingless Sprint Series, IMCA Modifieds, IMCA Sport Mods, and the Quality RV Repair Hornets for Armed Forces Night. There will be a special Military price for \$5 on Saturday.

On Friday for the Kart races

General Admission is free and Pit Passes are \$10, and Car and Driver fees will be \$35. The Pit Gate will open up around 4 p.m. and the Pit Meeting is at 6 p.m. with Hot Laps and Racing to follow.

The Wingless Sprint Series is in its inaugural season as the parties of the Northwest Wingless Tour and the Oregon Double Shot Series got back together to form one unified Non-Wing organization this past offseason. They have raced just once and Rob Lindsey swept the first round of competition at Madras Speedway on May 7.

The IMCA Modifieds have yet to see a repeat winner as they have had four different

drivers visit victory lane. Collen Winebarger, Craig Hanson, Mark Wauge, and Kinzer Cox have all tasted success in the 2016 season. The opposite can be stated for the IMCA Sport Mods with Jorddon Braaten the only driver to have managed to win this season. Braaten has won all two Sport Mod races at CGS in the current campaign.

Last but not least in the Quality RV Repair Hornets a streak is on the line. Josh Corley has been the class of the field by winning the last three features consecutively. K.C. Scott, who won on opening night, is the only other main event winner in the division.

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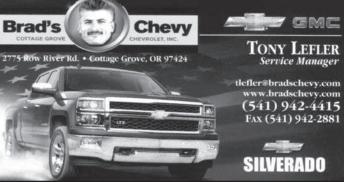
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