



Athletes of the Year

Albrecht and Parent: stepping into leadership positions

These Lions have already stepped up to help their teams succeed, but as they become seniors, their roles as leaders will increase

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Hannah Albrecht and Kory Parent are among the most prominent athletes in their respective prep sports. While there are the occasional ups and downs with their teams, they never fail to shine individually when they're on the field, court or track.

Hannah Albrecht

Albrecht has been participating in organized sports since she began playing soccer at the age of five. As she became older, participation turned into competition, and competition turned into victory.

This year Albrecht competed in three varsity sports: soccer, basketball and track. On the soccer field, she was not the most outstanding player, as Kia Hemenway took Sky-Em Athlete of the Year, but she made first team All-League and helped her team to a Sky-Em title and a playoff berth. Albrecht's performance

was excellent considering she hadn't played soccer competitively since middle school.

"I hadn't played since middle school so I was a little rusty, but it was nice to get a lot of varsity playing time in," she said. With the help of Hemenway and a new coach, Albrecht will be seeking another Sky-Em title for Lions' soccer.

As winter rolled in, she laced up for basketball season, where Cottage Grove struggled on the girls' side. The team had lost valuable seniors from last year, and Kevin Yoss and company only managed to nab seven wins, going 7-17 overall and 4-6 in league play. But Albrecht still managed to get an All-League honorable mention. Over 24 games, she scored 75 points, shooting 39.1 percent from the field with 87 rebounds and 32 assists. One of her most highlighted performances was during their upset over Elmira in early February, where the Lions overcame the Falcons 41-38. In that game, Albrecht held one of the league's best offensive players to just three points.



Hannah Albrecht and Kory Parent are this year's Athletes of the Year.

In the spring, Albrecht led her team to a second-place finish in the district meet and earned herself a place at the state meet. At districts, she took home four silver medals in the 100, 200 and 400-meter dashes along with the 4x400. At state she managed to place seventh in the 400-meter and was the only Cottage Grove female to make it to a final

race.

The soon-to-be senior will prepare for her final year as a Lion by participating in summer workouts in all of her sports.

While Albrecht states that soccer is her favorite sport, she believes that she is better at track and aspires to compete at the University of Texas.

"It's a division one school so



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it's unlikely I'll get to, but it's worth a shot to try," she said.

Kory Parent

Kory Parent's athletic accomplishments have been well documented this season. However, it was noted that the Sentinel had not awarded him Athlete of the Week during the football or

basketball seasons. The reason for that was because each week, Parent's performances were so prominent and dominant; it was assumed that he regularly received the title of Athlete of the Week or that he had front-page coverage, especially during basketball season.

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Dills, Mayden, Braaten and Maricle winners at CGS Kids Night

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Despite some incredibly warm weather, Cottage Grove Speedway hosted Kids Night on Saturday, June 4. Over twenty bicycles were donated and given away during the intermission to some very lucky children. Four classes were on the card including the Clark Printing Extreme Sprints, IMCA Modifieds, IMCA Sport Mods, and Quality RV Repair Hornets.

In the Clark Printing Extreme Sprints it was Fall Creek veteran Mike Griffith leading the opening lap. Griffith was passed on lap two by Sutherlin's Cooper Desbiens. Desbiens set a rapid pace and looked to be on his way to victory lane. However, on lap 17, Cottage Grove pilot Patrick Dill made the pass on Desbiens. Dills remained in the lead the rest of the way to himself in victory lane.

Ricky Ashley, from Thurston, placed in second followed by Desbiens in third. Anderson, California teenager Chelsea Blevins was fourth and Medford youngster Camden Robustelli got fifth.

Dave Hibbard, from Medford, was fast time of the night. Ricky Ashley was victorious in the Dot's Trophy Shop Trophy Dash while heat race winners were Hibbard and Patrick Dills.

Ryan Baker was off to a great start in the IMCA Modified main event. The Coquille native remained in the lead till lap nine after a restart. The driver overtaking Baker was Cottage Grove's Curtis Towns. Towns unfortunately got collected in a wreck while dealing with lapped traffic on the 14th circuit.

This gave the lead to Eric Ashley from Jasper. Ashley paced the field until Springfield's Jake Mayden made the move to get around him. Mayden held back Ashley to put himself in the winner's circle for the first time this year.

Eric Ashley was a respectable second followed by Kinzer Cox of Cottage Grove in third. Steven Sturdevant from Springfield was fourth and Cottage Grove chauffeur Tyler Smith crossed the line in fifth.

Kinzer Cox was the quickest driver in time trials and Steven Sturdevant got the job done in the Dot's Trophy Shop Trophy Dash. Cottage Grove drivers Kreg Britton and Justin Ryker were the two heat race winners.

Andrew Mathers of Eugene was the pace setter in the opening legs of the IMCA Sport Mod feature. Mathers remained in the front of the field until lap eight. Central Point's Jorddon Braaten would be the new leader and dominated the rest of the way. Braaten was first to cross

the line to capture his fourth victory of the season at Cottage Grove.

Springfield's Daniel Ray was second with Jayson Nelson, also out of Springfield, in third. Andrew Mathers got fourth and Jasper's Gene Ashley completed the top five finishers in fifth.

Jorddon Braaten had a clean sweep of the evening's events by setting fast time, winning the Dot's Trophy Shop Trophy Dash and was also victorious in the heat race. Andrew Mathers also was a heat race winner.

K.C. Scott of Springfield got the early race lead in the Quality RV Repair Hornet feature. Scott led until lap six after slowing down on a restart. The driver to take over the top place position was Veneta hot shoe Joe Maricle. Maricle stayed in the spot the rest of the distance to win his third straight feature.

Oregon City's Danny Asher, was the runner-up while grabbing third was K.C. Scott. Goshen youngster Brandon Norton pulled off a great fourth place run, while fifth belonged to Cottage Grove's Jim Simmons.

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Cottage Grove Speedway

begins a marathon run of races with four events scheduled over a period of five days. It all starts with Kage Kart action on Friday, June 10 for their third race of the season. 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.

Saturday, June 11 will see racing return to the 1/4-mile with a full card for the Prelude to the Wallbanger. Street Stocks, Clark Printing Extreme Sprints, Late Models, IMCA Sport Mods, Quality RV Repair Hornets, and Dwarf Cars are all on tap for a terrific night of action. Tickets are Adults \$13, Juniors/Seniors \$10, Youth (6-12) - \$5, Family Pass \$30, and Children 5 or under are free. As will happen all year long in honor of our 60th Anniversary the 60th fan through the Front Gate gets in for free.

Then on Monday, June 13 and Tuesday, June 14, the Wild West Modified Shootout returns for two nights of action. It will feature some of the best IMCA Modified drivers on the planet taking on the local and regional stars. Tickets are \$8 and Kids (5 and Under) get in for free. Or you can buy a two-day pass for just \$10!



Athlete of the Week

Lincoln Middle Schooler finishes big in track



Daisy Passenger took second place in the mini javelin at the Middle School State Track Meet with a throw of 121'3". Daisy was ranked sixth going into the event with a throw of 111'2". Passenger impressed spectators by throwing a personal record of 10'1" at the biggest stage of competition. She was the only athlete from Lincoln to compete at the State Meet. "She did an excellent job representing her school and community. We are really proud of Daisy and her accomplishment this season," said Athletic Director Mark Dreiling.

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