

## Three Lions compete in All-Star series in Roseburg

South goes 1-2 in a close series, but Presley wins yet another accolade with the team's MVP award

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Over the weekend, three recent graduates of Cottage Grove high school and star baseball players made the journey to Roseburg to play in the 4A All-Star series. Hunter Harris, Lucas Ward and Payton Presley all had one last chance to represent Cottage Grove on a baseball field in a series of three games over the course of two days. Harris, Ward and Presley were part of an 18-man roster that featured two coaches.

The three players were on the South team's roster that included their very own coach, Dan Geiszler, alongside state-champion head coach Tim Cleland of Henley.

Of the three games, the South only managed to come out victorious in one of the three games, but each game was close and neither team was convincingly better than the other.

The South's two losses came in a 5-4 and 6-4 final score and

their win was also 5-4.

Over the course of the series, Ward racked up two sizeable hits, Harris hit five and Presley finished with either seven or eight (statistics were not confirmed). Presley walked away as the South's MVP to add yet another award on his shelf of accomplishments in baseball.

It was Geiszler's first time coaching in the All-Star series, and the Sky-Em Coach of the Year praised the event.

"It was a really great experience for everyone, especially the players," he said. "It was all done very professionally. They really made it into a big event, and it was a big deal."

The absence of these stars next year will be noticed within the baseball team, but Geiszler has a few other weapons. For example, Brett Ollivant will return as a senior after winning the Sky-Em pitcher of the year award, and TJ Bellamy showed potential to be a leader next year as well.

## Despite injuries, Lions find success during summer

The Cottage Grove Lions basketball team has maintained a high rate of success during summer competition despite being plagued with several injuries.

The Lions are 17-2 as they enter the latter part of their summer season. Leaders such as Kory Parent and Blake Sentman have missed games due to injuries.

Parent, who was the Sky-Em player of the year in the 2015-2016 season, has yet to play due to a pulled groin. Sentman has missed several games due to a poison oak affliction, and senior Jordan Hagewood is still out after missing the entire regular season because of a leg injury.

The injuries and success speak volumes to the Lions' depth. Not only was Parent the Sky-Em Player of the Year, he also made first-team All State after leading his team to the state tournament in March. Parent and Sentman make the bulk of the scoring for the Lions. Head Coach Donn Pollard says that the injuries give other players the opportunity to step up.

"It's good to get some of the younger guys in there and get more experience," he said. Cottage Grove travels to Willamette tonight (Wednesday) to play a doubleheader and will be playing in a tournament at Gonzaga after that.



Photo by Gary Ordway  
Kory Parent has yet to play this summer due to a groin injury.



Hunter Harris (left), Payton Presley (middle) and Lucas Ward (right) all made impacts on the field during Saturday's and Sunday's All-Star Series.

## Athletes of the Week: Harris, Ward, Presley

## Kellen Chadwick makes late race pass to win Wild West Modified Shootout round three

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The Wild West Modified Shootout was back in the state of Oregon (after spending the night before in California) on Monday, June 13 for the third round of the tour. Cottage Grove Speedway hosted and produced some excellent racing for the fans in attendance. Forty drivers made the journey to the quarter-mile clay oval representing the states of Oregon, Washington, California, Montana, North Dakota, Colorado, and North Carolina as well as the Canadian province of British Columbia.

Lakewood, Colorado's Tripp Gaylord took full advantage of his pole starting position to get to the front early in the main event. Gaylord mastered the middle of the race track (in only his first visit), and kept all chal-

lengers at bay for much of the race. Unfortunately, he wasn't able to develop a large lead due to several cautions occurring in the first half of the race.

Despite the yellows, the young Gaylord was good enough on the restarts to maintain the lead and go to work on creating distance between himself and second place. But that second-place car was the winner from the night before, Kellen Chadwick. Chadwick, of Oakley, California would search high and low to try and find a way around the leader, but each time Gaylord got away.

Eventually Chadwick was able to pull level with Gaylord after a lap 26 restart for his first opportunity to get around the Coloradan. Kellen was able to finesse the throttle on the bottom of the track to get in front of Gaylord on lap 27. From there

on out, Chadwick would cruise the rest of the distance to win his second straight Wild West Modified Shootout event of his career.

Gaylord crossed the wire in second but unfortunately was too light at the scales during the post-race inspection, resulting in a disqualification. Tripp's older brother, Ryan, also out of Lakewood, Colorado, would inherit second, and Albany's Bricen James finished third. Fourth place belonged to Jesse Williamson of Eugene, while Colleen Winebarger finished fifth.

Two B-Mains were ran earlier in the night, and they were won by Danny Lauer of Nipomo, California and Lance Mari from Imperial, California. In the Last Chance Qualifier, Sweet Home's Brian Thompson was the top finisher.

## Mark Wauge holds on to win Wild West Modified Shootout round four in CG

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Despite several rain showers over the course of the day, Cottage Grove Speedway was determined to complete the Wild West Modified Shootout event. It was the fourth leg of the tour and the second consecutive evening at the famed quarter-mile clay oval. A total of 47 racecars participated in the night's action representing the states of Oregon, Washington, California, Montana, North Dakota, Colorado and North Carolina, as well as the Canadian province of British Columbia.

Mark Wauge of the southern Oregon town of Jacksonville started the main event on the inside pole position. He got to the front on the opening lap and began to develop a sizable lead early on. But he wouldn't be able to construct too large of a gap between himself and the rest of the field due to quite a few cautions in the first 10 laps.

After a lap seven restart, Wauge paced the field on a long green flag run. As he started to catch the tail end of the field he was briefly bottled up in some lapped traffic. But just as the challengers were setting themselves up to make a move for the coveted position, a yellow came out on lap 18.

The second half of the main event went practically go caution free. Although lapped traffic wasn't a factor, Wauge had a close call on the final circuit. On the white-flag lap, a car stopped to a halt in turn four. The field raced back the yellow, and the incident forced Wauge to slam on the brakes and nearly hit the motionless vehicle.

Wauge and the rest of the field managed to miss the stopped car, and he crossed the line to win his second career Wild West Modified Shootout victory. It was the first time since Siskiyou Motor Speedway in 2013 that he had won an event with the series. It also marked the third occasion that Mark has won a feature at CGS in 2016.

Chowchilla, California's Alex Stanford was scored second, followed by the Albany teenager Bricen James in third. Nipoma, California chauffeur Danny Lauer got fourth, while finishing in fifth was Randy Brown of Chowchilla, California.

Due to the high car count, three B Mains were ran eliminating entirely the Last Chance Qualifier. B Main winners were Vancouver, Washington's Don Jenner, Eric Ashley of Jasper, and Jake Mayden from Springfield.



Courtesy Photo  
Mark Wauge won his second career Wild West Modified Shootout after a few close calls at CG Speedway.

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