



Lions upset Fishermen with fourth-quarter comeback, advance to semifinals

Down 14-3 at the start of the final quarter, Cottage Grove made clutch plays to steal a win from third-ranked Astoria

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Cottage Grove racked up another victory like they've been doing all season, but this win came in a much different fashion. The Lions have won by an average margin of 34 points this season, their closest game coming from Scappoose in a 24-21 win.

This was the first time Cottage Grove had trailed a game. Teams have tied the Lions, but Cottage Grove has never had to fight from behind, let alone trail for three quarters.

The Lions were down 14-3 as the fourth quarter started. They outscored Astoria 22-7 in the final quarter to seal a 25-21 quarterfinal victory.

Both offenses struggled all game, and the score was only 7-3 at the end of the first half. The Fishermen came back out and scored in the third quarter, and Cottage Grove found themselves behind two scores entering the fourth quarter.

But Astoria wasn't ready for what the Lions were about to unleash. A 22-point quarter was not what the Fishermen were expecting.

Cottage Grove's offense
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Zane Levings and Chad Bottorff take down a Fisherman ball carrier in the Lions' 25-21 win Friday night.

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Local boys to compete in youth football tournament in Vegas; Hoover to coach



Corbin Hoover, Chandler Houck and Nathin Lemmon will compete in Las Vegas over Thanksgiving.

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For many youth football leagues, the football season is over and it's time to shoot hoops on the basketball court. But that won't be the case for a few gifted fourth-grade students from Cottage Grove and Elkton. Three students have been invited to participate in the Pigskin Youth Football Tournament

in Las Vegas over Thanksgiving. The tournament takes place between Nov. 23 and Nov. 25. The team is comprised of kids from Eugene, Springfield, Elkton and Cottage Grove, which includes local boys Corbin Hoover, Chandler Houck and Nathin Lemmon. The players will also be accompanied by Cottage Grove's Jr. Pee Wee coach Brent Hoover, who was invited to be a part of the coaching staff. Hoover and the players have started a Gofundme account under "CG Jr. Pee Wee Football Las Vegas," to help raise money needed for travel expenses and equipment. Five players were originally invited, but two had to cancel due to being unable to afford expenses. The players are hoping to raise around \$1,200 before

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Junior receiver Jacob Woods made several fantastic plays to cap off the most intense fourth quarter the Lions have played all season. Cottage Grove had struggled to convert on third and fourth down all night and only scored three points in the first half. However, in a fierce Cottage Grove rally, Sentman hit Zane Levings and Kory Parent for touchdowns, shrinking the Lions' deficit to only three points. After forcing the Fishermen to punt, the Lions found themselves in yet another fourth-down situation. But Sentman and Woods connected on a 13-yard gain for a first down. The very next play, Woods caught yet another pass, and he used his finesse to waltz into the endzone for the go-ahead touchdown. His teammates swarmed him after the score. "I just wanted to score and win," he said after the game.

Athlete of the Week

Two clutch receptions by Jacob Woods in the fourth quarter propelled the Lions to victory and to a semifinal match against Cascade



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