

High school sports recap

A look back at the busy week of high school sports in the area

Cottage Grove Volleyball (9-9, 6-4 Sky-Em)

In their final regular season match of the season, the Lions were swept against Sweet Home. On Tuesday night, the

Lions hosted North Marion in a play-in game. Because the paper goes to print on Monday night, we will have full coverage of this game in next week's paper.

Cottage Grove Girls Soccer (5-7-1, 4-5-1 Sky-Em)

The Lions finished their season last week with a 3-0 loss to Junction City and then a 2-1 victory on the road at Sweet Home. **North Douglas Football (6-2, 4-0 Special District 3)**

The Warriors beat McKenzie 68-18 last Friday. This Friday,

the team travels to Falls City for a league playoff game.

Elkton Football (6-1, 4-1 Special District 2)

The Elks beat Glendale 58-28 on the road last week. This Friday they host Chiloquin in a league playoff game.

Elkton Volleyball

The Elks finished third in league play and will play at Triad Wednesday in a playoff game.

Yoncalla Football (4-4, 3-1 Special District 3)

The Eagles beat Mohawk

74-6 on the road and will now host Siletz Valley in a league playoff game.

Yoncalla Volleyball (4-14, 2-10 Skyline)

The Eagles beat Umpqua Valley in the league playoff before falling to New Hope Christian 3-1.

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Lions prepare for districts



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Cottage Grove's Konrad Raum (right) and Jimmy Talley (left) speed through the course at Richardson Park.

Cottage Grove cross-country ready for tomorrow's district meet

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In a final preparation for the district meet that takes place tomorrow at Lane Community College, the Cottage Grove boys and girls team competed last week in the Country Fair Classic.

The meet that has always weaved through the historic fairgrounds in Veneta was moved to Richardson Park at Fern Ridge this year after the Country Fair was presented with a letter to cease and desist all events at the site so they can widen the roads and if they did not comply, the entire summertime event would be in jeopardy.

The historically flat and fast course at the fairgrounds – that was sometimes found to be shorter than 5000 meters – was traded for the course at Richardson Park.

“The course was a lot harder than I thought it was going to be. I thought it was going to be really flat,” said Cottage Grove runner Konrad Raum. “The course is really uneven at the grass levels, lots of potholes. Then there is this area over there for some reason that felt really hard.”

Despite the challenge, Raum finished 16th overall in a time of 17:15 and was the first finisher of the Cottage Grove boys.

“I’ve been getting pretty good at pacing myself lately,” said Raum “I was trying to go 5:20 miles. 5:22 is what I got for my first split. After that I slowed down, it was 5:32 and then 5:45. I wasn’t feeling my best this race.”

He was followed closely by Jimmy Talley in 21st at 17:22. Jesse Ellingworth was 36th, Justin Francis 102nd and Eric Cortes 107th to finish out the Lions top five. The team fin-

ished ninth of the 27 teams that competed.

On the girls side, the Lions finished 20th of 23 teams with Stella Sobotkova leading the way in 83rd place. Nadia Witt, Rhea Florez, Lizbeth Zarate-Hernandez and Kenzie Parsons were the other scoring runners for Cottage Grove.

“I think that [both teams are] going in the right direction. Their times won’t show it today because four days ago they tore

it up in a really fast course,” said head coach Jim Settlemeyer. “I expected this to be another fast course but it was really a bit of punishing course. I’m a little worried about that because the little side hill running you have to do. But we’ve got a full week. We’ll recover, we’ll be ready.”

At districts, the boys team is projected to get second place – which would qualify them for the state meet – and the girls are projected at fourth.

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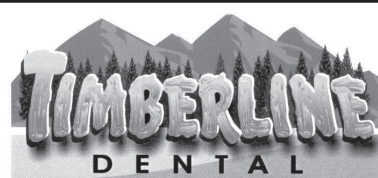
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