

Lions, Spartans split swim meet



Cottage Grove's Shaelyn Stevens takes first in backstroke on Thursday at Warren H. Daughtery Aquatics Center.

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For the Cottage Grove swim team, it was the boys defeating Marist and the girls team falling to the Spartans last Thursday at home.

"I thought it went great. It went really, really, really good. Getting the kids down, seeing what we might do for districts. People are doing hard work and still swimming good so we just keep doing what we're doing," said head coach Tyson Pilling.

On the boys side, the Lions

were led by the success of their relay teams. The team won the 200 medley relay, 200 free relay and the 400 free relay. The Lions also had individual wins from Ian Dukes in the 100 breaststroke, Ethan Burleson in the 100 backstroke, Josef Pifer in the 500 free and Fisher Nash in the 200 individual medley.

On the girls side, the team scored individual victories from Mikayla Baird in the 200 freestyle, MJ Roade in the 500 free and Shaelynn Stevenson in the 100 backstroke.

Sutherlin edges Cottage Grove in meet



Cottage Grove's Chance Rolston records a fall on Thursday night at home.

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Last Thursday at home the Cottage Grove wrestling team fell to Sutherlin in a dual meet 49-25.

"I understand that it was 49-25, take away the forfeits – that is what it is if we don't have somebody there – but we wrestled way better than 49-25," said head coach Chris Joyce.

Five Lions won their matches with Chance Rolston, Aaron Boitz, Jacob Dunn and Travis Thomas all being named winners by fall. Cottage Grove's Adam Lamb won by a two-one

decision.

"I thought that after not wrestling for four weeks, we've only wrestled each other for four weeks in the wrestling room since Christmas break, ...we wrestled better than the outcome," said Joyce.

Joyce noted that the Lions had two forfeits and he believed that Nate Farrell "probably should have taken that one" after Farrell was defeated by sudden victory against Sutherlin's Bryce Anderson.

The Lions are now preparing for their last home dual meet of the season against Elmira on Thursday.

"Coach Herzog recognized [some nerves] before the meet. It was a nervous -- it's nervous because we haven't competed. So now we've got this out of the way," said Joyce. "So let's get back in the room. We can discuss it say hey we've got that. We've wrestled somebody that wasn't our partner and progress on."

Elks start slow, finish fast for victory

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It was a slow start for the visiting Elks who took a quarter to find their rhythm before winning a game by over 20 points for the 11th time this season as they defeated Yoncalla 47-21 in league-play last Tuesday night.

"We just got done talking, and we don't want to do that slow start like that anymore. 'Why did we do that?' And the answer they came back with was for some reason – they're not sure – they just weren't really excited today," said Elkton head coach Rob Parker.

In the early going, it looked like Elkton's press that has been a problem for teams all sea-

son was going to continue to wreak havoc, but after an early 8-0 lead, it was the Eagles that found a way to score. As Shanausi Hardy evaded the Elkton defense, she led the team to a stretch of basketball that does not align with the team's 2-10 record.

Powered by defensive stops and a made three, the Eagles went on a 6-0 run and were down just three points halfway through the second quarter to the top-ten ranked Elks.

"We kind of looked like a different team. We just got tired again there and I'm proud of the effort there by the kids," said Yoncalla's head coach Nick Edera about his six-person team. "They're getting it. I keep

telling them, if they get those defensive effort, the offense is eventually going to come and we'll be okay."

As all good things come to an end, so too did Yoncalla's hope of upsetting Elkton.

Elkton's Hannah Maxwell took over the game and despite being double teamed at the post, the crafty-left hander exposed the arsenal of moves in her game as she found her way to the rim. In a span of 10 seconds, Maxwell completed a strong up-and-under followed by steal and was fouled on the lay-up. A 14-1 run in the span of four minutes gave the Elks a comfortable 27-11 halftime lead.

Maxwell led the team with 24 points and eight steals.

"I don't yell very much and I didn't yell today, but some stern talking at halftime. And we changed what we were doing a little bit on offense. It presented a little more opportunity. But our big problem was we weren't going for rebounds. Too much standing around. So we weren't happy with that. This is one of the few games that we got out-rebounded," said Elkton's Parker.

Yoncalla finished the game with 33 rebounds; Elkton had 19.

In the second half it was Elkton doing what they have done all season as they imposed their will and were able to take out their starters as the lead continued to climb.

Big first quarter propels Eagles past Elks



Yoncalla's Jeff Tibbatts fakes out Elkton's Brad Doudna last Tuesday.

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Spurred on by an early lead, Yoncalla was able to get their first league victory of the season Tuesday night at home against Elkton. The Eagles opened up the game with a 20-2 run that

stretched into the second quarter that the Elks were never able to answer.

"We had a heck of a first quarter, heck of a second quarter," said Yoncalla's head coach Jarred Eakin.

In the early going, the Eagles appeared unstoppable.

Leading the charge, as always for Yoncalla, was Ted Wickman. Wickman, who was settling in early and looking for teammates, filled the box score as he finished the game with 27 points, 10 rebounds, five blocks,

four steals and three assists.

With Elkton's Brad Doudna headed to the bench in early foul trouble, the Eagles took a 20-point lead into halftime.

"We've got to play in the first half and do what we're supposed to do and we didn't. We didn't change anything for the second half," said Elkton head coach Gary Trout. "We came out flat and then Brad picked up two fouls and we kind of went in a funk without him on the court. And just couldn't get out

of it."

The tides began to change in the third quarter as Doudna began the quarter scoring on back-to-back possessions. The Elks began to run through Doudna as he found teammates and got to the rim to outscore Yoncalla 20-10 in the quarter and the team trailed by just ten heading into the final stanza of play.

"We got a little lackadaisical in the third, but of course they were fired up coming in after halftime," said Eakin.

"They went on a run but we didn't fold."

In the fourth quarter, the teams traded buckets and the Eagles recorded their first conference win of the season.

"In practice they knew that they had to have this one. In pre-game, we knew that we had to have that one. And in fact when I came in and I said, 'I shouldn't have to tell you' and they said 'we know,'" said Eakin.

For the Elks, it was their first loss of conference play.

"Every night in this league is going to be a battle. We could get blown out or we could win a game. We're just going to have to learn how to come and play every night and we'll see what happens," said Trout.

"Tough one tonight. Tough first half."

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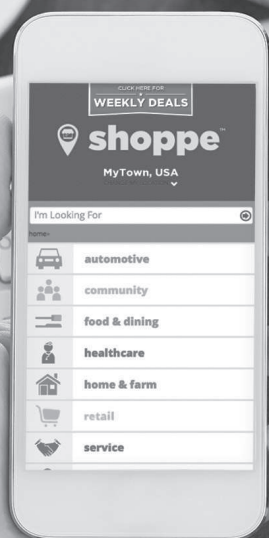
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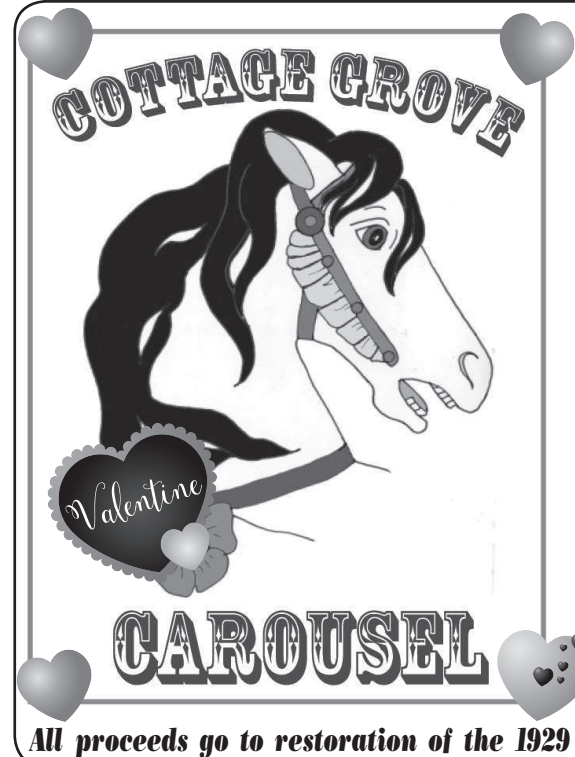
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