

Lions never 'threatened' against Tigers

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Vern Stewart was never worried. The Cottage Grove boys' soccer coach believed in his team from the jump and the Lions (6-5-2, 3-3-1 Sky-Em) came through with a 3-0 victory last Thursday on the road at Junction City (4-10, 3-5 Sky-Em).

"I didn't feel that at any point in time that Junction City threatened us at all," said Cottage Grove head coach Vern Stewart.

While they may not have threatened, it was Junction City controlling possession in the first half but never in a way that was challenging to the visiting Lions.

"The biggest thing that you want to do if they have possession is kind of relax, just don't stab, just control everything up front and at some point in time, your game will flow," said Stewart. Cottage Grove was presented with opportunities for that flow but would squander them with errant passes.

"The issue that I had with our players in the first half was getting the ball off their feet very slow. I mean, against a team like Junction City, you've got to get the ball off your feet. And we just kept it, it's just frustrating," said Stewart.

In the 12th minute, a Cottage Grove counter prompted a corner kick. Jasper Nichols-Ferguson was able to raise up above the defenders at the far post and head in a goal to give the Lions a lead that they would never relinquish.

For the rest of the half, the Tigers continued to put passes together on the Cottage Grove half of the field but were continually stopped by the back line and goalie Ty Kishen. For the fourth time in the last six games the Lions held their opponent scoreless.

After defender Rodas Ro-

das-Martin sprinted back to stop a Junction City attack, he came up big minutes later as he sent in a shot from over 30 yards out that was knocked back by the Junction City goalie before rolling in for a goal. In the final minutes of the second half, the Lions found a goal again off of a corner kick this time from Abelio Carrillo-Chales who was just outside the six-yard box on the right side and was able to send in a strike low and to the bottom left corner of the goal.

"The two individuals that got to score...haven't scored all year so that was great for them," said Stewart. "Cheap goals. I mean, a goal is a goal. We were lucky to have scored those two."

With the victory, Cottage Grove moved up to #21 in the rankings. As things stand now, the Lions would be on the outside of the playoffs that would



Cottage Grove's George Cervantes plays a ball forward against Junction City.

see the top 20 teams in 4A advance. On Tuesday night (after The Sentinel's press deadline) the Lions played at home against 10th ranked Marist (9-2-1, 7-0

Sky-Em) in a must-win game. "This is the fun part, waiting to see what will happen," said Stewart. "What will be, will be."

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the season 6-0 before losing to 15th ranked Cascade and 11th ranked Sweet Home in the final two weeks of the season.

"We want to make sure that we're healthy and that our kids are dialed in and prepared mentally and physically for what is going to happen this week because it is playoffs now. We've kind of told them the last three weeks are playoff games, which they were, but now it's for real, said Roberts. "I'm proud of them. We're getting better every week, they're getting better every week and we just need to continue to keep going."

High School sports recap:

Cottage Grove Volleyball

Last Tuesday the Lions, who had already wrapped up the Sky-Em league title, defeated Marist at home 3-1. The Lions



Cottage Grove's Dylan Graves stretches into the end zone for a touchdown on Friday night.

are now preparing for their first-round playoff game on Saturday at home. Their opponent is to be determined and will be playing during a play-in game on Tuesday.

Cottage Grove Girls Soccer

With last week's 2-1 victory over Junction City, the Lions secured second place in league which means a playoff spot. The Lions played Marist yesterday (Oct. 23) and will have a first-round playoff game on October 31.

North Douglas Football

The Warriors lost a shootout to Lowell at home Friday night

North Douglas Volleyball

At the Skyline League District Tournament, the Warriors defeated UVC 3-0 before falling to Days Creek 3-1. The team takes on Rogue Valley Adventist Academy tonight in the playoffs.

Elkton Volleyball

The Elks defeated Riddle last Thursday in the Skyline League District Tournament before falling to Days Creek 3-0.

Yoncalla Football

The Eagles defeated Oakridge at home 42-22 on Friday night. The team hosts Perrydale this Friday.

Middlefield Men's Club Monday 10/25/2018 Game: 2M Best Ball

First Place (tie): -23
Al Nelson, David Morris, Dave Tooker, Jim Cunningham

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Jake Cox, Jim Lehl, Rudy Nelleremoe, Gary Sparks

Third Place: -22
Gary Ackley, Gary Culp, Leone Hayes, Larry Zuvich

Fourth Place: -21
Ron Ackerman, Bill Avery, Bob McCarty, Pat Rickard

Fifth Place: -20
Manny Anderson, Todd Dennis, Rick LeBrun Gary Welch



Safety first on Halloween

For kids, few holidays are more anticipated than Halloween. The chance to dress up in costume and patrol the neighborhood with friends while collecting treats is the highlight of many a child's autumn.

For parents, anticipation is replaced by anxiety. While kids are out trick-or-treating, parents may be home or at work hoping their kids are safe and sound. Because Halloween is so popular among kids, it's hard for parents to forbid trick-or-treating. But parents should instruct kids on the following tips to ensure this Halloween is as safe as it is fun.

- Strangers' homes are off limits. Make sure kids know they should never enter the home of a stranger, no matter how friendly or welcoming that stranger may seem.
- There's no going it alone. Kids should not be permitted to go out alone. When trick-or-treating, kids should always be accompanied not only by their friends, but there must be at least one adult chaperone present at all times. Parents should get together several weeks before Halloween to determine who will chaperone, where kids will be trick-or-treating and during what hours.
- Stay close to home. Kids should stay in their own neighborhood and only visit homes of neighbors they know. Advise kids to steer clear of homes whose doors are hidden from street view. Chaperones should accompany kids to the front door if visibility from the street is poor.

- Choose safe costumes. Kids should wear costumes made of light colored material. If a child insists on a favorite costume that uses largely dark material, attach reflective tape to the costume so your favorite reveler is easily visible to motorists during twilight and nighttime hours when it's not always easy for drivers to see.
- No toy guns. Toy guns are just asking for trouble, as many of today's replicas are easily confused with the real thing. Play it safe and choose costumes that aren't accessorized with toy guns.
- Bring a flashlight along. Night falls quickly in late October, so kids and chaperones alike should carry a flashlight to improve their visibility and make them more visible to passing motorists.
- Stick to the sidewalks. Trick-or-treaters should stick to the sidewalks and always cross the street at corners. Don't walk in the street, and never walk between parked cars when crossing the street, as it's especially difficult for motorists to anticipate pedestrians walking or running from behind parked cars into the street.
- Be wary of masks. Many masks restrict a child's vision, so look for one that provides sufficient visibility. If a child's favorite mask is low on visibility, make children agree to remove their mask when crossing the street.

Parents understandably worry when kids go trick-or-treating. But a few simple safety lessons shared with children can ensure everyone gets home safe.

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