

SNOW from B1



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Left: A building at the Cottage Grove speedway collapses under the weight of the snow: Right: Downed trees are a common sight all across Hidden Valley Golf Course.

over a foot of snow still sat on the course last week, he received a call from a loyal golfer who was checking to see if they could come and play that day.

At the Cottage Grove Speedway, downed trees were blocking the road to even allow general manager Heather Boyce a look at the track and the surrounding area. Once she got out there, there was plenty of damage including to the shop.

"We've got to wait for some of (the snow) to melt so we can get the roof off and see what kind of damage we have in there. And then start to rebuild that.

We have a lot of down trees all over that stretch, we had some fences come down," said Boyce in a phone interview on Friday. "Same kind of damage I think everyone around town is having to deal with, unfortunately, we just have a pretty short timeline to getting it fixed."

The short timeline is due to the fact that the Speedway is set to have their first event of the season on Saturday March 16 with the first race the following week.

"So that's still only a few weeks out and I think we're going to have our work cut out for us to

get all the damage and clean-up taken care of before those are supposed to happen," said Boyce. "It really depends on the weather between now and then. I mean, when we schedule stuff in March, we kind of always know there's a chance it won't happen because of the weather around here. But this is definitely putting a damper on it."

In addition to the downed trees, the track itself is still full of snow and will need time to dry out before it is race ready. A looming fear now is if there is any flooding in the area and how that will impact the track

because of its close proximity to the river. But with that being down the road, Boyce and her team are just trying to clean up and prepare for the season.

"It's just stuff, nobody was hurt. It could have been worse so we're just going to regroup and do the best we can," said Boyce as the power went out at the track during our phone call. "What doesn't kill us makes us stronger, I guess. Hopefully it just means we'll be set for a really good season because we got all the bad stuff out of the way in the offseason."

SPRING SPORTS from B1

good about that, that a week in the long-term hopefully won't be a big deal."

While issues with the weather are commonplace for baseball and softball, it was new territory for the Cottage Grove track and field team to have to cancel practice. First year head coach Gyna Walton noted that while athletes have been preparing for the season all winter, they aren't missing on the finer skills but the joy of the season.

"I think it's just the excitement. All the kids were excited to start on Monday," said Walton who pointed out that the team will now have "seven or eight" practices before their first meet of the season.

TRACK and FIELD from B1

currently holds the school record in both the 100 and 300 hurdles. After high school she competed at Boise State, LCC and then the University of Oregon for a year.

"There's only three of us coming back from staff last year so (we are) super excited to have a new coaching staff that's eager to build the program and keep it going because track has been a big program in Cottage Grove for years," said Walton on the new staff.

The Lions begin their season next Wednesday (March 16) at the Pleasant Hill Ice Breaker.

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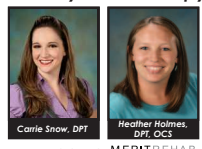
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3/12
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1:00 p.m. Baseball vs. Henley (Cellular Field, Medford)
3/13
11:00 a.m. Boys Golf @ Tokatee
3:00 p.m. Track and Field @ Pleasant Hill

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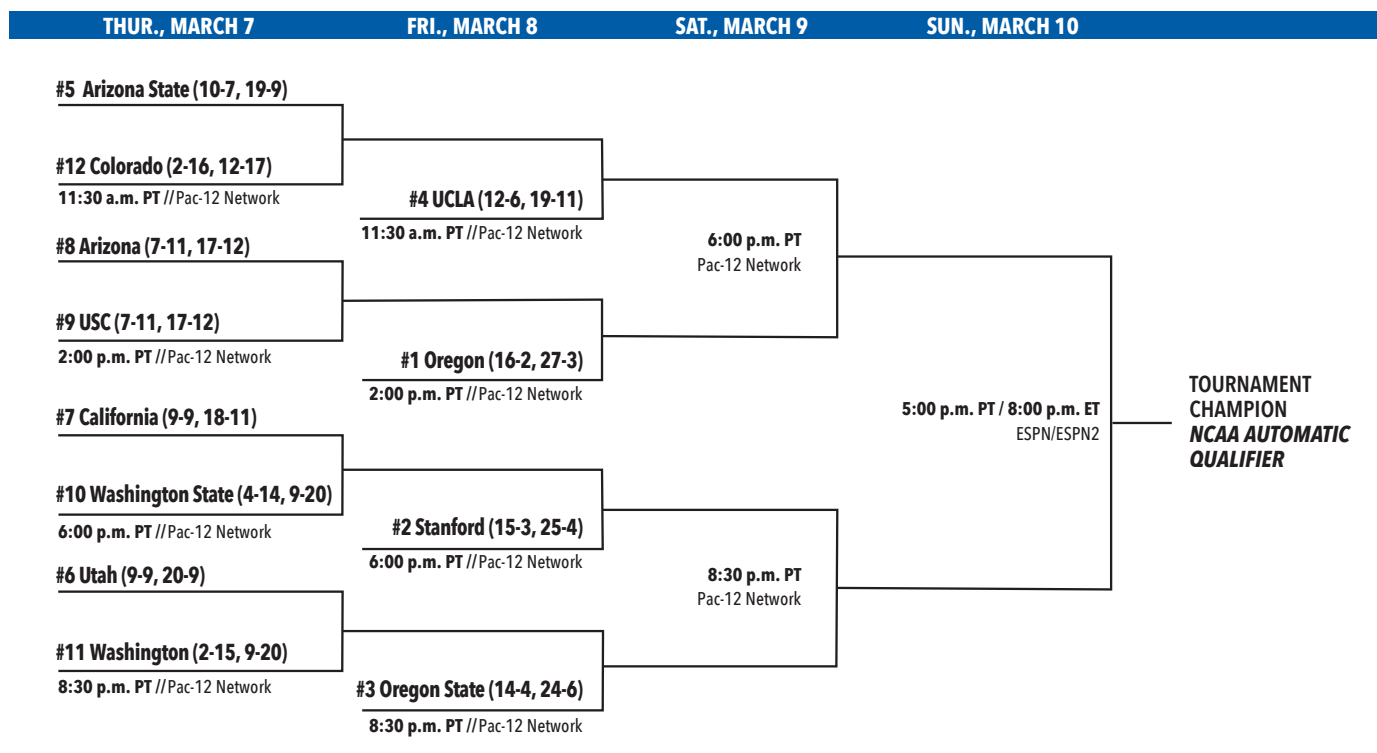
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