

Cottage Grove Boys Golf



A Cottage Grove golfer tees off at the Middlefield driving range.



Head coach Kent Russo talks with the group at practice.

Team Rundown:

With 12 of the 18 golfers playing the game for the first time, head coach Kent Russo had to start from square one this season.

"When they hit a ball, it should go forward pretty much every time. And not five feet. They should send it," said Russo about his team that he is working to make course-ready. With a team made up of no seniors, four juniors, five sophomores and nine freshman, he is looking to get to a space where his team can get a modicum of consistency as they begin to build a program.

"There's a lot of potential to develop," he said. "Six of them can kind of play golf. They can play, they're not good, but they can play. The rest of them, they

might have played nine holes once or twice in their life. So it's raw."

As the newcomers work to learn the intricacies of the game, the top golfers begin to focus on league play. In a reformed league, the team will be facing top competition from Woodburn all the way to Sisters. Against top players, Russo is just looking to see his team get better.

"I always emphasize whatever you consider to be the worst part of your game, spend the majority of your practice on it. Just get the worst part a little better and your whole game is better," said Russo. "That's the goal to get all the aspects of their game a little better. And then they would just become a better golfer."

One-on-one with Dawson Husko:

How long have you been golfing?

I've been golfing since my freshman year but I used to play recreational sometimes with my family when I was younger.

How have you seen improvement in your game during that time?

It's definitely gotten better. More like, molded in a sense that it is firm and not how when I started out I was just doing whatever I wanted to. It's a lot better and I'm able to see what's going wrong and am able to fix it, which is nice.

What are you looking to work on this season with your game?

I would have to say working on getting my golf game like lower numbers. Taking out those extra numbers I don't need. The biggest issue I've been facing is working with how far

I take my club back so I can get the right distance.

How is it not having any seniors on the team this year?

Honestly, it's really weird because our seniors from last year was a group of, I guess if you want to call it "misfits" in a sense. So it's like really fun getting to know each other and be able to have a laugh with each other and becoming the group that has to follow.

It's like really awkward having all these new players and not knowing any of them and being the person basically the senior of this year. But I'm really hoping that our group can focus on getting our game stronger and being able to come back thinking we can be like back to being good competitors and have a fun time.



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