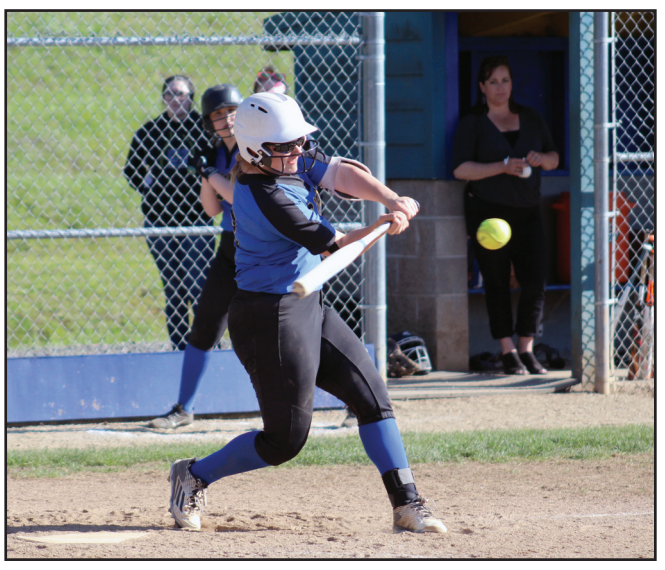
LIONS *from B1*



Cottage Grove junior Taylor McVey makes contact against Marshfield last Friday. PHOTO BY ZACH SILVA/CG SENTINEL

game kind of team. And we'll compete, especially with Marist and Junction City and Elmira, we play great for like three or four innings and then we have one inning that costs us the game and we can't recover," said Toy who used the game against Cottage Grove as a way to work on different situations.

With two weeks left in the league season, the Lions are looking to finish the season out on a positive note, in whatever form that may take.

"Just keeping our energy up and that's kind of the main focus, if we bring the energy, the rest will come," said Frieze. "Just that inner-strength that they have and that growth that they've come together and the building of that team spirit and helping to keep lifting each other up. When one person gets down, don't let it drag everyone down. Everyone helps to pick that person back up. So I think that's kind of the main focus going forward and whatever we've got to do."

On Friday the Lions will host Siuslaw (1-14, 1-8) at home in a double-header.

COTTAGE GROVE *from B1*

The Tigers did exactly that as they paired four hits with three walks and a Cottage Grove pitching change to tally up six runs in the inning and take the lead."We were up 8-3 and it never felt comfortable. It never really does but especially with [Junction City]," said Geiszler. "It didn't feel like after the game that we squandered one away. They came back and beat us, they did what they do. Sometimes it feels deflating after a game, man, we just gave it away but it didn't feel like that… We had chances. So as bad as losing feels, they just beat us."

Heading into Friday's double-header against Marshfield (5-11, 2-7), the Lions knew what they had to do to keep their postseason dreams alive.

"We knew that it was a must-win and we didn't hide that from [the team]. We needed to practice like Friday is our two must-win games and they are and we're not going to beat around the bush," said Geiszler. "So we're either going to come and play well or we're not. It's up to you. And they came and I thought we played great."

With Sayles throwing 108 pitches on Tuesday, it meant he was unavailable for Friday. Returning from injury, senior Conner Browning got the starting nod in game one. In five innings of work Browning struck out three and gave up seven hits as the Lions cruised along to a 15-5 victory.

"He was good. He was impressive. I feel like having him, we have two or three more wins on the season. At least one more win in league with him being healthy. But now he's back and that's a good feeling to have and it really helps us down the stretch," said Geiszler.

Cottage Grove's bats were also active in game one led by junior Kellen Bennett with three hits and a pair of RBIs. Iverson Bascue and Hunter Sharkey each recorded two hits in the game.

In game two, it was Simmons pitching a complete game as the Lions scored a 6-3 win. While not the dominant game-one performance, Cottage Grove was able to score when it mattered as they recorded two runs in both the fifth and sixth inning.

Simmons had three hits while senior Koltin Britton had two for the Lions.

Cottage Grove senior Wyatt Sayles releases a pitch last week against Junction City. PHOTO BY ZACH SILVA/CG SENTINEL

"We walked three in the whole day in two games which is pretty impressive. And I think we only had maybe one or two errors total, so that's huge. Offensively, we're hitting the ball so much better," said Geiszler. "Kids have really worked hard on making solid contact and not striking out. So the combination of those helped us finish the game."

After playing Elmira in a double-header on Tuesday (after *The Sentinel's* press deadline), Cottage Grove finishes the week at home in a double-header against Siuslaw (1-15, 0-9). Next Tuesday the Lions are home against Marist (11-2, 7-6).

Middlefield Men's Club
Game: 1,2,3 Best Ball
4/22/2019

First Place (tie): -26
Gary Culp
Jim Cunningham
Phil Hamilton
Keith Rowling

First Place (tie): -26
Tom Arney
Todd Dennis
Frank Gates
Dave Tooker

Third Place: -24
Bill Avery
Jack Doleman
John Kallbrier
Jerry Singer

Fourth Place (tie): -19
T. Ingram
Leon Hayes
Gary Ingram
Gary Sparks

Fourth Place (tie): -19
Dick Winters
Steve Lindholm
Gary Welch
Ron Ackerman BD

Sixth Place: -17
Ron Ackerman
Steve Ellickson
Don Perkins
Jim Wamsley

Low Gross
Jake Cox 73
Gary Ingram 75
T. Ingram 75

Low Net
Tom Arney 54
Phil Hamilton 59
Gary Sparks 60
Larry Eyman 60
Frank Gates 61

Closest to the Pin
#5 Frank Gates
#7 Todd Dennis
#14 Jack Doleman

Longest Putt
#15 Phil Hamilton

Middlefield Men's Club
Game: 2M Points
4/25/2019

First Place: 109
Frank Gates
Jack Doleman
Don Perkins
Gary Sparks

Second Place: 105
Jake Cox
Don Hanly
Rick LeBrun
Steve Lindholm

Third Place: 102
John Kallbrier
Darrell Lee
Tim Martin
Pat Rickard

Fourth Place: 101
Russell Bryce
Bruce Dorman
Larry Eyman
Jim Hoover

Fifth Place: 99
Jim Lehl
Bob McCarty
Al Nelson
Dick Winters

Sixth Place: 93
Gary Culp
Jim Cunningham
Steve Ellickson
Leon Hayes

Seventh Place: 91
Bob Martindale
Keith Rowling
Dave Tooker
Ron Warner

Low Gross
Tim Martin 72
Deross Kinkade 73
Dylan Rowe 76
Steve Ellickson 76

Low Net
Steve Lindholm

Begin planning kids' summer Camp now

Many families spend winter figuring out how to chase away cabin fever and endure frigid temperatures until spring and summer mercifully return. Parents thinking ahead to swimming pools and days lounging on the beach can put their daydreams to practical use by planning ahead for their youngsters' summer vacations.

Youth summer camps can bridge the gap in care between the end of school and the day when classes resume. Due in part to high demand, parents who want to place their kids in summer rec programs or summer camps should being vetting such programs and camps well in advance of summer. The following are a handful of tips for moms and dads who want their kids to have fun and fulfilling summers.

• Ask for recommendations. Speak with fellow parents and trusted friends about where they send their children. Personal recommendations can be very helpful, providing firsthand insight into a particular camp or program. Schedule appointments to visit camps that fall within your budget. Take your son or daughter along so he or she can get a sense of what camp will be like.

• Explore all options. Camps come in more flavors than ever before. Certain camps may be faith-based ministries while others may focus on particular sports. Band camps and art camps may appeal to creative kids. Also, there are plenty of general-interest camps that offer various activities without narrowing in on any particular one. Parents may need to choose between a sleepaway camp or day camps, depending on which camp experience they want for their children.

• Inquire about camp schedules. While many camps are flexible, day camps do not have the same level of flexibility as after-school programs. Arrangements will need to be made if care is required after regular camp hours. Speak with camp staff to see which types of after-hours programs, if any, are available.

• Determine your camp budget. As varied as program offerings may be, camps also can vary greatly with regard to cost. Government-run camps may be less expensive than those offered by private companies. Day camps typically cost less than those that provide room and board. Find out if a particular organization subsidizes a portion of camp costs. Scouting programs often have a dedicated camp and may offer affordable options for scouts. Martial arts schools and dance centers frequently offer camp schedules.

If camp seems out of reach, look into local summer recreation programs at parks or schools. Such programs may not be as extensive as those offered by camps, but they can quell kids' boredom and keep children occupied during the day.

In addition to camp, remember to plan for some free days so children can just enjoy some

downtime. Such days can break up the monotony of a routine and provide kids and families time to relax together.

Summer camp may be far off, but it is never too early to start making summer plans, including finding camps and other activities for kids.

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