

Water Polo from B1



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Mikayla Baird is seen here taking a shot on goal in the Aqua Lions' match against Sheldon. Baird finished with five goals in the final game of the tournament.

town and bring money into the economy."

This was an effect that could already be seen at the venue's first multi-team competition, as parents and friends of all the away teams filled the bleachers on the pool deck.

The Lady Aqua Lions were the stars of the event, capping off their stellar play throughout the day with an 11-3 victory over the Irish.

In typical fashion, M.J. Raade and Mikayla Baird played central roles for Cottage Grove, constantly in the middle of the action and scoring four and five goals, respectively.

"The girls were just really, really good," Pilling said. "[Mikayla] especially played through, played hard and did what she needed to do. It worked."

The boys had a rougher go throughout the day, playing North Eugene tough in a loss and beating Medford before ultimately losing their final match of the day to a talented Sheldon team, 10-1.

The Irish were led by senior Abraham Iboa who seemed to score every time he touched the ball, ending the day with nine goals.

"The boys

are getting a lot better every day," Pilling said.

"They just need to keep working on their communication and make sure that when you get a player that's that good ... pay really close attention on picking your shots and passes because one bad pass turns into a turnover then the other team's going the other direction for a counter. So, a player like that, you need to put two on him and if you make a mistake, they're going to score every time."

As the water polo season begins winding down, win or lose, Coach Pilling can rest easy on the fact that his team and his new facility are representing Cottage Grove well.

"Water polo is a contact sport," Pilling empha-



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Jairus Vanberg (right) and the boys water polo team had their hands full with Sheldon and Abraham Iboa (left).

sized. "But one thing I really liked was, not only was the tournament a huge success ... but teams and the officials said how impressed they were by the sportsmanship and how clean everybody was playing. It was really refreshing. Everybody said [we] played really physical, really hard, but were very clean."

about the water polo matches themselves.

"I think I heard one person that's an alumnus, they said they felt like they were about to cry because of how awesome [the facility] looks, how fun it was and how smoothly it was going," Pilling said after the tournament had wrapped up.

The sentimentality and connection the City of Cottage Grove has to the Daugherty Center is central to its place in the community, but Pilling also sees larger opportunities for the facility.

"I think the only other thing is to get more teams in, do [tournaments] over two days like we used to, have a food vendor there. But, as far as the facility goes ... the way it was built was for it to be a competition fast tank. That means it'll be good for polo, and it'll be especially good for swimming. It's a fast pool and it can help bring people into the

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