

was sending. We missed a couple of other chances. We should've maybe scored another one or two, but everything was very, very, very physical," Stewart said.

On top of controlling the middle from a defensive perspective, Snauer also scored the game's only goal, a header about fifteen minutes into the second half. Snauer's strike put the team ahead for good, but in a physical 1-0 game,

his contribution was far from the only one.

"It was a group effort. Junction City is not the same team they were at the beginning of the year," Stewart said.

The Lions finished their regular season winning three of their final four games while also being nominated for the OSAA Sportsmanship Award. Stewart couldn't be prouder of a team he's become quite familiar with over the years.

"These are some great guys," Stewart said. "I've known some of

these guys from when I was still teaching at the middle school. It's not just that I've had them on my soccer team, but as students as well. They're great citizens, great guys. They're going to be leaders. The future of America is in good hands."

Cottage Grove is idle this week and awaits the winners of all the various play-in games for non-automatic playoff qualifiers. To keep an eye on the Lions' upcoming schedule, visit <http://www.osaa.org/teams/28924>.

Lions from B1

and placing Cottage Grove in a second-place tie with Marshfield in league play.

"Tuesday's game was critical against Marist because with a win we would have had second fully to ourselves," said head coach Kendra Anderson.

With the Spartans winning the regular season league title, the loss set up a tiebreaker game for the Lions against Marshfield to determine the Sky-Em's second automatic playoff qualifier.

The girls traveled to Siuslaw High School, a neutral site for the two playoff hopefuls, on Thurs., Oct. 24 for this deciding game. Missing standout sophomore Izabell Senters, who is out for the season with a right leg injury, and with fellow sophomore Gracie Arnold still recovering from an injury of her own, the Lions came up just short, losing to the Pirates in five sets for the second time this month, 3-2 (25-19, 17-25, 20-25, 25-20, 15-12).

"Both teams played really well. We missed some serves in the fourth and fifth set ... and then we just had a few errors. Errors at the wrong time, I guess,"



PHOTO BY NED HICKSON/COTTAGE GROVE SENTINEL
Junior outside hitter Matty Ladd has been a standout player in the Sky-Em this season. The Lions are already excited for next year with zero graduating seniors.

Anderson said. "We made mistakes that any team can make, we just made them at a time when we couldn't afford it."

The win gave Marshfield the coveted second automatic playoff spot and Cottage Grove a further obstacle on their path to the postseason.

Twelve teams throughout the state - the top two from each of the six 4A leagues - automatically qualify for OSAA state playoffs. Eight more teams are chosen based on rankings then seeded according to the standings with the winners earning the final four spots in the round of 16.

Because of their loss to Marist and subsequent defeat at the hands of Marshfield, Cottage Grove became one of the eight at-large playoff teams, setting up a four-five seed matchup against Stayton.

"We played Stayton at the Sisters tournament," Anderson said. "So it's just a matter of knowing that we beat them before, we just need to do it again. This is a crucial time to make sure it gets done. We just need to play our game."

The play-in game against the Eagles was held yesterday. To see results, visit the Lions' volleyball OSAA page at <http://www.osaa.org/teams/28928>.

GOLF

Middlefield Men's Club Mon., Oct. 21 Game: 3, 2 points

First place 111
John Kallbrier
Bob McCarty
David Morris
Gary Welch

Second place 109
Todd Dennis
Leon Hayes
Pat Rickard
Jim Wamsley

Third place 105
Tom Arney
Bill Avery
Larry Eyman
Dave Tooker

Fourth place 104
Jim Cunningham
Darrell Lee
Jim Lehl
Keith Rowling

Fifth place 103
Ron Ackerman
Jake Cox
Steve Ellickson
Dan Smith

Sixth place 101
Frank Gates
Tom Marx
Jerry Pennington
Jerry Singer

Low gross
Bill Avery 74
Dan Smith 75
Jerry Singer 77
Todd Dennis 77

Low net
Jim Wamsley 61
Steve Ellickson 62
Dick Winters 64
Bob McCarty 66
Jim Lehl 66

Closest to the pin:
#5 Bob Avery
#7 John Kallbrier
#14 Todd Dennis

Longest putt
#10 Keith Rowling

Middlefield Men's Club Thurs., Oct. 24 Game: 2M Best Ball

First place -20
Jake Cox
Darrell Lee
Tom Lemmon
Gary Sparks

Second place (tie) -19
Jim Hoover
Russell Bryce
Steve Lindholm
Eric Morris

Second place (tie) -19
Larry Eyman
Frank Gates
John Kallbrier
David Morris

Fourth place -18
Bill Avery
Steve Ellickson
Don Hanly
Keith Rowling

Fifth place -17
Ricky Ambrose
Dale Johnson
Rudy Nelleremoe
Ron Ackerman

Sixth place (tie) -10
Leon Hayes
Pat Rickard
Gary Rider
Gary Welch

Sixth place (tie) -10
Jim Cunningham
Tom Arney
Ed Prunkl
Dick Winters

Low gross
Eric Morris 72
Gary Sparks 73
Jake Cox 75

Low net
Russell Bryce 60
Darrell Lee 62
John Kallbrier 63
Keith Rowling 63
Dale Johnson 64
Larry Eyman 65

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