## GOLF SCORES

Middlefield Mens Club Thursday 12/5/2019 Game: 3,2 Best Ball

**First Place** -25 **Jim Hoover** Bob McCarty Rudy Nellermoe Iim Lehl Second Place -20 Tom Arney Rick LeBrun Dan Pearson David Morris BD Third Place -18 Ron Ackerman Gary Ingram Bill Avery B. Cavanaugh -17 **Fourth Place** Pat Rickard Keith Rowling Dan Smith Gary Welch Fifth Place (tie) -15 Jerry Pennington Gary Sparks Jim Wamsley Leon Haves Fifth Place (tie) -15 Jim Cunningham Darrell Lee David Morris Jake Cox Fifth Place (tie) -15 John Kallbrier Tom Marx Don Perkins **Dick Winters** Low Gross Jake Cox 70 Dan Smith 71 B. Cavanaugh 75 Bruce Schennum 76 Dan Pearson 76 Low Net Rudy Nellermoe 59 Gary Ingram 63 Keith Rowling 64 Bill Avery 66 Dick Winters 66 Gary Sparks 66 lim Hoover 66 Jim Lehl 66 John Kallbrier 66 Closest to the Pin #5 Dan Smith #7 Dan Smith #14 Jim Hoover

Middlefield Mens Club Monday 12/9/2019 Game: 2M Best Ball

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## Aussies from **B1**

ups before their own domestic season begins back home. But, according to head coach Jacob Jackomas, the trip has many purposes and is anchored in a local connection.

"Some guys are trying to get recruited, so this [trip] helps," Jackomas said after the game. "Some kids are trying to get better. We've got some young guys, three freshmen on the team, a couple of sophomores and we only have two seniors. So it's a bit of value for everyone and obviously just the cultural experience, meeting different people, but our director of basketball went to Oregon so that's where the connection comes from."

That would be Ellie Manou, a six-foot threeinch forward who plaved two seasons with the Ducks in 2007-08 and 2008-09 and now, in her job as Knox basketball director, is looking to further the Australia-Oregon cultural and basketball connection.

For his own part, Jackomas leads his team with an impressive resume behind him, though not quite as impressive as Knox's most famous alumnus, Hugh Jackman. Before taking the helm at Knox, Jackomas spent time coaching in the Chinese Basketball Association and the National Basketball League, the top professional divisions in Chinese and Australian basketball, respectively. His experience in the game, and the size and talent of his players, were evident on Saturday evening.

"We played pretty well tonight. We saw them a little bit on film, on the internet, just some highlight packages," Jackomas said. "We got one player [Joshua Pain] who got going in the third and with the travel [Cottage Grove] had after playing last night, everything like that ... It was actually a pretty good game for us, just lucky that Josh got going a bit." Unlike American high school basketball, the Aussies not only play with a shot clock, but play with the 24-second NBA version, a fact that

explains their ability to quickly and efficiently get open looks, whether under the hoop or from outside.

"Because of [the shot clock] we do play a bit faster and we were just able to get it going today," Jackomas said.

All in all, however, the trip is about more than just early-season warmup games.

"For the kids, it's just a different thing. It's a totally different thing. They love the culture of America, the music, the food, so they're just enjoying every second of it," Jackomas said. "We're going to Portland [Trailblazers] and Oklahoma City [Thunder], then to see Golden State when we're in the Bay Area. The kids are very excited."

Knox played another local opponent on Monday, Dec. 9, losing to Junction City 63-54 before continuing their American trip in the Bay Area and then Los Angeles.

For the Lions, they continue their 2019 season tonight, Dec. 12 at home against Hidden Valley at 6 p.m.

## Relays from **B1**

erty Center. "But the relay meet is always my favorite meet. It's super fun and a good start to the year and a good transition for all the new people to feel more comfortable and have fun before it starts getting serious."

Fun or not, races were held and points nonetheless awarded. In team competition, the Lions finished third out of four with 106 total points, behind Marist (128) and North Eugene (122), but ahead of Marshfield (88).

Highlights for Cottage Grove, however, came in the 100 backstroke and 100 kickboard relays, which the Lions won in 1:17.43 and 1:19.92, respectively.

For a team with 26 total swimmers, boys and girls combined, including a number of first-year participants, the relay meet was an ideal way to iron

out some kinks and get in competitive races early in the season.

Jaden Thuesen is a junior at Cottage Grove High School and is competing in sports for the first time in 2019. After wrapping up his first season on the cross country team in the fall, Thuesen immediately noticed some differences after his first swim event.

breath air as much as I want to," Thuesen said laughing, but was still happy with his inaugural performance and looks forward to his first year in the pool.

"I'm very excited, not a lot of nervousness. I thought it was really fun," he said.

Senior Nadia Witt, who hasn't swam competitively for three years, was also encouraged by the team's early-season performance.

"I felt really good," Witt said. "I was really nervous because it was my first swim meet since my freshman year, but I liked how we raced. It was really nice."

The CGHS boys' and girls' swim teams next take to the pool this evening, Thurs., Dec. 12 as Cascade Christian, Marist, Marshfield and Phoenix visit for the Cottage Grove Invite. Events are scheduled to begin at 4:15 p.m.



"I don't get to

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Fisher Nash cheers on a teammate during the 200 kickboard relay at last Friday's meet.

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