

## GOLF SCORES

Middlefield Mens Club  
Thursday 1/09/2020  
Game: Scramble with Tie Breakers

<b>First Place</b>	-6
Jake Cox Adrian Chatigny Tom Arney Mike Stahl	
<b>Second Place</b>	-1
Bill Avery Jim Hoover Jim Wamsley Dick Winters	
<b>Third Place</b>	0
John Kallbrier Jim Cunningham Frank Gates Gary Ingram	
<b>Fourth Place</b>	0
Bruce Schennum Don Perkins Steve Ellickson Bob McCarty	
<b>Fifth Place</b>	+1
Larry Zuvich Pat Rickard Keith Rowling	
<b>Sixth Place</b>	+4
Gary Sparks Phil Hamilton Darrell Lee Dave Tooker	

**Closest to the Pin:**  
#5 Gary Ingram  
#7 Jake Cox  
#14 Bob McCarty

Middlefield Mens Club  
Monday 1/13/2020  
Game: 1,2,3 Points

<b>First Place</b>	88
Dan Smith Don Hanly Ron Ackerman Jim Cunningham BD	
<b>Second Place (tie)</b>	87
Tom Arney Phil Hamilton Mike Stahl Jim Wamsley	
<b>Second Place (tie)</b>	87
Dick Winters Jake Cox Frank Gates Larry Zuvich BD	
<b>Fourth Place</b>	85
Jim Cunningham Jim Lehl Jerry Pennington Steve Ellickson	
<b>Fifth Place (tie)</b>	84
Todd Dennis Pat Rickard Keith Rowling Gary Sparks	
<b>Fifth Place (tie)</b>	84
Gary Culp Gary Ingram Bruce Schennum Jerry Pennington BD	
<b>Seventh Place</b>	83
Leon Hayes John Kallbrier Larry Strickland Larry Zuvich	
<b>Low Gross</b>	
Dan Smith	69
Jake Cox	73
Gary Culp	79
Gary Sparks	79
<b>Low Net</b>	
Jim Lehl	60
Dick Winters	62
Mike Stahl	63
Jim Wamsley	65
Larry Strickland	65
Larry Eyman	67

**Closest to the Pin**  
#5 Gary Sparks  
#7 Jake Cox  
#14 Ron Ackerman

**Longest Putt**  
#17 Keith Rowling

## Smith from B1

know who's going to return, we'll know what we can post for teaching jobs and then we wanna put the football job up at the same time ... It's mutually beneficial to have them in the building all day." Ultimately, the turnover and turbulence over the last year for CGHS football will inform school administrators in their hiring process.

"We just wanna get somebody in here who's had some success in the past and is committed to being here long term," Myers said. "We definitely don't wanna be doing this again next year. We'd like to have someone here for several years."

Smith came into the program with a wealth of experience in Oregon high school football. A native of Sweet Home, Ore. he had previous coaching stints in La Grande, Seaside, Sheldon and Siuslaw before coming to Cottage Grove in 2019.

## Lions from B1

in the second half, but the 39-27 final score belies how close the game truly was.

"We played really well defensively," said head coach Steve Eastburn. "Our only problem



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**Sophomore Gracie Arnold, seen here against Crook County, will be an integral part of CG's success this season.**

was we couldn't score in the second half and we got good looks, we just didn't put the ball in the basket ... At halftime, we were definitely in control of the game."

In fact, the Lions held a 17-15 halftime advantage but could muster only 10 points total in the second half. Despite the difficulties scoring, Cottage Grove was down only 33-27 in the final minute before they needed to start fouling to extend the game. The Mustangs hit six of their eight free throws over that span to seal the victory.

"If we play them again it'll be in playoffs or in Forest Grove," Eastburn said. "It's tough to beat somebody three times in a row ... so it would be fun to get a chance to play those girls again."

Sophomore Gracie Arnold led the Lions with 11 points in the low-scoring affair.

The Friday game went more smoothly for the Lions as they dispatched Henley by over 20 points.

"They play really fast and



PHOTO BY NICK SNYDER/COTTAGE GROVE SENTINEL

**Smith, seen here in the season opener at Cascade, will leave the Lions after finishing 2019 winless.**

fore coming to Cottage Grove in 2019.

In 2018, Smith took over a young, inexperienced Siuslaw team coming off of a 1-7 season, but ultimately took a step back in his only year with the Vikings. Siuslaw finished 0-8 overall and had a fatal combination of the third-lowest scoring offense (82 points scored) and a defense that allowed more points (415) than

they pressured, but I thought we did well against those guys. We did a good job containing them and we had a size advantage," Eastburn said.

Cottage Grove had been playing without their junior post, Matty Ladd, for well over a week, but she returned for the Henley game to give the Lions their full complement of six-foot-plus post players. All had a hand in the win with Ladd leading the way (21 points and 14 rebounds), helped along by solid performances from senior Ema Gardner (10 points) and sophomore Gracie Arnold (9 points, 11 rebounds, 5 assists).

Cottage Grove was without senior Megan Schatz for the weekend after she injured her knee in practice, but also got strong contributions from junior point guard Mikaela Blomquist, even if it doesn't show up on the stat sheet.

"I thought Mikaela had a really good weekend," Eastburn said. "The first time we played Hidden Valley the pressure really got to her, but she directed the team really well this time around. She had us under control all the time ... She just really grew tremendously against Hidden Valley."

After a difficult, winless weekend for the other Sky-Em teams, Cottage Grove enters league play as the highest-ranked team in the division and the favorite to top the standings. The Lions begin league play against visiting Siuslaw on Fri., Jan. 17 at 7:15 p.m. (boys start at 5:45).

any other team in 3A.

The 2019 football season proved more of the same for Smith in what became a turbulent year — both on and off the field — for the Lions' first-year head coach.

Much like the Vikings the previous year, Cottage Grove finished 0-8. The Lions scored the fewest points of any 4A team (89, tied with Junction City) while allowing the most (452).

Most notably, Smith's short tenure at the school was marred by a September hazing incident in the CGHS locker room in which two older students were eventually cited for harassment of a younger teammate. There is no evidence

that Smith had direct knowledge of the incident at the time of its occurrence.

Smith entered into both situations - Siuslaw and Cottage Grove - under less than ideal conditions. The 2018 Siuslaw roster was light on upperclassmen and had won only one game the year prior to Smith's arrival, but did ultimately turn things around in 2019 with a 6-4 record.

The 2019 Lions roster was similar, losing veteran leadership after the graduation of all-league players Dylan Graves and Erick Giffen along with a number of other seniors. Many players entered the season with little to no varsity starting experience.

But 2020 will see Cottage Grove trot out a roster with another year of play under its belt and no lack of facing adversity. They will also have a new face manning the ship, hoping to return CGHS football to a place of prominence in the 4A ranks. The search is on for who that face will be.

## Warriors from B1

jump balls, hard fouls and free throw attempts. The physicality of the game was matched by the intensity of the home crowd who took offense to a number of calls made by the referees, particularly in the second half as the game entered crunch time.

"I love games that turn into dog fights. It's a war of attrition," Cyr said. "And I hate losing more than anyone in the world, but it's not a bad lesson for our girls at this point in the season."

North Douglas employed a balanced scoring attack throughout the game. Their high scorer, senior Nicki Derrick, had eight points to go with six points each from both junior Natalie Thompson and senior Rilie-Jo Olds. The

pirates were led by senior Sydney Lawrence who hit five of Perrydale's seven total 3-pointers.

Ultimately, it was the visitor's shooting prowess combined with their defensive intensity — and 10 points left at the foul line by the Warriors — that made the difference. Nonetheless, North Douglas still sits at a tidy 12-1 overall and will continue working towards their larger, later-season goals.

"Teams that are good handle [pressure] more than they don't. That's the first time we've seen that kind of pressure [this year] and it'll probably be the last time until we get into the playoffs depending on who we see," Cyr said.

The Warriors now get into the real swing of league play, playing at Yoncalla (10-4, #27) on Fri., Jan. 17 at 6 p.m. before hosting Elkton (10-3, #12) the following night at the same time.

## Local sports results

### GIRLS BASKETBALL SCORES

**Tues., Jan. 7**  
Cottage Grove 60, Crook County 36  
North Douglas 45, Days Creek 27  
**Fri., Jan. 10**  
Cottage Grove 46, Henley 25  
North Douglas 40, Perrydale 44  
Elkton 57, Country Christian 69  
Yoncalla 27, Days Creek 46  
**Sat., Jan. 11**  
Cottage 27, Hidden Valley 39  
North Douglas 62, New Hope 22  
Elkton 57, Pacific/Powers 51  
Yoncalla 49, Riddle 20

### BOYS BASKETBALL SCORES

**Tues., Jan. 7**  
Cottage Grove 60, Crook County 74  
North Douglas 31, Days Creek 52  
Yoncalla 36, Umpqua Valley 65  
**Fri., Jan. 10**  
Cottage Grove 43, Mazama 52  
North Douglas 51, Perrydale 57  
Elkton 39, Umpqua Valley 56  
Yoncalla 36, Days Creek 41  
**Sat., Jan. 11**  
Cottage Grove 52, Phoenix 60  
North Douglas 61, New Hope 37  
Yoncalla 45, Riddle 46

### COTTAGE GROVE WRESTLING

**Kelso Girls Tournament (Kelso, Wash.) Jan. 10-11**  
235-pound class  
4. Raina Herzog (lost by dec. 4-1 in semifinals)  
**Sutherland Wrestling Classic, Jan. 11**  
Top-5 team Scores: 1. Siuslaw, 154 2. Sutherland, 117 3. Elmira, 110 4. Cottage Grove 101.5 5. Springfield, 93  
**138-pound class**  
4. Joshua Saldivar (jr.)  
**160-pound class**  
1. Jacob Dunn (sr.)  
**170-pound class**  
1. Drew Swenson (sr.) 2. Oden Armstrong (sr.)  
**182-pound class**  
2. Walker Humphrey (sr.) 5. Cobie Simpson (sr.)  
**220-pound class**  
2. Trace Nelson (sr.)  
**Girls 133-136**  
3. Hannah Cook (so.)  
**Girls 152-154**  
4. Alexis Christie (fr.)  
**Girls 154-169**  
3. Lillian Wood (fr.)

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