

Swimming *from B1*



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CGHS senior Melissa Johnson competes in the preliminaries of the 100-yard butterfly on day one of the Special District 4 championship meet.

were the real show.

“The teams did great,” Pilling said. “Everybody dropped time. Having someone there, a family member or a friend, and of course just having your own facility really helped the swimmers feel more comfortable, more relaxed.”

After 22 finals races on Saturday, the Cottage Grove girls stood in second place overall, behind district champion Marshfield. The boys achieved a third-place finish, behind Marshfield and Klamath Union.

“We had a lot of good comments from other teams saying how impressed they were with our team,” Pilling said. “It was

almost a shock. They were, like, ‘Wow, you guys came out of nowhere.’”

With new home digs, a dedicated coach and an ever-growing pool of local swimmers, the Lions are a team on the rise.

Individually, Lions swimmers qualified for ten events at this weekend’s state championships, to be held Feb. 21-22

at the Tualatin Hills Aquatic Center.

For the boys, sophomore James Kelly qualified in the 200 individual medley as well as the 500 freestyle. Senior Iverson Bascue will race in the 100 backstroke, junior Jairus Vanberg in the 200 freestyle, while the foursome of Bascue, Kelly, Vanberg and junior Fisher Nash will represent Cottage Grove in the 200 medley relay.

On the girls’ side, junior MJ Raade was the lone individual state qualifier, making the OSAA 4A top-eight in both the 500 and 200 freestyle. However, the girls will send representatives for three

relay races: the 200 medley relay (seniors Nadia Witt and Mikayla Baird, sophomore Kajsa Merz and freshman Kassidy Poetzl), the 200 freestyle relay (Witt, sophomore Peyton Baird, senior Emma Burleson and Raade), and the 400 freestyle relay (M. Baird, Raade, Poetzl and freshman Kalee Walter).

Overall, it’s the best team performance for Cottage Grove swimming in some time and the team will be well-represented this weekend at state where the 4A races will be held at 6:30 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday.

When the Daugherty Center was undergoing renovations, there was hope locally that the facility would become a swimming hub in South Lane County and the greater Willamette Valley. With team success at the high school level and the fluid execution of last weekend’s districts, that may be happening sooner rather than later.



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Junior Jairus Vanberg swims in the 200-yard freestyle. Vanberg qualified for state in that event as well as being a member of the 200 medley relay state-qualifying team.



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Swimmers from Cottage Grove and various other schools cheer on their teammates during the races last Friday and Saturday.

Oregon Senate Passes Legislation to Allow Student Athlete Compensation

Colleges, universities and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) profit from the labor and talent of student athletes. Currently, however, those athletes are barred from receiving compensation for their work. Senate Bill 1501, which passed off the Senate Floor today, will change that by allowing student athletes to receive fair pay for their hard work.

“We see images of student athletes in video games. We see student athletes in marketing materials for colleges and universities. These student athletes, who are putting in the work and sacrifice,

do not see a dime of those profits,” said Senator Shemia Fagan (D – Portland) a Chief Sponsor of SB 1501. “These students make a substantial commitment of their time, and too often they struggle to afford their basic needs. They deserve more than simply recognition, they deserve to get a fair share of the profit their work creates.”

SB 1501 allows student athletes access to compensation by authorizing them to secure representation and endorsements. The bill also allows these students to maintain ownership over their name, image and likeness, and it protects them

from retaliation when they seek or receive compensation. Additionally, the bill makes certain student athletes may be paid at the market rate for coaching jobs.

“These student athletes give everything to their school and their sport,” said Senate President Peter Courtney (D – Salem). “They are the single best marketers for their institutions. It’s time that

their contributions are recognized in a substantial way. I am very proud Oregon is joining California in this movement for student athletes.” President Courtney introduced SB 1501 and has been an outspoken supporter of fair treatment for student athletes.

Senate Bill 1501 now goes to the House of Representatives for consideration.

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