

Elm Creek XC Series Race Report: Week 1, December 5, 2018

Another season of cross country skiing is off to a great start, with the cold temps allowing Elm Creek to open before Thanksgiving for Nordic skiing. This meant Week 1 of the Elm Creek XC Series was able to be on snow Wednesday, December 5, for the full 2.5K man-made snow loop. 22 skiers were in the field for the freestyle race. Taking the men's skate win was Dennis Curran in 12:53, closely followed by Laszlo Alberta and Grant Hietpas. Not far behind in first place for the women was Libby Tuttle, with Sydney Peterson in second and Lisa Garretson in third. Fourteen classic racers followed up for the night's second sprint. Ben Mullin and Libby Tuttle were battling hard for the overall win, each taking first in their respective fields in just over 16 minutes. Sydney Peterson and Jay Wenner also had a mano-a-mano race for overall third place, each taking second place in their fields. This year, skiers may sign up for the full series at the beginning of the season. However, even if they choose not to, all racers are still automatically calculated into the points for "Best of Six" for the season. The "Best of" series has separate divisions for both freestyle and classic, sponsored by Pioneer Midwest.

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Skate - Week 1

Place	First	Last	Gender	Time	Points
1	Dennis	Curran	Male	12:53	100
2	Laszlo	Alberti	Male	12:58	99
3	Grant	Hietpas	Male	13:04	98
4	Aaron	Nelson	Male	13:09	97
5	Libby	Tuttle	Female	13:18	100
6	Clayton	Keim	Male	13:28	96
7	Eli	Roll	Male	13:37	95
8	Ben	Mullin	Male	13:44	94
9	Jay	Wenner	Male	14:00	93
10	Ben	Deneen	Male	14:06	92
11	Nathaniel	Tollefson	Male	14:14	91
12	Sam	Hansen	Male	14:23	90
13	Sydney	Peterson	Female	14:54	99
14	Lisa	Garretson	Female	15:16	98
15	Madeline	Koltun	Female	15:35	97
16	Gregg	Hietpas	Male	15:38	89
17	Brian	Johnston	Male	15:43	88
18	Julie	Garretson	Female	16:21	96
19	Emily	Muellner	Female	17:15	95
20	Anna	Haugen	Female	17:29	94
21	Patty	Bohaty	Female	18:01	93

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Classic - Week 1

Place	First	Last	Gender	Time	Points
1	Ben	Mullin	Male	16:31	100
2	Libby	Tuttle	Female	16:44	100
3	Sydney	Peterson	Female	17:09	99
4	Jay	Wenner	Male	17:14	99
5	Chris	Broderson	Male	18:16	98
6	Ben	Deneen	Male	18:42	97
7	Madeline	Koltun	Female	18:58	98
8	Lisa	Garretson	Female	19:21	97
9	Julie	Garretson	Female	20:03	96
10	Gregg	Hietpas	Male	21:28	96
11	Patti	Bohaty	Female	22:01	95
12	Emily	Muellner	Female	23:47	94
13	Beth	Markhart	Female	36:34	93