

Lady Outlaws took some wear and tear in Holiday Tournament

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The Lady Outlaws were exhausted after they completed four games at the Sisters Holiday Tournament, held Monday through Wednesday, December 29-31. After a team dropped out of the tourney the Outlaws had to play both sides of the bracket and play four games in two days.

Top-ranked Henley dominated play throughout the tourney and was crowned tournament champion. The Hornets boast a great point guard and a big, strong post, and the team is very fast in transition; they make over 70 percent of their points on transitions.

Seaside finished runner-up, and La Grande took third. Sisters placed twice — fifth and sixth — as they played both sides of the bracket.

Coach Julianne Horner said, “As a coach, playing both sides of the bracket is a very difficult position to put your team in. I knew the final game would be very difficult and physically grueling. I am very proud of the team and how hard they worked. We saw what we are made of. The player that really stood out was junior Olivia Stewart.

She was tenacious until the final second on the clock and kept her team motivated until the end. This experience will help us as we begin a difficult league schedule.”

Sisters started with a 51-33 victory over Illinois Valley (IV).

The Outlaws jumped out quick, put 12 points up on the scoreboard in the first four minutes of the contest, and limited IV to just one basket. At the close of the quarter Sisters held a 16-6 lead.

Sisters continued to control the pace of the game and held onto the lead to the very end to secure the win.

Stewart led the team with 15 points, Boston Moore contributed nine, Cierra Mann tallied eight and Nina Horner added six.

Horner said, “I was very happy with our intensity on defense and patience on offense in the first few minutes of the game. We were able to take control right from the tip and then move the ball offensively to where we had an easy shot.

“In the second quarter, we decided to run a defense that we have not been comfortable running much, but know we will need it as we head into league. I am impressed with how well they moved into a

defense that as a team they are not strong in yet. We were able to adjust and make the changes we will need going into our league play.”

Sisters’ next match-up was against No. 2 ranked Henley and the Outlaws suffered a brutal 68-28 loss.

The Hornets took control from the tip-off with quick transitions and very good full-court pressure that put Sisters in the deficit immediately.

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“We have never faced a team that has a solid game both inside and out. They were able to shoot outside and they have posts that were much bigger than us that gave them second shots off offensive rebounds.

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Haylie Hudson goes up for two against Illinois Valley.

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game for us to see what pace we need to get up to.”

Mann put up seven points

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