

# Girls basketball has tough week

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The girls basketball team lost both their games this past week and dropped to a 2-3 record in league play. Sisters fell 32-25 to the Tigers at Junction City (JC) on Tuesday, January 26, and at home three days later were defeated 40-23 by the Elmira Falcons.

In Tuesday's road game against the Tigers, the Outlaws struggled on the offensive end, largely due to mental mistakes. On the flip side, Sisters did maintain fairly strong defense throughout the contest.

"For most of the game we allowed one contested shot and blocked out well, and they were never really able to get anything going inside," said Coach Casey Pallister.

Sisters trailed by six at the close of the first quarter, but narrowed the gap in the second and entered the half down by two, 13-11. The Outlaws came out strong in the third and battled back to take a 21-19 lead. The Tigers

hit some outside shots in the fourth and made a run that gave them the advantage. The Outlaws were unable to pick things up on the offensive end, and lost by seven.

Jules Meeter had a great game. Meeter showed some great defensive hustle, blocked out well, and attacked the basket. Jules finished the game with nine points, and was five-for-nine from the free-throw line. Olivia Stewart also had a good game and finished with eight points on the night.

"Jules played great," said Pallister. "This was really a break-out game for her."

Pallister told *The Nugget* he felt that his team took another step forward, despite the loss.

"We know our defense can keep us in games, but we need to be able to have five players composed and attacking on the offensive end to get the job done," said Pallister. "We just had too many fundamental mistakes tonight."

Three days later, the Outlaws dropped another game, this time against a

tough Elmira squad.

The Falcons brought a balanced attack, with seven players contributing points in the game. Sisters struggled to remain disciplined in their offense, and had a hard time adjusting to the Falcons' various defensive sets.

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Sisters started out well and held a 9-7 lead as teams headed into the second quarter. In the second period, the Falcons racked up 15 points, while the Outlaws were held to three. At the half, Elmira was on top 22-12.

Sisters outscored the Falcons 7-5 in the third, but Elmira dominated the final period and recorded the win.

Nina Horner led the Outlaws with 11 points and nine rebounds.



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Olivia Stewart drives for two against Elmira.

Alexa Stewart did a great job on defense for the Outlaws. Stewart limited the Falcons' best player, Miranda Jensen, to seven points, and only two field goals, which she scored in the first quarter.

Meeter was a strong defensive presence in the post.

Sisters was scheduled to have a bye on Tuesday, February 2. On Friday, February 5, the Outlaws will play at Sutherlin.

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