

Girls basketball opens league play with win

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The Lady Outlaws struggled to get the ball through the hoop, but still managed to pull off a 21-13 victory over the Sweet Home Huskies in the Sky-Em league opener at home in Sisters on Friday, January 13.

Sweet Home has a very similar program as Sisters, and both programs are in the developmental stage. It was a very low-scoring contest, and both teams had a hard time getting their shots to fall.

Sisters only shot 18 percent from the field as a team, and were zero percent from behind the arc.

Rylee Weber and Alexa

Stewart each scored six points, and Sydney Head added four. Amanda Smith had six blocks in the game.

“We had plenty of opportunities, but if we can’t get the ball to go in, it’s going to be difficult for us to be successful,” said Coach Alan Von Stein. “The girls are working hard, and are coming together nicely as a team, but we have plenty of work to do.”

The Outlaws walked away with their first conference win of the season and are currently 5-6 overall. Sisters was to play at Cottage Grove on Tuesday, January 17. The Lady Outlaws will play at home against Sutherlin on Friday, January 20.



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Hogan Hernandez shoots versus Sweet Home.

Outlaws put the bite on Huskies in league opener

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The Outlaws had to battle weather as much as any opponent last week. Tuesday’s game against Madras on January 10 was canceled because of school closures. There was no school on Friday because of school closures due to building inspections of snow loads. Inspections passed, roofs were cleared of snow, and Sweet Home traveled over the pass for the Sky-Em league opener.

The Outlaws played well on both the offensive and defensive ends of the court, and defeated the Sweet Home Huskies 50-25. Sisters’ defense was on-point, and the Outlaws made it difficult for the Huskies to score.

Sisters’ offense put up 16 points in the first quarter and 12 in the second to hold a 28-11 lead over the Huskies at the half. In the third, the Outlaws’ offense had a bit of a lull and only scored eight points.

“We were trying too hard to make big plays, rather than

make the extra pass,” said Coach Rand Runco. “Once we corrected that, we were back on track.”

Sisters held onto the lead and a lot of players got to see time on the hardwood.

Ty Horner led the Outlaws with 12 points, Noah Richards scored 10, Jack Berg recorded eight points, and Tyler Head added six.

The Outlaws shot well from behind the arc. Richards and Berg both hit two threes in the game and Horner recorded one.

Horner, the Head brothers, JW Bertagna, and Keegan Greaney all rebounded well. As a team, the Outlaws were 11/12 from the stripe.

Runco said, “We defended the drive well, and our defensive rebounding was excellent. It was a good game with well-balanced scoring in and out of the paint. It was a good team win.”

Sisters was to play Cottage Grove on Tuesday, January 17. The Lions are last year’s defending league champs and return four of their five starters. On Friday, January 20, the



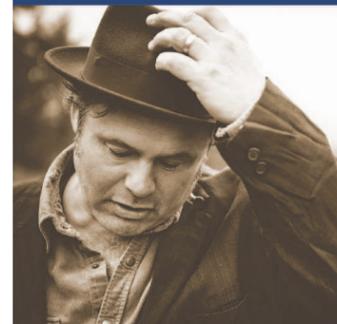
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Jake Berg hits the first of two three-pointers against Sweet Home.

Outlaws are scheduled to play at home against Sutherlin. Tip-off is set for 5:45 p.m. All

three teams, Sisters, Cottage Grove, and Sutherlin hold a 9-4 pre-season record.

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