

Mixed week on hardwood for Outlaws

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The Outlaws have been hammering their opponents on the hardwood, and this past week started out no different. Sisters defeated the Falcons 60-41 at Elmira on Tuesday, January 23. Three days later, though, the Outlaws fell hard in a 51-25 loss to the Bulldogs at Sutherlin.

In Tuesday's action, the Outlaws started a bit slow, and the Falcons came out strong and took a 2-8 lead early in the first quarter. After a quick timeout, Sisters regrouped, picked up the pace, and closed out the period on top 12-8.

The Outlaws continued to maintain control of the game, outscored the Falcons 22-12 in the second period, and at the break held a 34-20 advantage.

Sisters shared the ball, worked together on defense, kept the momentum, and beat the Falcons by 19.

"It was a good team effort," said Coach David Godfrey. "It was a good win on the road, and a tough thing to do in our league."

Jack Berg led all scorers with 19 points. Berg shot the ball well and was big on the boards for the Outlaws. Zach Anderson finished well around the basket, and recorded 13 points. Noah Richards contributed nine points, had some good assists, and drove well to the hoop.

Austin Lake put nine points up on the scoreboard, and James Ceciliani and Ryan Waddell added four points each. Brad Eagan played a solid floor game, and had two points in the game.

Godfrey noted that both Waddell and Ceciliani came off the bench and gave the Outlaws a spark, played hard, and scored in the paint.

On Friday, Sisters shot poorly and committed numerous turnovers. Early in the contest, they missed some shots that they normally make, and fell behind. At the end of the first period Sisters trailed the Bulldogs 11-6.

Sutherlin doubled up on the Outlaws in the second quarter, 15-7, and at the half the Outlaws trailed 26-13. The second half was just as tough, and Sutherlin posted the win.

"Sutherlin's a good team, and they hit their shots," said Godfrey. "We didn't shoot well, and it was hard to catch up. We got good shots for the most part, but they just didn't fall."

Sisters committed 18 turnovers, which caused them to miss several scoring



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Noah Richards scores for the Outlaws in big a win over Elmira.

opportunities. On the positive side, the Outlaws did play solid defense.

Berg led the squad with nine points, and Richards followed with six. Anderson contributed five, and Eagan added three.

Sisters will head into the second half of league play with a home contest against Cottage Grove on Friday,

February 2. The Outlaws wrapped up the first half of league play with a 4-1 record.

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Sisters Country birds

By Douglas Beall
Correspondent

The nasal call coming from high in the pines as the flock moves though the forest are pinyon jays (*Gymnorhinus cyanocephalus*).

The pinyon jay is a permanent resident of the pinyon-juniper woodlands and ponderosa pines forest. With bills adapted to extract seeds from cones, they will cache thousands of seeds which will be used in the winter months. Their hairless nostrils allow them to grab the seeds without getting sticky sap on themselves. They also consume many insects, berries, acorns and small

mammals.

These jays live in large flocks up to 500 and build bulky nests made of sticks, shredded bark, grass and animal hair 3-20 feet above ground where 4-5 pale blue with brown speckled eggs are laid. The female sustains incubation with the male feeding her for 15-17 days and the chicks leave the nest in 19-21 after hatching. Fourteen years and 7 months is the oldest recorded age of a pinyon jay.

A group of pinyon jays is known as a "cast," "party," "band," or a "scold."

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