

Basketball teams fall to league foes

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The boys and girls basketball squads have struggled on the hardwood all season against their league foes, and both squads have yet to post a conference win.

The varsity boys squad dropped their road game at Woodburn on Tuesday, February 11, in a final score of 26-55, and at home on Friday they fell 18-40 to top-ranked Philomath.

In Tuesday's contest, Woodburn shot the ball well and pressured the Outlaws hard to go up 21-8 at the close of the first period. Sisters played fairly even with the Bulldogs the remainder of the game, but the first quarter deficit was too big to overcome.

"Turnovers cost us, and we had a hard time scoring against the intense pressure that Woodburn created," said Coach Rob Jensen.

Nate Weber finished with a team-high nine points, Sam Nicklous scored six, Brogan Petterson contributed five, and Max Palanuk added four.

Three days later the Outlaws celebrated their three seniors, Sam Nicklous, Brogan Petterson, Joe Scholl, and Garrett Kersavage.

"These boys have played with heart and grit all season, and continued to improve throughout," said Jensen. "They are committed and show up every day ready to get better. They are such a good group to stick with it and keep their heads high even when things are tough."

Sisters played a good first half against the top-ranked Warriors. Nicklous



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Garrett Kersavage powers to basket for the Outlaws.

and Weber both played very well in the second quarter, and Sam had an impressive four-point play that sent the Outlaws into the half with some momentum. The Outlaws outscored the Warriors 11-9 in the second period, and at the half trailed by just four points, 15-19.

Philomath upped their defensive pressure in the second half and the Outlaws had a hard time breaking their trapping defense. Sisters was outscored 1-16 in the third and 2-8 in the fourth.

Nicklous and Weber both finished the game with seven points each, and Scholl added four.

"Our defense did a really good job holding them to 40 points, but we just couldn't buy a bucket in the second half," said Jensen.

Sisters was to play at Stayton on Tuesday, February

18. They will wrap up league play at Sweet Home on Friday.



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Girls ski team places fourth in giant slalom

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The Lady Outlaws ski team raced a girls-only giant slalom (GS) at Willamette Pass Ski Resort on Saturday, February 15. Surface conditions on the course were frozen, but visibility was good and the winds were calm.

Sisters' girls pushed themselves hard in the final GS before league finals and the Outlaws secured a fourth-place finish.

Hollie Lewis skied the fastest combined time for the Outlaws with a time of 2:19.96 for 24 points and an 18th-place finish. Skylar Wilkins was 35th with a combined time of 2:32.98, and Sydney Wilkins was close behind with a combined time of 2:33.61 for 36th place.

Piper Adelt finished 44th (2:39.90), and Annie Cohen was 54th (2:52.85). Tatum Cramer crashed out on her first run, but had a big breakthrough on her second run with the fourth-fastest time on the Sisters team.

Coach Gabe Chladek said, "It often takes new racers a full season of racing to find their groove on the course. It's exciting to see Annie and Tatum reaching that point in their first season."

Of his top racers, Chladek said, "Hollie was aggressive and maintained a cleaner line than many of the racers through the entire run, and Skylar improved her time by skiing a clean direct line in the upper half of the course."

The Outlaws' next race is a boys giant slalom at Hoodoo on Saturday, February 22.

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