

Girls basketball wins last league game

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The young Lady Outlaws squad battled hard throughout league, and in their final contest at home against Sweet Home, their hard work, grit, and determination paid off. Sisters snapped their losing streak with a 45-39 win over the Huskies.

In the first quarter, Sophomore Payden Petterson scored seven points, and Josie Patton added four to give the Outlaws an 11-6 advantage. The Huskies tied it up 17-17 in the second to close out the first half.

Sisters had a slow third quarter and only put two points up on the scoreboard, and at the end of the third trailed 19-24.

“We told the girls to just keep believing in themselves and keep attacking on the offensive and defensive end,” said Coach Brittney Brown.

The girls did exactly that, and scored 26 points in the final period. With the Outlaws down by two, Petterson hit a three-ball and was fouled. She made the shot at the stripe, and the four-point play was the start of a great run by the Outlaws. Hallie Schwartz and Emma Lutz followed with triples of their own, and the Outlaws held on for the win. In the final quarter Sisters was solid from the free-throw line and made 14 of their 17 attempts. Petterson led the scoring

effort with 24 points, 11 coming in the fourth quarter.

Petterson commented on the win.

“This was a well-deserved win for us,” said Petterson. “Everyone worked so hard and played to the best of their ability. The seniors showed their leadership on the court, and they will be greatly missed. This was a game where we really connected as a team.”

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— Payden Petterson

“At the beginning of the game we said we were going to play for each other, and that’s what we did. I’m so grateful to Brittney (Coach Brown) and Tom (Neibergall) who kept encouraging and pushing us from the sidelines. This was a great way to end the season, and it felt like a turning point for us. I can’t wait for the next couple of years with this team and coaches.”

Josie Patton scored 10 points, Schwartz scored all seven of her points in

the fourth, and Emma Lutz pitched in with four points. Patton, Rylie Reese Morgan, and Josie Aylor controlled the boards and gave an all-out effort to secure the ball.

Patton and Schwartz also shared their thoughts on the Outlaws victory.

“Going into the game there was already a lot of energy, and we brought that into our game,” said Patton. “On the court we worked for each other and we knew we had to play hard because it was the last game of the season. We didn’t give up on any play and we made it happen because we played as a team.”

Senior Schwartz stated, “Our win against Sweet Home was huge because it ended the season on the highest note. We played our hearts out and really worked for each other out there. I think knowing that this was our last chance to play with this same group of girls is what resulted in our victory.”

“It was truly a terrific effort by our girls,” said Coach Brown. “We defended, and we used our physicality. The proudest moment of all is how our girls stuck together with confidence and positivity throughout the entirety of the season. It was a very special moment for our program to get that win after coming back in the fourth quarter. We are all so happy that the girls got the win; they truly deserved it.”

Bend officer announces bid for county sheriff

Scott Schaier of the Bend Police Department has announced his candidacy for the position of Deschutes County Sheriff. He will run against incumbent Sheriff Shane Nelson in the May 19 primary election.

Schaier brings over a decade of public law enforcement experience to the race, serving the last six years with the Bend Police Department as a patrol officer, training officer, member of the Central Oregon Emergency Response Team and currently as a school resource officer.

Schaier was involved in the fatal shooting of Michael T. Jacques, a 31-year-old Bend resident, on December 23, 2016. An Oregon Department of Justice investigation concluded there wasn’t sufficient evidence to find Schaier criminally liable.

In announcing his candidacy, Schaier cited a recent inmate death at Deschutes County Jail, stating, “News of the recent tragic death at the Deschutes County Jail reminds us we need leadership that will provide adequate staffing and resources to ensure the community is safe. Deschutes County residents

deserve better.”

Schaier’s announcement stated, “Law enforcement has become more complicated in the face of unprecedented problems like the opioid crisis, high levels of homelessness and a broken mental-health system. This requires innovative and collaborative responses. Deschutes County needs a sheriff’s office that works effectively to keep our communities safe and works hand in hand with community partners.”

Schaier stated that his three main goals as sheriff would be to rebuild the public trust, focus on school safety, and build collaborative and innovative responses to deal with current opioid, homelessness, and mental-health crises.

If Nelson and Schaier are the only two candidates who file, they will face off in the November 2020 general election. If additional candidates file, the race will take place in the May primary election; if one candidate earns at least 50 of the vote, that candidate will go on to the November election alone. If no one earns 50 percent of the vote, the top two candidates will engage in a run-off in November.

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