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is our defense. The guys really get after it on that end of the floor. Thursday should be a fun one.”

The Loggers shocked 4A Seaside in January, which was ranked No. 4 at the time, and the Loggers’ average margin of victory in league play was 33 points. But they really haven’t been challenged since they played Seaside.

“If you watch them, they are a good basketball team,” Rosenbalm said. “They have a little bit of everything. They have size down low, guards that can shoot it, they attack the basket and play good defense. Anything can happen on any given night, that’s why we play the game.”

2A girls

STANFIELD VS. SALEM ACADEMY: Stanfield posted a big road win over Vernonia in the first round, and the Tigers’ reward is a date with top-ranked Salem Academy on March 3 in the quarterfinals at the Pendleton Convention Center.

“When you get to this point, everyone is good,” Stanfield coach Daniel Sharp said. “You go compete, throw all the house money in and hopefully get a couple of wins out of it. Part of it is getting experience from it and building the program. Everybody is good, whether you are playing No. 1 or No. 4. You hope to make some shots.”

In the other quarterfinals games, Gervais plays Bandon, Faith Bible takes on Union, and Lakeview will play Central Linn.

The Tigers’ leading scorer, Maggie Sharp (11 points, 5 assists, 5 rebounds a game) suffered a high ankle sprain in the Blue Mountain Conference district tournament. She played a few key minutes against Vernonia, finishing with five points.

“She wasn’t 100 percent, but she did what she could,”



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Stanfield’s Destiny O’Neill (33) attempts a shot Feb. 1, 2022, against the Enterprise Outlaws. The Tigers on Thursday, March 3, face top-ranked Salem Academy in the 2A state basketball tournament in Pendleton.

Sharp said. “There’s still a lot of bruising.”

The Tigers (22-5) have a solid core of players who step up when the need arises.

“Sometimes we have struggles when Zuri (Reeser) or Maggie aren’t going,” Sharp said of the

Vernonia game. “Mazie (Reeser) stepped up and Alexis (Shelby) got a ton of rebounds. Everybody is playing their role.”

When the Tigers find themselves struggling to score, they turn to their defense. They only allowed

710 points during the season (26 per game).

“They put together a pretty good season,” Sharp said. “They haven’t been spectacular all the time, but they have played well defensively. Now, this is it. You have to put your best



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The Hermiston bench cheers late in the fourth quarter Feb. 22, 2022, at Hermiston High School as the Bulldogs defeat the Peninsula Seahawks 74-61. Hermiston then on Saturday, Feb. 26, scored at the buzzer to beat Everett 53-51 in a 3A regional basketball game at Everett Community College.

Bulldogs:

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“We just ripped another team’s heart out. At the end of the third, I told them we had to execute. They settled down a bit. I’m really proud of them. It’s a long season

and I appreciate how they have accepted the change.”

Senior Katelyn Heide-man scored eight of her 13 points in the second half, while Bailey Young spread her 10 points throughout the game.

Alana Washington led Everett with 16 points, while Ella Sylvester added 13.

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