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Siuslaw junior post Mikaela Siegel and sophomore guard Destinie Tatum battle for possession against Douglas Tuesday night.

Viks' defense close, but not enough

Three players score in double-digits to dominate Trojans

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DOUGLAS: 58 SIUSLAW: 42

In the end, it was the Trojans' perimeter shooting that made the difference in a game that was arguably one of the Lady Viks' best defensive efforts of the season.

Led by senior guard Andi Ruede, the Vikings had a near-impenetrable defense inside the arc, with Ruede scooping up three steals and swatting down a blocked shot.

If not for Douglas's ability to sink shots from outside the arc and beyond the Viks' zone defense, including seven 3-point baskets, Siuslaw would've been close to picking up its second-straight league win Tuesday night.

Down by 13 to start the second half, the Vikings quickly

found themselves trailing by 20 by the end of the third quarter as the Trojans went on a 10-4 run, with sophomore forward Claire Waggoner and senior post Taylor Dotson providing the Viks only buckets of the period.

In the fourth quarter, sophomore guard Destinie Tatum sank a pair of free throws to open the period, followed by a three-pointer from junior guard Sierra Potter — her second of the game, including a near half-court shot to end the first half.

Scoring from sophomore guard Abby Watkins and junior forward Mikaela Siegel put the Viks back within 13 points, but it was as close as Siuslaw would get as the Trojans continued strong perimeter shooting to finish ahead, 58-42.

Tatum led scoring with nine points, Potter had eight and Ruede had two points.

Brookings-Harbor and Douglas lead the league at 4-0, with the Viks in fifth at 1-3.

Friday, Feb. 6, Siuslaw hosts Marshfield (2-2) at 6 p.m.

Coastal Gem Walkers announce next jaunt

The Coastal Gems invite everyone to come walking for the Depoe Bay YRE on Tuesday, Feb. 3.

This 10K walk is rated 2b for some hills and non-paved surfaces. This walk is difficult for wheel chairs and strollers. Walking sticks are suggested for the new, forested part of the trail.

Three separate loops allow for walkers to adjust the course to meet their needs. The group will meet at 8:55 a.m. at the Commons in Yachats to carpool to Depoe Bay. Walkers can also meet at the Sea Hag restaurant in Depoe Bay at 10:15 a.m.

The group walks in any

weather, so come prepared.

As always, leashed pets are welcome on walks. Be sure to carry water and cleanup materials for pets. Walks often pass through areas that require a 6-foot leash; do not use a longer retractable leash.

On Wednesday, Feb. 4, the monthly club meeting will be the annual chocolate sharing at the home of Coastl Gems president in Yachats. Bring a favorite chocolate treat to share at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting following at 6 p.m.

For more information or directions, Jean White in Florence at 541-997-8577, or visit the club website at www.yachatscoastalgems.org.

ODFW seeks Pacific Fisheries Council nominees

NEWPORT — The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is accepting nominations for a seat on the Pacific Fishery Management Council.

The deadline to request nomination materials is Feb. 13, and the three-year term begins August 2015.

The Council manages about 119 species of groundfish, pelagic species (sardines, anchovies and mackerel) and highly migratory species (tunas, sharks and swordfish) off the coasts for Oregon, Washington and California.

It includes 14 voting members representing tribal and state fish and wildlife agencies, and private citizens knowledgeable about sport fishing, commercial fishing and/or marine conservation.

Several advisory councils and PFMC staff members also participate in Council meetings.

The ideal candidate would be knowledgeable of fishery resource conservation and management in marine waters off the West Coast. Specific knowledge of and experience in management issues and fisheries is important, as is a strong conservation ethic.

The successful candidate also must work collectively with other council members, often making difficult decisions and fulfilling the stan-

dards set forth by the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

Council members make a substantial time commitment to fully participate in council business and related activities.

The Oregon seat is currently held by Dorothy Lowman of Portland, who is eligible for re-appointment to a third term. ODFW will send all nominations to the Governor's office, which will then forward the names of at least three candidates to the National Marine Fisheries Service and U.S. Department of Commerce for consideration.

Successful appointees must pass an extensive FBI background check.

Anyone interested in being considered, or wishing to nominate someone, must contact Cyreis Schmitt at 541-867-4741 or cyreis.c.schmitt@state.or.us no later than Feb. 13.

The Pacific Fishery Management Council is one of eight regional fishery management councils established by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to manage fisheries from three to 200 miles offshore of the United States coastline.

The Pacific Council is responsible for fisheries off the coasts of California, Oregon and Washington.

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