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Vikings end season at home

Both Siuslaw teams finish fifth in Far West

BY NED HICKSON
Siuslaw News

NBHS GIRLS: 52 SHS: 25
NBHS BOYS: 56 SHS: 31

The Viking girls opened Friday's final home stand of the season as Siuslaw hosted North Bend. Though in both match-ups the Vikings had no chance of making a post-season appearance, spectators were hard pressed to tell the difference as players from both Siuslaw teams battled for an upset — and the chance to play spoiler.

In the girls' game, after entering halftime trailing 25-10, Siuslaw rallied to within nine after scoring the first seven points of the third quarter with shooting from senior Halee Richards and sophomores Destinie Tatum and Elyssa Rose. The Vikings went 9-for-11 from the charity line in the period before the Bulldogs were able to pull away into a 12-point lead to start the fourth period.

Viking junior guard Mikaela Siegel scored the first basket of the quarter, followed by a no-look pass from junior guard Sierra Potter to Tatum to put Siuslaw back within nine points.

But North Bend got hot from beyond the arc, draining

See **VIKS 3B**



Mindy Mendenhall for Siuslaw News

Senior forward Chris Free penetrates the key for a jumper against Lowell during Saturday's play-off game.

Sailors' state journey ends

Despite loss, Sailor seniors end season on high note

BY NED HICKSON
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LHS: 77 MHS: 46

For members of this season's Mapleton basketball team, including its three seniors — Chris Free, Tucker Ford and Jack Hardisty — it was the first time any of them had been this far into the play-offs.

For that reason alone, the Sailors

stepped onto the court at Northwest Christian College against Lowell as winners.

Taking on the Devils for a chance to advance into the state playoffs was icing on the cake.

"It has been an amazing first season as head coach," said Mapleton coach Will Crook. "These guys battled every game, all season."

Coming into Saturday's game, Crook said the team knew that Lowell lived and died by its 3-point shooting.

"We were prepared but couldn't execute as well as we had hoped," said Crook. "I have never seen a team shoot 3-pointers that well in a game."

Senior forward Chris Free scored

the first six points of the game as the Sailors fought for the advantage. As expected, Lowell's ability to score from outside kept the Sailors in a come-from-behind position as senior Tucker Ford spent the first half distributing the ball from the point position, scoring just two points but contributing through assists.

As a result, seniors Jack Hardisty and Free were able to penetrate and keep things close as the game entered the half with Mapleton trailing by a single basket, 16-14.

"Tucker's performance in the first half was as good as it gets,"

See **SAILORS 3B**

On the Bite

A weekly fishing report for the local region

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MID COAST LAKES:

The rainbow trout stocking program began in many mid coast lakes in early February. Be sure to check out the 2015 stocking schedule for the most up to date information. Fishing for the various warm water fish species can still be productive during the winter months but anglers may need to target different areas of a lake (typically deeper) versus when fishing in the spring or summer.

ALSEA RIVER:

Steelhead

The winter steelhead fishery has produced fair to good results recently.

This week should be productive in the mid to lower reaches of the river while flows are low and river temperatures are warming.

See **FISHING 5B**

TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

Feb. 25
4:41am / 7.6 11:39am / 0.9
5:57pm / 5.6 11:25pm / 2.9

Feb. 26
5:42am / 7.3 12:52am / 1.0
7:20pm / 5.5

Feb. 27
6:48am / 7.0 12:40am / 3.2
8:37pm / 5.6 2:02pm / 0.9

Feb. 28
7:55am / 7.0 1:56am / 3.3
9:36pm / 5.9 3:02pm / 0.7

March 1
8:54am / 7.0 3:01am / 3.1
10:20pm / 6.1 3:52pm / 0.5

March 2
9:45am / 7.1 3:54am / 2.7
10:57pm / 6.4 4:34pm / 0.4

March 3
10:29am / 7.2 4:38am / 2.4
11:28pm / 6.6 5:10pm / 0.4

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Sports Calendar

Feb. 27-28

- SHS wrestling 4A state meet at Memorial Coliseum TBA

Spring sports

- March 17 SHS baseball at Taft HS 3 p.m.
- March 19 SHS track SHS Icebreaker 4 p.m.
- March 20 SHS softball hosts Bandon 5 p.m.



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