

Vik girls 1-1, boys 0-2 at Sky-West basketball tourney

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Both Viking basketball teams were on the road for the Sky-West Crossover Invitational last weekend for some final tuning up before the start of league season this Friday.

Girls:
After defeating Phoenix early last month by 14 points, the Viking girls had a reversal of fortune at Douglas High School in last Friday's opening round of the tournament, with the Pirates pulling out a narrow 51-47 loss from the free throw line.

Viking junior guard Destinie Tatum had a team-high 16 points, with senior Sierra Potter and junior Abby Watkins post-

ing had 10 points each.

While the Vikings did well generating across-the-board scoring, a combined 26 Siuslaw turnovers helped keep the Pirates afloat.

Off the glass, Tatum and freshman Annabel Tupua led Siuslaw with nine rebounds apiece.

The next night, the Vikings faced Klamath Union, a team that had beaten the Far West League's South Umpqua 44-18 the previous day.

However, led by senior point guard Sierra Potter, who



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Siuslaw's Annabel Tupua gets a fastbreak opportunity against Klamath Union.

went 4-of-5 from beyond the arc with 14 points, Siuslaw was able to defeat the Pelicans, 48-44 and pick up their third win of the season (3-8).

Tupua scored nine points and sophomore Marika White had eight points for the Vikings.

Off the boards, freshman Madison Reynolds led the team in rebounding with 12.

Tatum had seven points and seven rebounds before fouling out in the game, along with Watkins

and senior post Taylor Dotson.

Siuslaw opens Far West League play Friday, Jan. 15, at South Umpqua.

Tipoff is 6 p.m.

Boys:
Still in search of a win in the preseason, the Vikings boys fell to Klamath Union last Friday night, in the opener of the Sky-West Crossover Tournament at Phoenix High School, 38-28.

The tournament matched up six teams each from the Far West and Sky-Em leagues.

The next day, the Vikings took on host Phoenix and lost 48-25 to go 0-11 heading into the start of league play this Friday night at South Umpqua. Tipoff is 7:30 p.m.

Tupua brings home tourney title from Bend

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After a long day on the mats at the Bend Invitational, it only took senior Talamoa Tupua 1 minute and 41 seconds to pin Mountain View's Izaak Moffit to claim the tournament's 160-pound division title last

Saturday.

Meanwhile, Viking sophomore Ricky Huff suffered his first loss of the season in the title round at 113 pounds, 9-5.

Senior heavyweight Dylan Jennings also lost in the championship round, by pin in 5:59 to Jakob Larsen of Bend.

The Vikings' next scheduled

match is their signature event, the Nick Lutz Invitational, Saturday at Siuslaw High School.

Earlier in the week during Thursday's Far West League Crab Pools meet, Huff pinned all five of his opponents on the way to the 113-pound division title at Siuslaw High School.

Freshman Matthew Morales went 5-0 at 106 pounds, with Jennings going 3-0 at 285 pounds to win titles for the Vikings in those brackets.

Tupua won three of four matches and placed second at 160 pounds.

Marshfield, ranked No. 1 in the state in the 4A division, eas-

ily won the team title with 51 points, taking seven individual titles in the 14 weight classes.

Siuslaw was fourth with 24 points.

The Viks will return to the mats this Saturday, Jan. 16, to host the annual Nick Lutz Memorial Tournament.

Matches begin at 9 a.m.

Yachats set to host fifth annual Agate Festival this weekend

YACHATS — Yachats is gearing up for its annual Agate Festival, to be held Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 16 and 17, the weekend of the Martin Luther King three-day holiday.

Dubbed the "Gem of the Oregon Coast," Yachats is internationally known for its natural beauty, including the treasures uncovered by winter storms and winds, making January a prime time for agate hunting.

Vendors from throughout the

state, as well as from Washington and Northern California, will be on hand to display and sell rough specimens and finished artistic creations of minerals, gems, crystals and fossils.

The show will take place at the Yachats Commons, at Highway 101 and West Fourth St., in the heart of town. In addition, there will be speakers, demonstrations and fun things to do for all ages.

Noted geologist William Orr

will speak Saturday at 11 a.m., and his topic will be "Lagerstätten: Spectacular Fossil Locations."

On Sunday, at 1 p.m., Guy DiTorriss, also known as "The Fossil Guy," will share his knowledge of local fossils found on the central Oregon coast beaches. There will also be a representative from the Cape Perpetua Visitor Center speaking about local treasures that can be found on central coast beaches.

This year, the festival will offer a raffle for a valuable basket of fine prizes from many local merchants. The basket will include a gift certificate for a two-night stay at the newly refurbished Ocean Creek Bed and Breakfast in Yachats.

In keeping with the festival's commitment to preserving and enjoying the beautiful natural environment that surrounds the Yachats area, proceeds from the raffle will be contributed to the historic Little Log Church

Museum's garden enhancement projects.

The event draws visitors from throughout the northwest and beyond. Merchants, restaurants and lodging providers enjoy participating in the week-end activities.

For more information, visit www.yachatsagatefestival.com or the Yachats Area Chamber of Commerce website at www.yachats.org.

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Eagles to just seven points for the remainder of the game.

"It felt good to finally get a win," said Mapleton girls coach Jesika Crook. "It wasn't pretty, but a win nonetheless. Though we didn't play to our full offensive potential, our defense held Eddyville to just seven point — which was great."

The Sailors aggressiveness off the glass was a huge part of their defensive effort, limiting

Eddyville's possessions and holding them to single shot attempts on those possessions.

Josi Hays had 10 rebounds in the first period alone, along with a steal, block and three points by the end of the game.

"Josi got into foul trouble early," said Crook. "So she wasn't able to play a complete game. But she obviously made her presence known when she was in."

Mapleton held Eddyville to a free throw in the second period, then just three points in the third quarter en route to the 13-7 win.

Rodet led scoring with four points, three rebounds and five steals. Gibney had two points, seven rebounds and eight steals. Alyssa West had four rebounds, one steal and a blocked shot.

Weber had two points and three steals.

Alexis Gierke had three steals, with Clarissa Triebkorn nabbing four rebounds and a steal.

Last night, Mapleton was on the road at Mohawk (after press deadlines) and will be at Lowell Friday, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Sailors from 1C

line with 15 seconds left, where he gave the Sailors 1 36-35 lead.

"That freethrow was huge for us in the last seconds," said Crook.

After a defensive stop with 10 seconds on the clock, Gabe Simington inbound the ball to his cousin, Hunter, who read the defense and darted down the court as Gabe lobbed him the ball. Making the catch in full stride, Hunter took it in for a layup and a 38-35 lead with five seconds on the clock.

The Eagles got the final possession and attacked the basket, hoping for a foul but didn't get one. Though Eddyville was able to score on the drive, Wells' earlier freethrow gave Mapleton a one-point as the clock ran out, 38-37.

"It was great to get a win for the guys who have worked so hard but haven't had it pay off in the final score," said Crook.

Wells, Smith and Hunter Simington combined for 47 offensive rebounds in the game, with Simington making

14 of them to go with 12 points, three steals and one blocked shot.

Smith had nine points, 18 rebounds, one steal and two blocked shots. Wells had seven points, 15 rebounds and six blocked shots.

Gabe Simington had six points, nine rebounds and one blocked shot.

Tyler Packebush had two points, four rebounds and two steals. Evan Moso had two

points, seven rebounds and five steals against Eddyville.

"It was a complete effort by the team," said Crook.

"Everybody played an important role. Hopefully, we can take that momentum and build off of it this week."

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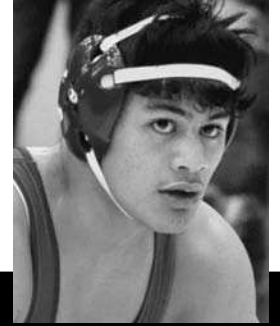
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OF THE WEEK



Andrew Tupua



Wrestling at 160 pounds, the Viking senior claimed the individual weight class championship at the 10-team Bend Invitational. Tupua began by pinning his first opponent in 38-seconds, then won in the semi-final with an 8-7 decision. His final win of the day came over Mountain View's Izaak Moffit, a pin in 1:41.

Honorable Mention Hunter Simington

Honorable mention is given to Mapleton basketball standout Hunter Simington who scored 12 points, including the final basket for the winning margin in a victory over Eddyville.

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