

Lady Sailors unable to clip high-scoring Eagles

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Mapleton: 16 McKenzie: 47

While the Lady Sailors played a relatively strong defensive game against visiting McKenzie on Tuesday, the lack of offensive momentum enabled the Eagles to secure an easy win.

"We're still going through a lot of growing pains that only time and experience will correct," said Mapleton coach Jesika Crook. "We're very young, but the effort and desire is there. We just need the time to put it all together through



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Freshman guard Gabrielle Gibney takes the point position for Mapleton.

experience."

Freshman guard Alyssa Richards led scoring with four points, but her best work was inside the paint, where she claimed 13 rebounds and six blocked shots.

"She got a lot of good looks at the basket offensively, but they just didn't fall," said Crook.

The Sailors also got scoring from senior wing Destiny Weber, who had six points, two rebounds and two steals. Junior post Josi Hays had two points,

eight rebounds and one blocked shot. Sophomore wing Alexis Gierke had two points and one steal.

Senior wing Hannah Rodet had four rebounds, and freshman wing Alyssa West had

three rebounds.

Last night, the Sailors hosted Triangle Lake (5-2) after press deadlines.

Tuesday, Mapleton will host Siletz (6-1), beginning at 5:30 p.m.

ODFW asks halibut anglers to help set season

SALEM — The ODFW wants halibut anglers to weigh in on open dates for the 2016 spring all-depth sport halibut fishery in the Central Coast subarea.

And like last year, there are three ways to give feedback — attend a public meeting, participate via webinar or take an online survey.

The Central Oregon Coast Subarea extends from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt., and includes most Oregon ports

except those in the Astoria area, Gold Beach, and Brookings.

The seasons for the Columbia River and Southern Oregon Subareas have already been established for this year.

"The sport halibut fishery is popular, so we want to ensure we hear from as many anglers as possible," said Lynn Mattes, halibut project leader for ODFW.

Participants in the process will help choose the number of

spring all-depth "fixed" and "back-up" dates, and the weeks in which those open dates occur.

The public meeting will begin at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 2, at the ODFW Newport office, 2040 SE Marine Science Drive.

Participants can join the meeting online at www.global.gotomeeting.com/join/620143213, or dial in at 1-408-650-3123. Access code: 620-143-213.

Anglers can offer input through an online survey, which will be available on the ODFW halibut webpage, www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/finfish/halibut/index.asp, from Feb. 2-7.

For more information, or to provide additional comments without attending the meeting, anglers should contact Lynn Mattes at 541-867-0300 ext. 237, or email him at lynn.mattes@state.or.us.

OSAA establishes events for athletes with disabilities

High school swimmers and track and field athletes with disabilities soon will have more opportunity to compete at the Oregon School Activities Association state championships.

The OSAA Inclusion Committee, formed with administrators of member schools and disability and special education consultants, concluded that exhibition events officially should be offered for para-ambulatory and wheelchair athletes in swimming and track and field.

Beginning with next month's OSAA swimming state championships and OSAA track and field championships in May, there will be two predetermined events. The 50- and 100-meter freestyle events are scheduled for swimming and 100- and 400-meter dashes at track and field.

"The OSAA strongly believes that some of the best life-long lessons we can teach our kids are learned outside the classroom and through participation in high school activities," said Tom Welter, OSAA executive director. "All students should have the opportunity to participate in education-based programs offered by our

member schools.

"We are extremely pleased that para-athletes will now have the opportunity to be included in their high school programs and in our state championships in swimming and track."

In both sports, competitors will advance to state by meeting qualifying standards. Male and female athletes will compete in separate flights and one heat will be offered per event.

If more athletes apply than lanes available in a single heat, Adaptive Sports USA standards will be applied to the fields.

The Inclusion Committee was formed by direction of the OSAA Executive Board. It was chaired by Ian Jaquiss, disability trainer and community outreach specialist at Oregon Health and Science University.

"From a policy standpoint, the OSAA's decision is historic, but for the schools, the teams and the athletes this is bigger and more important: recognition, inclusion, participation, involvement," Jaquiss said. "It hits on all levels. I am happy for the OSAA and thrilled for the athletes."

Sherwood High School principal Ken Bell also served on

the committee.

"It is our hope that highlighting these opportunities at our state championships will increase awareness with our member schools and the public," Bell said.

The OSAA, in conjunction with World Wheelchair Sports and Adaptive Sports Northwest, will distribute information to member schools in an effort to educate coaches and athletes about inclusion and their programs.

"We can't be more pleased that OSAA has taken this step and that Oregon's para-athletes are going to get the opportunity to represent their school at the highest level of competitions in the same manner as their classmates and peers," said Trisha Suhr, executive director of Adaptive Sports Northwest. "We look forward to working with OSAA in helping to make this the most positive experience for all student athletes."

The 2016 state swimming championships are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Feb. 19 and 20, at Mt. Hood Aquatic Center in Gresham.

State track and field championships are Thursday through Saturday, May 19-21, at

University of Oregon's Hayward Field in Eugene.

For the 2016-17 school year and beyond, the committee recommends exploring adding swimming and track and field events and district and state championship opportunities in other OSAA sports.

Sailors from 1B

Junior post Nick Smith kept the Sailors' offensive momentum rolling with nine points, eight rebounds, four steals and

one blocked shot.

The win was the Sailors' second in Mountain West League play, with Mapleton hosting Triangle Lake (4-2) last night (after press deadlines).

Tuesday, the Sailors will host Siletz (6-0) beginning at 7 p.m.

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