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Mapleton freshman post Alyssa Richards scored 13 points and nabbed nine rebounds to lead the Sailors against Triangle Lake in a 46-26 loss.

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quarter, trading 3-pointers and offensive rebounds. The Lakers took a brief 7-3 lead, only to have Hunter Simington and Gabe Simington score off the glass to tie the game at 7-7.

Once again, Triangle Lake edged ahead, this time on free throws and an offensive rebound, with Gene Carnes draining a long 3-pointer to put the Sailors back within a single

basket. The Lakers moved ahead 16-10 with 22 seconds remaining in the quarter, but Dominic Wells scored off the glass as time expired, cutting Triangle Lake's lead down to four points, 16-12, to start the second period.

The Lakers scored the first basket for an 18-12 lead, but Nick Smith sank a 3-pointer to pull the Sailors within three points.

Then, the tide began to

change against Mapleton as the Lakers sank a pair of 3-pointers to spark a 20-4 run in the period, leaving Mapleton down 37-19 at the half.

In the second half, Mapleton battled hard, only getting outscored by eight points in the third and four periods.

Unfortunately, it wasn't enough to overcome the game's earlier deficit as the Lakers won it, 65-37.

Simington led scoring for the Sailors with a double-dou-

ble 14 points and 10 rebounds, along with four steals.

Carnes had eight points, two rebounds and three steals. Gabe Simington had six points, one rebound and three blocked shots. Wells, who left the game early with a dislocated finger, had four points four rebounds, two steals and one blocked shot.

Smith had three points, six rebounds, one steal and two blocked shots. Tyler Packebush had three points and two

rebounds. Tanner Wilson had three rebounds, one steal and one blocked shot.

Zac Croson had three rebounds for the Sailors.

Last night, Mapleton hosted Siletz (after press deadlines) and will return to its home court again Friday to host Alsea.

Girls tip off at 5:30 p.m., followed by the boys at 7 p.m.

Siuslaw from 1B

in double digits, 17 for Worthey and 10 for Farmer.

The Bruins also dominated the glass, out-rebounding the Vikings nearly 3-to-1.

Along with scoring from Tatum, the Viks also had nine points, seven rebounds, two steals and two blocked shots from senior post Taylor Dotson.

The loss put the Vikings at 1-2 in league (4-10 overall) and in a tie for fourth with North Bend heading into last night's road game at Douglas (after press deadlines).

That same night, Marshfield defeated North Bend, 40-31, and Douglas easily beat winless South Umpqua, 59-29.

In the boys match-up, it took the Bruins a final push in the fourth quarter to out-distance the Vikings, who remained

within five or fewer points for most of the game.

Sophomore forward Jared Brandt had his best performance of the season, leading the Viks with 11 points. Senior post Reese Siegel had seven points, sophomore forward Jakob Hickson had five points, with four points each from seniors Kenneth Thrall and Preston Mitchell.

The Viks were at their closest in the second period, when a

3-pointer from Hickson off the bench brought Siuslaw within three points nearing the half.

And while the Viks kept things close throughout the third period, Brookings senior Brandon Curtin sank 13 of his game-high 24 points in that quarter to keep the game out of Siuslaw's reach.

Last night, the Vikings were at Douglas (after press deadlines) with both teams looking for their first league win.

Friday, the Vikings will host North Bend (1-2), with the girls tipping off at 6 p.m., followed by the boys at 7:30 p.m.

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Led by a total team effort, Viking boys members Patrick Hill, Aaron Fleetwood, Logan Lindner, Evan Johnson and Neil Devera had to eliminate league powerhouse teams from Cottage Grove and Marshfield — a team that had led the district all season with a perfect 300 game earlier in the season.

The finals were a stepladder format, with third-seed Siuslaw facing second-seed Cottage Grove. The winner of that match advanced to compete for the title against first-seed Marshfield.

The Vikings went on to pull off two major upsets over Cottage Grove and Marshfield to secure the district title.

In the girls division, the lady Vikings also had a great team effort from Hanna Anderson, Summer Large, Sequoya Bernard, Dixie Dyess, Maxine Jones, Taryn Larson and Abby Coday, who was also named to the All-Star team.

After reaching the final as the third-place seed, Siuslaw took on Cottage Grove, narrowly losing to the eventual district champion Lions team in a two-game match.

In the first game, the Lady Vikings spotted Cottage Grove a 26-pin lead. In the second game, Siuslaw battled back. With Coday needing three strikes in the 10th frame, the Lady Vikings came up just short of the win needed to advance to the championship round.

Coastal Walkers to jaunt on Groundhog Day

The Coastal Gems Volkswalkers invite everyone for a walk Tuesday, Feb. 2, Groundhog Day. February's walk will be the Lincoln City Town Route.

Those who want to carpool to Lincoln City can meet at the Commons in Yachats at 9 a.m., or at the Cozy Cove Resort in Lincoln City at 10:30 a.m.

The 10K walk is rated 2B for a couple of steep hills and one section without side-walks.

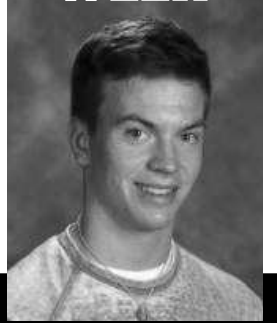
There is also a 5K route for those who want a shorter walk.

As always, leashed pets are welcome on walks, but bring water and clean up materials. Also, a sturdy 6-foot leash (not the retractable type) is required.

On Wednesday, Feb. 3, the group will hold its monthly meeting in conjunction with its annual "chocolate sharing" event. The meeting will be held at the home of the Gems' president in Yachats.

Chocolate sharing will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the club meeting at 6 p.m.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Preston Mitchell



The senior guard led scoring with a season high 18 points in a hard fought loss last week to top ranked Marshfield Pirates.

Honorable Mention Jared Brandt

Honorable mention is given to sophomore forward Jared Brandt for his aggressive and outstanding defense on the court for the Vikings.

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