

SAILORS FALL SHORT OF EAGLES, 48-45

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SAILORS: 45 EAGLES: 48

It was junior Hunter Simington's best game of the season, and the Sailors needed all of that and more in what turned out to be a nailbiter Tuesday night against Eddyville.

"Hunter's grit and leadership kept us in the game down the stretch," said Mapleton coach Will Crook, whose team came back from an 11-point deficit to keep within reach in the fourth period.

"It was a game of missed chances and some lost opportunities," Crook said of the

Sailors, who opened with a 10-2 run in the first quarter only to have Eddyville roar back and move ahead by 11 points heading into the half.

A strong third quarter put the Sailors back in the game, with Simington going 7-for-9 from the free-throw line and shooting 12 points from the field for a double-double 19 points and 12 rebounds.

The Sailors also got a double-double effort from sophomore post Dominic Wells, who had 11 points and 10 boards, along with a pair of blocked shots.

Junior post Nick Smith contributed well off the glass, bringing down 9 rebounds to go with 5 points and 6 steals.



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Mapleton's Hunter Simington nabs a fastbreak opportunity.

Freshman post Gabe Simington had 4 points and 2 rebounds. Sophomore guard Gene Carnes had 3 points, 1 rebound and 2 steals, with junior wing Tyler Packebush scoring 2 points and nabbing a pair of steals for the Sailors.

"Though it was many little mistakes that cost us down the stretch, it was still a great experience playing from behind and overcoming adversity to keep it close," said Crook, whose team hosted Mohawk last night (after press deadlines).

Tuesday, the Sailors will host their final home game of the season when they take on the Red Devils of Lowell.

"We'll just keep improving in practice and games and see how things play out," said Crook.

Tipoff for Tuesday's home game is 7 p.m.

Fishing from 1B

tends to be slower during the winter months. There are numerous lakes in the Florence area that can provide good opportunity and have both boat and bank access.

SIUSLAW RIVER: *Chinook, steelhead*

The fall Chinook fishery is very slow and basically over for the season. Any remaining fish are in spawning condition.

Look for small numbers of fish to be in the lower river above the head of tide this early in the season. Casting lures or bobber fishing can be productive during low clear flows.

ALSEA RIVER: *Chinook, steelhead*

The fall Chinook fishery is very slow. Most remaining fish are actively spawning. A small number of new fish may enter the basin over the next couple weeks.

Winter steelhead season has arrived. The best chances to hook a chrome steelhead at this time would be in the

lower section below Five Rivers. Tossing spinners, or floating bait or a jig are good options during low clear flows.

SALMON RIVER: *Chinook, steelhead*

The fall Chinook fishery is very slow. Most remaining fish are actively spawning or already spawned out.

Winter steelhead season tends to kick in this time of year. A small number of fish are likely in the system now and look for the numbers to steadily increase over the coming month. Casting lures, bouncing the bottom or drifting jigs or bait under a bobber are good techniques to consider.

SILETZ RIVER: *Chinook, steelhead*

The fall Chinook fishery is slow. A small number of new fish may be found in the lower river but most remaining fish are actively spawning or spawned out.

The wild coho fishery is now closed for the season.

Winter steelhead season is just getting underway.

This time of year typically sees the first few fish entering the river. Best chances early on during lower flows will come from below the town of Siletz. Side drifting, bouncing bottom or bobber fishing can be productive.

WILSON RIVER: *Steelhead, Chinook*

The river is still high. When the river drops, fall Chinook and winter steelhead will be available. Fishing should be fair to good. Anglers are reminded that the river above Jordan Creek is closed to all salmon fishing.

YAQUINA RIVER: *Chinook, steelhead*

Anglers are having very little success for fall Chinook in the upper section of tide water.

Most fish are now on the spawning grounds. The winter steelhead run is now underway. The Big Elk tends to start seeing fish this time of year in small numbers. Look for the next good rain event to get the fishery going.

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COOS COUNTY LAKES AND PONDS: *Trout*

Lakes in Coos County are open all year for trout fishing. Trout will not be stocked until the spring. Some trophy trout were stocked in both Bradley and Butterfield lakes in October. Anglers have been catching some of the large trophy trout on small flies or slowly trolling spinners.

COOS RIVER BASIN: *Dungeness crab, steelhead, bay clams*

Steelhead have been caught in the past few days on the West Fork and East Fork Millicoma rivers along with the South Fork Coos River. Drifting eggs or fishing a jig under a bobber are effective ways to catch steelhead.

Anglers fishing the South Fork Coos River above Dellwood will need a permit from Weyerhaeuser, which they can pick up at the Dellwood office.

Recreational harvest of crab re-opened from the Columbia River to the California border. It is still recommended you discard the crab viscera (guts/butter) before cooking. Crabbing will be slow in Coos Bay due to the amount of freshwater in the bay from the recent rain.

TENMILE BASIN: *Trout, coho, steelhead*

Streams in the Tenmile Basin are now closed for trout fishing until May 22, 2016. Tenmile Lakes is open all year for trout but trout fishing has been slow.

Wild coho season is closed. A few steelhead have been caught in Tenmile Creek near Spinreel Park from anglers plunking with bait. Steelhead fishing is open in Tenmile Creek and Eel Creek.

UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH: *Steelhead*

The South Umpqua is currently open to adipose fin-clipped steelhead harvest, and winter steelhead fishing.



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