

# LADY SAILORS FINISH SEASON STRONG

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MAPLETON: 26 MOHAWK: 33

In the final game of their Mapleton basketball careers, seniors Hannah Rodet and Destiny Weber scored all 26 of the Sailors' points in Friday's tie-breaker game against Mohawk.

"With only six players suited up, we were obviously low on numbers," said coach Jesika Crook. "But we were high on effort — from our two seniors and a supporting cast that truly excelled."

Rodet scored a team-high 15 points to go with 8 rebounds, 1 steal and 3 blocked shots. Weber chimed in with 11 points, 4 steals, 1 blocked shot and 1 rebound.

Weber's efforts on defense, along with those from freshman wing Alyssa West, led to both players fouling out in the fourth quarter. That left a four-person team made up of sophomore Clarissa Triebkorn, junior France Suvannakorn, freshman Gabrielle Gibney and Rodet, representing the Sailors in the final minutes — and a narrow 33-26 loss that ended postseason hopes for the Sailors.

"Even with just four players on the floor, we kept it a close game the entire way," said Crook. "While it was a loss, it was a great way to end a season that has had many challenges."

"And both Hannah and Destiny shined in their final game for Mapleton."

Triebkorn had 9 rebounds, 2 assists and 6 steals. Gibney had 5 rebounds, 4 assists and 3 steals. West had 6 rebounds and 1 blocked shot.

Suvannakorn had 1 rebound and 1 blocked shot for the Sailors.

Earlier this week, four members of the team were recognized by the Mountain West League for their efforts this season.

Freshman post Alyssa Richards was named third team All-League, with junior post Josi Hays, Gibney and Rodet given honorable mention by league coaches.



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Freshman guard Gabrielle Gibney (left) and senior Hannah Rodet were each named to the Mountain West All-League team.

## Jennings from 1B

to a strong showing.

"Dylan is the governor of the team," he said. "He's the one who keeps us steady."

Jennings is one of three Vikings predicted to qualify for state. Senior Talamoa Tupua is seeded No. 2 at 152 pounds and sophomore Ricky Huff is a No. 3 seed at 113.

The top four wrestlers in

each weight class advance.

"Talamoa is the energy, the charismatic one," Wartnik said. "Dylan is the base. He keeps us in rhythm. He keeps us working as a team."

"He's gotten so much better as a wrestler. He's come a long way in just the last three weeks."

Siuslaw also has four wrestlers seeded No. 5: freshman Matthew Morales at 106, freshman Murray Bingham at

126, junior Scott Simmons at 138 and junior Kainan Lane at 285.

"This is a tough region, and anything can happen," Wartnik said. "Those wrestlers seeded fifth could get in (to state)."

"I think Murray and Kainan have a legitimate shot at upsetting somebody."

The Vikings also will enter 11 unseeded wrestlers, including two girls, junior Eya Abbas Carrasco at 113 and sen-

ior Getzamani Jaimes at 126.

Also competing are sophomores Patrick Hill and Matthew English at 120, freshman Riley Jennings and junior Joaquin Cervantes at 132, sophomore Salvador Sierra at 138, freshman Wyatt Burns and sophomore Ivon Ellsworth-

Wayland at 145, junior Nick Steinman at 152 and junior Justin Perkins at 220.

That's quite an improvement over last season, when Wartnik took just six wrestlers to regionals.

"Compared to last year, we're doing great," said

Wartnik, whose has both Tupua and Jennings in his senior English class. "We're (graduating) some great young men."

"They're going to make a difference in their generation."

And, hopefully, during their last few times on the wrestling mats for Siuslaw this season.



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Mapleton junior guard Tyler Packebush was named to the MWL All-League team this week.

## Sailors from 1B

loss to the same team two nights earlier. It was a game that saw a double-double 10 points and 13 rebounds from junior guard Hunter Simington, who also had 6 steals in that matchup.

Simington was one of four Mapleton players named to the Mountain West League All-League team earlier this week, with Simington named Second Team All League.

Sophomore post Dominic Wells, junior wing Tyler Packebush and junior post Nick Smith each received Honorable Mention nods for their efforts this season.

Given Saturday's big win against McKenzie, the Sailors had momentum heading into last

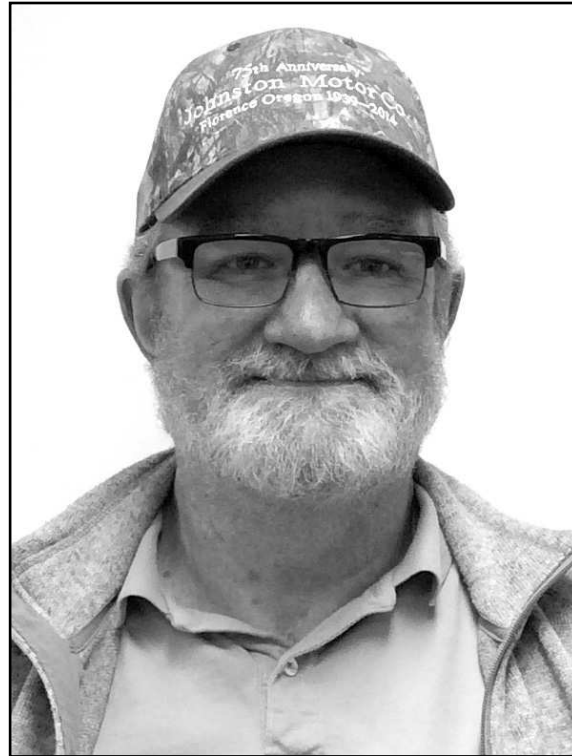
night's playoff game against a team the Sailors split with this season.

The winner of last night's game will advance to tomorrow night's second round of playoffs

at Mohawk, with the winner playing Saturday in the MWL championship tournament at Central Linn High School.

Tipoff for tomorrow night's league playoff game is 7 p.m.

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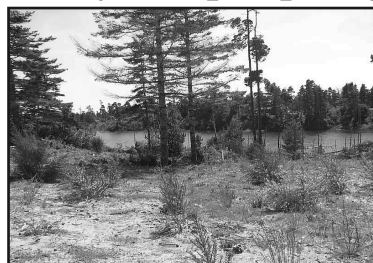
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