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Mapleton players (from left) freshman Trysten Waggoner, senior Tanner Wilson, sophomore Nate Neece, senior Dominic Wells and senior Cole Spencer return to the court after halftime.

## Sailors

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junior Evan Moso kept Mapleton within 1 point until the final 10 seconds, when Powers managed a steal and fastbreak lay-up for a 12-8 lead at the buzzer.

The Sailors were able to hold Powers to just 9 points in the second quarter — or 20 points for the entire first half — thanks to their aggressive and high-pressure defense.

But offensively, though the Sailors were able to get looks at the basket, scoring came in a series of hits and misses.

“I was happy with our patience on the offensive side, and we were able to rotate the ball well and not give up as many turnovers,” said Wolgamott. “We were getting open shots but just couldn’t sink them.”

Freshman Trysten Waggoner got his first varsity start Thursday night, provid-

ing the Sailors with solid ball movement and well-executed initiation of the offense.

“He has a calm demeanor for a freshman and did a good job for us,” said Wolgamott.

Down 15-20 entering the third quarter, the Sailors’ aggressive defense resulted in foul troubles, sending Powers to the charity line for 8 points during a 15-9 run that included a pair of 3-pointers.

Junior post Gabe Simington rotated in and provided good rebounding that translated into more possessions for Mapleton, along with senior Dominic Wells, who had a double-double in spite of being out sick with the flu all week.

Freethrows for the Cruisers was a deciding factor in the final period as Powers won it going away, 50-35.

Wells had 10 points and 10 rebounds; Nate Neece had 8 points and 8 boards, along with 3 steals to lead the Sailors.

“We just couldn’t muster enough offense to counter their outside shooting,” said Wolgamott. “Our full-court press caused turnovers throughout the game, but we just couldn’t quite capitalize on those opportunities.”

The Sailors will return to the hardwood on Friday, Dec. 29, when they host Yoncalla.

Tip-off is at 4:30 p.m.

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