

# Viking teams unable to get drop on Douglas

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Both Viking basketball teams spent last Friday on the road in Winston at Douglas High School, where the Trojans were able to claim wins in both contests.

The Lady Vikings, playing with an abbreviated roster due to four players being out, were the first to tip off for what became a hard-fought battle on

the hardwood.

Siuslaw got balanced scoring, with shooting from freshman Brea Blankenship, junior Alyssa Richards, senior Marika White and sophomore Mia Collins.

While Blankenship drained a trio of 3-pointers and scored 10 points to lead the Lady Viks, Richards dominated the boards with 9 rebounds to go with 6 points. From the post, White had 6 rebounds and 6 points, along with a pair of blocked shots.

Collins, at the high post, nabbed 8 rebounds and 5 points in addition to 3 blocked shots against Douglas.

The Trojans held on for the win, 40-33.

That same night, Marshfield trounced South Umpqua (53-26) and Brookings-Harbor crushed North Bend (51-29).

In the boys game, Siuslaw kept within 2 points for most of the first quarter before the Trojans pushed ahead for a 14-8 lead heading into the second period.

Early in the quarter, Kyle King left the floor with an injury, leaving Jared Brandt, Jake Hickson, Dylan Wynn, John Rollin and Dylan McGallian in a rotation with Caleb Hennessee,

Korbin English and Jacob Foskett.

A 6-2 run by the Trojans late in the quarter left Siuslaw trailing 16-26 heading into the half.

From there, Douglas continued to build on its lead despite scoring from Hickson, Brandt, McGallian, Hennessee, Wynn and Rollin.

However, with 3 minutes remaining, Brandt, Hickson and Wynn had fouled out.

The majority of Douglas' scoring came from the charity line, where the Trojans received 25 attempts; the Vikings had 9 attempts.

Douglas took the win, 58-40.

Hickson led scoring with 14 points, followed by Brandt with 8, McGallian with 7, Hennessee with 5, a 3-pointer from Wynn, and 2 points each from Rollin and Foskett.

That same night, Marshfield beat South Umpqua, 63-34, and North Bend defeated Brookings-Harbor, 68-44.

Last night, the Vikings were at home against North Bend (after press deadlines.)

Friday, Siuslaw will host South Umpqua, beginning with the girls at 6 p.m., followed by the boys game at 7:30 p.m.

## Sailors from 1B

opportunities to a minimum.

"Even though their guards still got shots, our guys did their assignments well," said Wolgamott.

However, Mapleton's offense struggled to gain traction, getting looks at the basket but not being able to capitalize on them, particularly down low inside the key.

Of the 18 points the Sailors put on the scoreboard, 12 came from senior post Dominic Wells.

The Lakers won it going away, 50-18.

Thursday, the Sailors were back on the road to face Mohawk.

"Because of our performance Tuesday, that game was a must-win for us," said Wolgamott, who felt that both teams came out a little flat-footed in the

first quarter.

But the Sailors had a little more spring in their step, taking an 8-5 lead to start the second period. Mohawk answered by staking its claim along the perimeter.

"We gave them too many open looks from outside and, to Mohawk's credit, they were able to hit it."

As a result, the Sailors found themselves trailing by 10 entering the half, 14-24.

"During halftime, I challenged the guys to bring their intensity and fight their way back," Wolgamott said.

The team responded, increasing its pressure and attacking the basket, forcing turnovers with a full-court press. The Sailors were able to cut Mohawk's lead to just 4 points, 29-35, to start the fourth period.

"Our guys gave it everything in the last quarter," Wolgamott

said of his team. "We crashed the boards and got a lot of offensive rebounds.

"Unfortunately, we still struggled getting the ball into the basket."

With two minutes remaining, the Sailors were within a single basket, but it was as close as they would get as Mohawk held off for the win, 50-46.

"If we can put together four solid quarters, we could beat anyone in the league,"

Wolgamott said. "I'm proud of the fight our guys showed. We just need to sustain that for all four quarters."

Last night, the Sailors were on the road at Lowell (after press deadlines.)

Thursday, Mapleton will host McKenzie, beginning at 7 p.m.

The girls team has canceled the rest of its season due to a lack of players.

## Fishing from 1B

12- to 16-inch range. The Blitzen also has great year-round fishing.

- Expo and Reinhart ponds in the Southwest Zone were recently stocked with legal and larger trout last week.

- The Central Zone has several popular winter trout fisheries including the Deschutes, Fall and Metolius rivers. Also the Crooked River, which rebounded in 2017.

### Winter steelhead water watch

This time of year, water conditions for winter steelhead fishing can vacillate between too low and clear, and too high and muddy.

Successful anglers will:

- 1) adjust their gear and tackle for current conditions, and/or
- 2) be ready to hit the water when water conditions improve — usually once water levels start to drop after a good rain.

Check out the zone reports for your best bets.

**SIUSLAW RIVER:** *Steelhead, Chinook*

A few winter steelhead are starting to be caught in the lower river.

Fall Chinook fishing has been slowing down, but a few fish are still available. Anglers are reminded that there is no wild coho salmon retention.

### NORTH COAST LAKES:

Trout stocking is complete for the year. Cape Meares, Town, Coffenburg, Lost and Sunset lakes were stocked with "trophy" rainbow trout in late September.

Cedar Creek Hatchery has stocked over 160 surplus summer steelhead in Town Lake near Pacific City so far this fall.

These fish get fairly active in the lake and offer a unique fishing experience. Once in the lake they are considered "trout" and do not require a Combined Angling Tag.

Anglers are reminded, however, that only one trout per day over 20-inches may be retained, and these fish will all be in that size range.

### MID COAST LAKES:

Olalla Reservoir has been stocked with about 100 surplus summer steelhead this season. These fish get fairly active in the lake and offer a unique fishing experience.

Once in the lake they are considered "trout" and do not require a Combined Angling Tag.

Anglers are reminded, however, that only one trout per day over 20 inches may be retained, and these fish will all be in that size range.

Mid coast lakes were stocked with trout throughout the spring. Trout stocking has ended for the year but there still should be fish around to catch.

**ALSEA RIVER:** *Steelhead, Chinook*

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**SALMON RIVER:** *Steelhead, Chinook*

The Salmon River is open for wild and hatchery steelhead. Wild winter steelhead can be retained on the Salmon River. Daily and annual bag limit on wild winter steelhead are 1 per day and 3 per year.

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**WILSON RIVER:** *Chinook, steelhead*

Fall Chinook fishing is slow to fair. There should be fish available throughout the system. Bobber fishing bait, back-bouncing, back-trolling plugs or divers and bait, or casting spinners can all be effective methods.

Anglers are reminded the Wilson River is closed to salmon fishing upstream of Jordan Creek (River Mile 21.9).

The first winter steelhead was reported on the Wilson, but it's still early and fishing is slow. Drift fishing baits or bobber fishing with jigs, beads, or bait are all good techniques.

**YAQUINA RIVER:** *Steelhead, Chinook*

The Big Elk opened Dec 1 for wild and hatchery steelhead. Wild winter steelhead can be retained on the Big Elk. Daily and annual bag limit on wild winter steelhead are 1 per day and 3 per year.

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### PACIFIC HALIBUT

All 2017 sport halibut fisheries have concluded.

Allocations for 2018 will be announced later this month.

For more information, see the sport halibut webpage.

### SHORE AND ESTUARY FISHING

Shore and estuary anglers may fish for surfperch, flatfish species like starry flounder and sanddabs, and baitfish (herring, for example).

Due to inseason regulation changes, anglers may NOT catch or retain lingcod, any species of rockfish, cabezon, greenling, or other bottomfish species except for flatfish species like sanddab and starry flounder.

Surfperch fishing is not impacted by this closure, and remains open.

Public piers provide opportunities to catch surfperch and baitfish and to drop crab pots (but check first for crab health safety closures).

Learn about surfperch fishing.

When fishing from shore or inside estuaries and bays, it is important to check the tide.

Many fish that swim into estuaries and bays, including salmon, surfperch, and Pacific herring, tend to come in with the tide.

Catch of these species is more likely to occur closer to slack tide.

Additionally, the accessibility of some areas can be completely dependent on the tide.

Do not allow the incoming tide to become a safety hazard.

### WARMWATER FISHING — South Coast

The south coast area extends along the Oregon coast from Yachats south to the Oregon-California border. The area offers some of the most productive and scenic warmwater fishing in the state with excellent fishing for bass and panfish available in large waters such as **Mercer Lake, Siltcoos Lake, and Tahkenitch Lake.**

**Tennile Lakes** located north of Coos Bay is renowned for its crappie and trophy bass fisheries, and the site of bass tournaments. Anglers should also try one of the many smaller lakes scattered along Highway 101 and throughout the coastal dunes area, or **Triangle Lake** closer to the Willamette Valley.

The warmwater fish available in the south coast area include: Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass,

bullheads, black crappie, bluegill, pumpkinseed, yellow perch, green sunfish, warmouth and channel catfish.

North and South Tennile Lake provide some of the finest warmwater fishing on the Oregon coast. Located on the east side of Hwy 101 mid-way between Reedsport and Coos Bay, the combined lakes offer nearly 2,000 acres of water and miles of shoreline to fish for largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie and brown bullhead catfish.

Much of the property around Tennile is privately-owned and the lakes are best fished by boat, but a fishing dock at Tennile Lake County Park in the small community of Lakeside is wheelchair accessible and a great spot for kids.

There also is a campground and boat launch at the County Park. Spinreel Campground (US Forest Service) on the west side of Hwy 101 offers camping for those wanting an extended stay.

Several area resorts and marinas also provide camping spaces, lodging and boat rentals.

The shoreline of North and South Tennile is varied as a number of streams flow from the coastal foothills and into the lakes creating several large arms and many smaller bays and inlets dotted with pilings, docks and boat houses.

Both lakes are shallow with an average depth of about 15 feet and abundant aquatic weeds, willows and bank vegetation that provide excellent cover and productive habitat for warmwater fish.

Fish generally range from 1 to 4-pounds, but a 6-pound bass is not uncommon. Bass fishing is best during periods of warmer water from spring through early fall.

When spring water temperatures reach about 60 degrees F, the bass move into shallower water to spawn. During the spawn, lures and jigs that imitate prey such as small fish and crayfish, and soft plastic worms work well.

Spinnerbaits, buzzbaits and other surface lures are also effective. Anglers should target areas around willows, docks, logs or vegetation that provide a combination of cover and patches of open water. Good locations include the Black's Creek arm and railroad trestle crossing on North Lake, and the Coleman and Templeton arms of South Lake.

• **Crappie**

Anglers catch crappie in both lakes with good fishing in the spring and throughout the summer. Best fishing is in the calm water along the shoreline, in the many small coves and inlets. Crappie anglers should target shaded areas with wood structure including submerged brush and trees, downed logs and docks.

The fish are often found in schools at depths of 10-15 feet. A good set-up is light spinning tackle with 4-pound test line and a light-colored 1/32 ounce jig. Have an assortment of garland-style and curly tail jigs in a variety of bright, neutral and dark colors and sizes.

Use a tapered panfish bobber and change the depth of the jig until you find fish. Allow the jig to sink then retrieve slowly.

Fishing is best early and late in the day, but a mid-day breeze can also trigger a bite. Crappie abundance can go through cycles every few years so check with ODFW for the latest information.

### • Yellow perch

For yellow perch, you can fish the same areas of the lakes and use a similar set-up as for crappie, but try baiting the jig with a piece of worm. A size-8 hook baited with worm and rigged 1-2 feet above a sinker fished on the bottom will also work. Perch will most often be found in deeper water than crappie.

Like crappie, perch fishing is best from spring through fall, but they can be caught year-round, even during winter.

### • Bluegill

Bluegill fishing is best as the water warms during the summer. Bluegill will be found in shallow areas with less woody structure, but more vegetation.

During the late summer and early fall they can be caught in the canal between North and South Tennile. As with crappie, light spinning gear works well, but smaller jigs and hooks are needed. A small hook baited with a piece of worm or other panfish bait and suspended 10-18 inches below a bobber can be extremely effective.

Bluegill are aggressive biters, but if you give them too much time they will steal the bait off your hook — pay close attention to your bobber.

They will feed throughout the day and are a great target for young and beginning anglers.

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