

**Sailors** from 1B

some easy buckets in the paint because he became physical and established his position. He's been playing great basketball; the best basketball I've seen him play of his high school career."

Freshman Keevyn Walker had a breakout game, scoring 8 points, 7 of which were scored in the second half. "Keevyn finished al-

most every opportunity he got," said Wolgamott. "I was really pleased to see him establish himself and get that confidence, and to know that he can score at the varsity level."

Joe Shepard and Jeremy Bender each had 4 points as well.

The first win was meaningful for the team, providing them with some much-needed momentum for the season.

"As a coach, you like to see that because you

know it means something to them," said Wolgamott. "You don't want them to get to down on themselves; you want something good for them to happen to get that confidence to see and believe that they are a good team. I believe Monday night they saw that — it felt like something clicked in that second half."

After playing their best half of the year at Triangle Lake, the Sailors returned home the following night

(May 25) to host Mohawk, bringing all of the momentum of Monday's game with them.

"I was wondering how it was going to carry over to last night," explained Wolgamott, "and it did. We played our best basketball game all year long."

The coach offered another challenge to his team knowing that the 3-0 Mustangs would be a tougher fight than their bout with the Lakers.

"I challenged them in the locker room from the very beginning," he said, "to put together four quarters of good basketball. I said, 'I promise you will come out on top.' And from the very get-go, they did exactly that." The Sailors took the lead straightaway, leading at the end of the first quarter 9-3. Bender and Shepard played particularly strong defense to hold the Mustangs at 3 points in the quarter.

"They did a really good job communicating up top and putting pressure on Mohawk's wings," noted Wolgamott. "Every shot Mohawk took was contested up top, and that's because Joe and Jeremy did their job perfectly on that two-three zone defense."

At half time, the score was 22-13. But again, the coach warned his players not to let up.

"I told them we have to keep playing the way we've been playing, but better," said Wolgamott. "Instead of holding on to the lead, let's increase the lead. And they understood that."

In the third quarter, Mapleton increased the lead, scoring 22 points in that quarter alone — the same amount they had

scored in the first half. "We found our groove offensively," said Wolgamott. "I give a lot of credit for that to Joe Shepherd. He ended up scoring eight points of his total 14 in the third quarter."

By the end of the third quarter, the score was 44 to 25. Neece again took over in the fourth quarter with 7 points in roughly six minutes of action.

Said Wolgamott, "I took him out at the end because we had a good lead. He had 11 free throw opportunities, and that just shows he is getting to the bucket and being aggressive. He made the right read every single time."

Neece finished with 21 points against the Mustangs as well.

Walker finished with 2 points. According to Wolgamott, "He didn't score as many as he did against Triangle Lake, but I felt like he had a better game overall. He didn't force anything. He was aggressive on the boards, ripping the ball away from juniors and seniors."

Bender finished with 3 points, but also shared some of the point guard duties in the game. Moso had 11 points, again representing the Sailors as a strong low post presence.

The Lady Sailors did not have enough players to play their game against Mohawk on Tuesday, so they were given the option to play on the boys' team.

"Opal Burruss was the only one who agreed to, and I was actually able to get her into the third quarter and she played most of the fourth quarter as well," said Wolgamott. "She did a hell of a job. She was one of the calm-er players out there, and

I felt like she understood basketball better than most our guys. No offense to the to the guys, but you can tell she has a feel for the game. You could tell nothing rattled her."

"I was really proud of her for stepping up, understanding she might not play, but still excited for the opportunity, and she took full advantage of it."

At this point Mapleton is 2-2 in league, and they played Crow at home on Thursday (after press deadlines.) Their next game is this Thursday (June 3), when they host Alsea at 5:30 p.m.

And Wolgamott is ready.

"It's already been a great week, but we can't be satisfied," he said. "I'm excited to see how the boys will respond. I feel like they're getting it and we're peaking. Each and every game getting a little bit better."

On the girls' side, they are hoping to have enough players to continue their season. They have played only two games this season as a result of cancellations, falling to Eddyville Charter last week 13-34, and Triangle Lake on Monday (May 24) 11-52.

According to Coach Melissa Duffy, "Last night and last Thursday's games were pretty rough. We only had five girls for both games. There were bright spots of teamwork and getting more girls to shoot the ball."

All of their games this week were canceled due to a lack of players, but the girls are welcome to play on the boys' team in the meantime, as Burruss has proven.

The Lady Sailors' next scheduled game is Thursday (June 3) at home against Alsea at 7 p.m.

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When the athlete transfers, they free up a scholarship and a position for an incoming or returning player.

If the transferring player is a star within the program, they may lose some talent needed for success.

The receiving team may resent the new face taking the place of an athlete who has been with their program for years.

Yet if the athlete is of star caliber this athlete may be welcomed to increase their competitiveness.

Just this spring, the NCAA competition committee revised its transfer

eligibility rules. It has been argued for years that when NCAA Division 1 coaches moved to a new school they went right to work without sitting a year.

Finally, they have let it be known any athlete may transfer to any school without having to sit out a year.

Will there be a flood of athletes transferring? Usually the recruiting process is thorough enough that a majority of athletes are just where they want to be.

There have been stories of Oregon revenue athletes transferring to other schools for many reasons.

Even as players move away from the U of O, there will be players transferring to the U of O.

Universities across America will see the same

type of movements within their programs.

The rules for transferring in Oregon high schools generally center on the residence of the parents. When sports are involved, there can be exceptions for students from one school playing a team from another school if their school does not have a team in the sport. This can be accomplished if the two schools are in close proximity to one another, as with Florence and Mapleton; we have had Mapleton athletes on a Siuslaw team from time to time, particularly in baseball.

My next topic will cover the disappearance of non-revenue collegiate sports — and why.

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