

**WARRIORS**



PHOTO BY BECKY GERARD

Hannah Maxwell and Rilie-Jo Olds battle for a rebound.

they did quite well," said Parker.

The Elks looked to foul late to force a free throw contest late but the Warriors were able to hit enough shots to extend their lead and finish with a victory. North Douglas was 14-of-31 from the line. Der-

rick led the team going seven-of-10.

Riley Black had 11 points and Rilie-Jo Olds added 10 for the Warriors.

North Douglas outrebounded Elkton 37-14 in the game. Abby Whipple led the team with eight boards.

# Buzzer-beater lifts Warriors past Elks

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While it's better to be lucky than good, as the saying goes, North Douglas' Jake Gerrard had just enough of both to propel the Warriors to a win on Friday night at home.

After teammate Caleb Parks' three-pointer bounced off, Gerrard grabbed an offensive board and got a shot in the lane off before time expired to beat Elkton 59-57 at the buzzer.

"I was thinking, I just need to get the rebound, hopefully it takes the correct bounce and

then do what I can do with it in 1.5 seconds. It was lucky, really lucky," said Gerrard.

"I was like, good luck, see if my prayer comes through here and I'll be darned, it did."

Friday's win, coupled with Saturday's 72-34 victory over New Hope Christian locked the Warriors into the second seed at the district tournament. The team will host the three seed from the South next Tuesday.

"Jake went in there and got the biggest rebound of the game and put it up and it went in. It was awesome," said North Douglas head coach Tyler Van-

cil.

For the Warriors, they felt that they should have not been in the position to need a last second shot.

"We had a 10 point lead going into the fourth and I said hey, let's extend that and then they started hitting threes and we couldn't get a shot down here and they just brought it right back. They were fighting hard," said Vancil.

For the Elks it was Brad Doudna, who finished with 24 points, leading the charge. In the final two minutes of the game it was his teammate Mason Cox

who hit a pair of threes that tied the game at 57.

"Our defensive intensity picked up a bit and to our kids credit they battled through. They didn't get their heads down; they didn't get frustrated and you know they just kept chugging away," said Elkton head coach Gary Trout. "And making shots certainly helps but we were getting good looks and we were running our offense to get them. Got to be pleased with that."

The Warriors were led by Parks with 14 points, Kyle Bowen with 11 and Gerrard with 10.

## High school sports recap

*A look back at the busy week of high school sports in the area*

### Cottage Grove Girls Basketball

Last Tuesday the Lions defeated Sisters at home 63-38. Mikaela Blomquist led the team in scoring

with 11 points. Maria Pardee had nine points and eight rebounds. The Lions defeated Sisters on the road last Friday 54-19. Blomquist led the team with 10 points. Reilly Kelty added nine points and 14 rebounds.

### North Douglas Boys Basketball

The Warriors rolled past New Hope Christian 72-34 on Saturday night.

### North Douglas Girls Basketball

On Saturday on the road, the Warriors beat New Hope 54-21.

Sofia Alcantar led the team with 12 points, eight assists and seven steals.

### Elkton Boys Basketball

The Elks fell at home against Glendale 44-39 on Saturday. Brad Doudna finished with 14 points and 12 rebounds for Elkton.

### Elkton Girls Basketball

On senior night the Elks beat Glendale 90-5. Hannah Maxwell finished with 24 points and 11 rebounds.

### Yoncalla Boys Basketball

The Eagles fell to Camas Valley at home 57-46 on Friday night before defeating UVC 55-47 on the road.

### Yoncalla Girls Basketball

The Eagles won back-to-back games this week. Friday night they defeated Camas Valley 23-21 behind Shanausi Hardy's 10 points. On Saturday the team downed UVC 43-39. Kaleigh Soto had 21 points.



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## NEW HEIGHTS



Cottage Grove's six-foot stars: Matty Lad (left), Reilly Kelty and Keara Murphy.

"They're so focused on the one thing of getting the ball to the post that they forget that they can also dribble and relieve some pressure and then still get it to the post," said Yoss after a Dec. 20 loss to Philomath.

Being able to get the ball inside became the focus of everything the Lions did. Both in games and at practice; the importance was turned up. In practice, when bad passes were made during their scrimmages

Yoss noted that the players then faced "consequences." It was not making the individual run more but having their team have to play 4-on-5 to show just how costly it is to the team.

"We've been working a lot on post entries, our guards have, and so if I'm standing there and I'm open and I have both hands up and like I'm ready for it, I can work my way around the girls," said the 6 foot 3 Kelty.

As the ability to get the ball

where it needs to be has gotten better, so too has the Lions defense. Playing weaker opponents than earlier in the season, Cottage Grove has been able to force their will on the defensive end. During a four-game stretch during league-play the Lions blocked an eye-popping 20% of their opponent's shots.

While the Lions are tall, there is not a consensus on what phase of the game the team best utilizes their heights.

Yoss sees it on the defensive end which has led to transition points. Kelty sees it in their ability to score from down low. Ladd sees it as the offense's ability to adapt to different situations. Gardner believes it is in how they can see over defenders and make the right passes. Murphy says it is the ability to

crowd the lane on defense.

Regardless of who is right, what's clear is that in all phases of the game the Lions can present a problem to any team that they face. While the Lions struggled early in the season, as things are going right for them now, there is no team that would look forward to playing this multi-faceted squad.

"Coaches, after we give high-fives after the game, they always talk about how tall our girls are. Like they always, even if they're like technically a better team than us ranked or whatever, they're always like, we dread playing you," said Lions guard Sam May. "We don't want to play against six-footers that can swat you every time you drive in."

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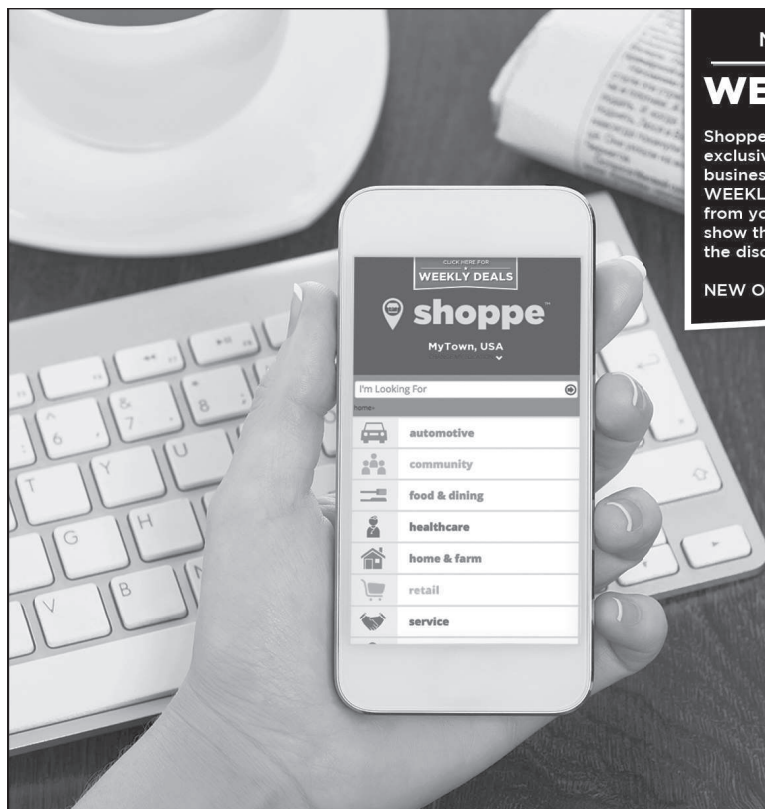


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