

High School Basketball Standings

Boys Sky-Em League

Team	Record	Rank
Marshfield	9-3	3
Marist	7-6	12
Junction City	6-8	22
Siuslaw	5-9	30
Elmira	4-6	18
Cottage Grove	1-12	34

Girls Sky-Em League

Team	Record	Rank
Marshfield	12-1	1
Junction City	9-5	9
Marist	8-5	8
Cottage Grove	7-6	11
Siuslaw	4-10	30
Elmira	2-9	29

Boys Skyline League

Team	Overall League
UVC	10-2 2-0
Riddle	10-0 1-0
Elkton	4-8 1-0
North Douglas	6-6 1-1
Camas Valley	5-6 1-1
Pacific	5-7 1-1
Milo	4-4 0-0
Glendale	0-7 0-0
Days Creek	6-5 0-1
NHC	2-8 0-1
Yoncalla	5-8 0-2

Girls Skyline League

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North Douglas	10-3 2-2
Pacific	8-6 2-0
Elkton	6-6 1-0
NHC	5-6 1-0
Yoncalla	5-8 1-1
Milo	2-6 0-0
Days Creek	4-7 0-1
Riddle	1-8 0-1
UVC	6-6 0-2
Camas Valley	4-7 0-2

Elkton cruises past Yoncalla for victory

Elks hang 46 points on Eagles in first half on the way to win

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Elkton head coach Rob Parker has wanted his team to start fast. He wanted this talented, junior-led side to strike from the get-go. And on Friday night, with a 30-point first quarter against Yoncalla, they did just that on their way to a 63-32 victory at home to start league play.

"We've been talking all week about how we come out sometime early in a game and we're kind of soft. We're kind of like a fighter, feeling out the other team and then when we think we're better, then we go after them," said Parker. "I said, 'Just do it. Start hard, just go.' And so they did it, I was impressed."

After Yoncalla took a brief 4-3 lead, the Elks swiftly answered with a 21-0 run that started with their full-court press. The pressure created easy fast break opportunities which led to 12 first quarter points from Aspy Luzier, including a pair of threes, and 11 opening quarter points from Kieryn Carnes. Luzier and Carnes finished with 17 and 20 points respectively.

"If we do really good on our press and we get easy buckets then it gives us confidence," said Carnes. "And so when we do get into our offense, we're already ready and we're already settled into the game and we're not just going crazy."

The Elks continued to pour it on in the second quarter and went to the half with a 46-17 lead.

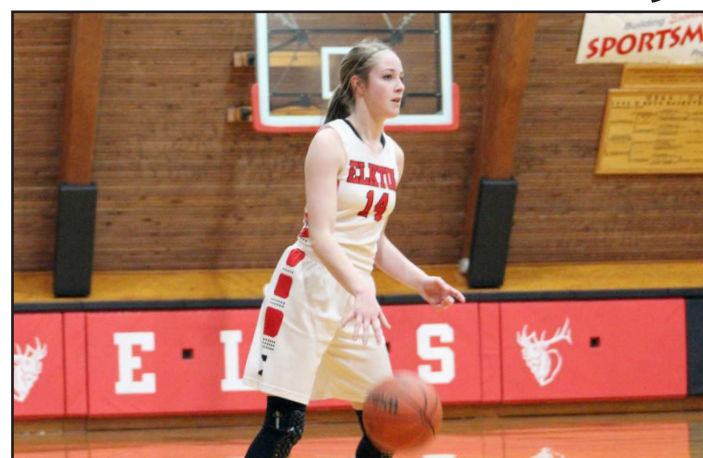
"We were hoping to run and we did. We work all week on looking down the court be-

cause we have a tendency to just look for Kieryn. You know, even though someone is wide open underneath the basket," said Parker. The Elks got contributions from across the board as Margaret Byle added nine points, Sadie Olson seven and Alexis Halstead six.

Yoncalla's Kaleigh Soto finished with 13 points on the night.

"We kind of turned it around in the second half and didn't look as bad as we did in the first," said Yoncalla head coach Nick Edera. "I just couldn't figure out, we worked on the press all week, we broke it fine and then we got in here and we couldn't break it. And then all of a sudden we passed through it a couple times and it was like, 'Oh, hey, that's how you do it.'"

The Eagles followed up Friday's loss with a 31-23 victory over Umpqua Valley Christian.



Kieryn Carnes brings up the ball against Yoncalla on Friday night.

The team hosted Days Creek at home yesterday (after The Sentinel's press deadline) and will travel to fifth-ranked North Douglas on Friday.

For Elkton, the team played Umpqua Valley Christian on Tuesday before back-to-back games of defending league champion Days Creek on Fri-

day and fifth ranked North Douglas on Saturday where they look to continue their winning ways.

"It feels really good to start out the season with a win. And I don't know, it feels good to have a 1-0," said Carnes. "It feels good to have a good start."

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tory. Yoncalla's Dominic Aguilar hit a three-pointer at the buzzer but it was too little, too late.

"We got some steals and forced some turnovers there at the end and Spencer hit that big bucket. Just doing what he was supposed to do and for us, sometimes that's tough," said Trout. Adding, "We tend to make things more difficult then they need to be and we start overthinking it instead of letting the offense flow and we start trying to make the perfect pass and then we just tighten up."

Woody led Elkton with 14 points and Austin Luzier added 10 for the home side. Elijah Allen led Yoncalla in scoring with 10 points.

"Elkton, I thought, played great on their home court and came after it. But it was a good ball game. I don't think we took advantage when we got up by I think six or seven

there," said Terry. "I think in the third or even the fourth quarter where they were kind of going to sleep there a little bit but I couldn't get my guys to generate the energy to go attack the basket when we're up."

On Saturday the Eagles lost to Umpqua Valley Christian 56-42. The team played Days Creek on Tuesday Jan. 8 (after The Sentinel's print deadline) and will play North Douglas on the road on Friday.

The Elks played UVC yesterday and have Days Creek at home on Friday and North Douglas home on Saturday.

"We'll see where we take it from here. Obviously our schedule gets tougher. We'll take a win however we can get it and hopefully we can build some confidence," said Trout. "We're seeing flashes of pretty good basketball, just the consistency is hurting us right now."

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we're a fourth quarter team and we know that we can beat these guys, let's prove it to everyone in the gym.' And that's it. It's that simple," said Keller. "There's no magic play, there's no speech you can give the kids, it's simply... having confidence in your kids, having confidence in your players."

From the midway point of the third quarter to the closing minutes of the fourth, Hidden Valley went on a 26-4 run to take back the lead. The Lions looked to rally in the final minute and cut their deficit to two. But despite Hidden Valley misses at the free throw line, could not come away with a final shot to get the team back into the game.

"Credit to the team, they did a really good job, they responded of what I asked them to do in the first three quarters of the game. We came out and looked like a really good team," said Hutchison. "I mean, [Hidden Valley is] a 9-4 team now and we came out and looked like a really good team. Now we've just got to figure out how to put it in four quarters all together."



Cottage Grove's Jaden Doolittle comes up with a steal on Saturday against Hidden Valley.

For Cottage Grove, it was their fourth loss this season by three or fewer points. But for first-year head coach Hutchison and the Lions, that are currently ranked 34th of the 34 teams in 4A, he remains hopeful for the league season that begins Friday at Siuslaw. "Everything that we want to do is still ahead of us. I told

them today in the locker room, we can easily get third place in this league and if not, we could get second," he said. "If we're clicking and we put it altogether. I truly believe that. There are beatable teams. [The pieces] are there and now we've got to put it all together when league hits."

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North Douglas senior Abby Whipple dribbles up court in a game earlier this season.

Michaels who was named player of the year, in addition to defensive player of the year, for the Skyline Conference. Michaels finished with nine points.

"The job she did on Michaels is just incredible. To come out the game never changes her facial expressions, never misses a beat. She really had the look in the locker room tonight," said Davis.

After losing to Days Creek in all three meetings a season ago, the Warriors were pleased with how they performed.

"That's a big win, opening weekend. Defending league champions in here, won convincingly.

And who knows what the heck is going to happen the rest of the year," said Davis.

Last Friday night, North Douglas started league play with a 44-10 victory over Umpqua Valley Christian. Aided by a 45-24 rebounding advantage, the Warriors were dominant including scoring 33 points during the second and third quarters. Thompson led the team in scoring with 12 points. Olds had 11 rebounds.

This week, the Warriors, who have moved up to fifth in the OSAA rankings, host Yoncalla at home on Friday. On Saturday, North Douglas is on the road taking on 14th ranked Elkton.

High School Sports Recap:

Cottage Grove Girls Basketball:

At the Skyline/Sky-Em Crossover at Henley High School, the Lions scored a pair of victories against Mazama and Henley. The Lions defeated

Mazama 45-37 on Friday. On Saturday, the team took down Henley 51-32. Freshman Gracie Arnold led Cottage Grove with 19 points while senior Reilly Kelty scored 16 points.

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