

High School
Basketball Standings
Boys Sky-Em League

Team	League	Overall
Marshfield	1-0	11-3
Marist	1-0	8-6
Cottage Grove	1-0	3-12
Elmira	0-1	6-7
Junction City	0-1	6-9
Siuslaw	0-1	5-10

Girls Sky-Em League

Team	League	Overall
Marshfield	1-0	13-1
Marist	1-0	9-5
Cottage Grove	1-0	9-6
Junction City	0-1	9-6
Siuslaw	0-1	4-11
Elmira	2-11	30

Boys Skyline League

Team	League	Overall
Riddle	3-0	13-0
UVC	3-1	11-3
Days Creek	3-1	9-5
North Douglas	3-1	8-6
Pacific	3-1	7-7
Camas Valley	2-2	6-7
Elkton	1-3	4-11
NHC	1-3	3-10
Milo	0-0	5-4
Glendale	0-3	0-10
Yoncalla	0-4	5-10

Girls Skyline League

Team	League	Overall
North Douglas	4-0	12-3
Pacific	3-0	9-6
Days Creek	3-1	7-7
NHC	2-1	6-7
Elkton	2-2	7-8
Camas Valley	1-2	5-8
Yoncalla	1-3	5-10
Milo	0-0	2-7
Riddle	0-3	1-10
UVC	0-4	6-8

Cottage Grove holds on for win over Siuslaw

Lions survive shaky shooting and start league-play with victory

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Cottage Grove did enough to win and, for head coach Steve Eastburn, that was all that mattered.

“We don’t go by style points or anything, we go by the scoreboard,” he said as the Cottage Grove girls (9-6) recorded a 39-34 victory over Siuslaw (4-11) Friday night on the road. The Lions were plagued all night by missed shots at the rim as they finished 14-of-53 from the field. But even when the shots weren’t falling, Eastburn had a simple message to the team.

“You can’t be discouraged just because [your shots are] not going, so you’ve got to tell the girls to keep shooting them. You’ve got to take them. You’ve got to take them regardless because you can’t back off just because you’re missing a few,” he said. “Otherwise you might hurt their confidence

and you don’t want to do that. So yeah, it was a struggle. It was a struggle.”

In the fourth quarter, Cottage Grove trailed early before a Sam May three pointer gave the team the lead which they would never relinquish. The Vikings cut their deficit to two in the final two minutes before Reilly Kelty got a lay-up to go over a crowd of defenders with 1:30 to play. After a Matty Ladd block on the defensive end, the Lions looked to seal the game on offense but missed four lay-ups in the final 40 seconds of play before capturing the victory.

“Well the kids competed. It’s anytime you get a win on the road it’s a really good thing and anytime you get a league win on the road it’s an even better thing. I was really pleased with their effort,” said Eastburn. They faced adversity and they fought through it and they, you know, kept their composure, and like I said, they pulled out a win. So kudos to those guys because a lot of things didn’t come real easy tonight but they battled through it. They had a lot of mental toughness to-night.”

Throughout the night the Siuslaw defense met Cottage Grove with constant double and triple teams in the post as they tried to make life difficult for the Lions. They could only hold the team down for so long as Ladd finished the game with 18 points and Kelty added 12 for the visiting team.

Siuslaw’s shooting woes were present throughout the game and despite holding Cottage Grove to 16 points in the first half, the Vikings had just 12 points. Siuslaw shot 12-of-47 from the field. What made the difference in the game was Cottage Grove using their height and physicality to their advantage as they fought for rebounds and had a 40-20 advantage on the day.

“I’ll take any league win, I don’t care who it’s against so it was big tonight especially being the opener on the road. We weathered it and now we can move forward,” said Eastburn.

The road forward does not get easier as number-one ranked Marshfield (13-1) played Cottage Grove on Tuesday after The Sentinel’s deadline. On Friday the Lions host Elmira (2-11).



Cottage Grove’s Reilly Kelty makes her way to the basket.



The Cottage Grove defense swarms a Siuslaw ballhandler.



North Douglas’ Koldan Frieze drives against Yoncalla on Friday night.

Warriors use patience to roll past Elks

North Douglas ball movement and 24-3 run guide team to victory

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North Douglas head coach Tyler Vancil just wanted his team to be patient. Instead of using their athleticism to speed the game up, the team slowed things down.

“We’ve had so many times where we think we can push it and go and go and we’ll over-throw the pass or we’ll throw it and drop it off our leg out of bounds. We get like four or five turnovers a game pushing it too fast,” said Vancil. “We’ve been really talking about hey, if we’ve got it, and we’ve got the pass, go. But if not, let’s pull it out and run the offense.”

On Saturday night on the road at Elkton (4-11), the Warriors (8-6) executed a master class in patience and ball-movement as they defeated the Elks 51-24.

Elkton was keeping it close early, but a North Douglas 24-3 run stretching from the end of the second quarter to the start of the fourth slowed the game down and secured the victory. It was death by a thousand cuts as North Douglas honed in on passing the ball well to find easy shots.

“I said, ‘Let’s reverse the ball, two, three times.’ Reverse, reverse, reverse, reverse and we did it three, four times on one possession, Jake (Gerrard) drove right in, dumped it off to Tanner (Parks), wide open,” said Vancil. “Next time down, two, three, four times and it just opened up the flood gates. For the defense, that many reverses, it’s tiring.”

North Douglas was led in scoring by Cal Parks with 15 points and Tanner Parks with 14 on the game.

For Elkton, they focused in the moments in the first half where they stayed competitive in the game.

“We played some of our best

basketball there in stretches and then just kind of got away from that a little bit,” said head coach Gary Trout. “I don’t know if it was fatigue or maybe just a lack of confidence. A lack of experience for sure. You saw some good basketball there for a bit.”

Austin Luzier led Elkton in scoring with seven points.

After Saturday night’s win and a Friday night victory over Yoncalla, the Warriors are now 3-1 in league play.

“It feels great. The last three games we’ve played we’re playing really well. You know, we played against a tough Days Creek team at home, won that game and this week, and even that game, we were still forcing it too much,” said Vancil. “And so it’s really been this week that we’ve really talked about, ‘Hey, let’s be patient.’” The team now will host Riddle (13-0) on Friday before going to Pacific (7-7) on Saturday.

This week Elkton will face Riddle at home on Saturday.

WARRIORS from B1



Left: Natalie Thompson locks in on defense against Yoncalla on Friday. Right: Abby Whipple drives to the basket against the Eagles.

Elkton finished eight-of-42 from the floor and had four makes in the final two minutes of the game. Aspyr Luzier and Kierny Carnes each had six points for Elkton.

“Didn’t play well, didn’t play hard. Didn’t stick with what we are supposed to do. All those things,” said Elkton head coach

Rob Parker. “You know...sometimes they make the game bigger than it is.”

With the victory, North Douglas has won eight games in a row and the team is now ranked sixth in the OSAA rankings. On Friday the Warriors defeated Yoncalla 33-22. The team hosts Riddle (1-10) on Friday

before making the trek to Pacific (9-6) on Saturday.

For Elkton, the team is now 2-2 in league play but still the second highest ranked team (16th) in the league. The Elks lost to Days Creek 44-31 on Friday. This Friday the team hosts Riddle.

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