

EAGLES *from B1*

against 16th ranked Riddle, the Eagles lost 72-50. Corban Eichman led Yoncalla with 12 points while Bryan Allen added 11.

Saturday at home the Eagles defeated Elkton 54-46. Elijah Allen had 16 points while Bryan Allen had 11. Trystn Woody had 12 points for the Elks.

The Eagles played Umpqua Valley Christian on Tuesday (after *The Sentinel's* print deadline) and faces Days Creek on Friday and Glendale on Saturday.

4A Boys Sky-Em League

| Team          | League | Overall |
|---------------|--------|---------|
| Marshfield    | 4-0    | 14-4    |
| Marist        | 4-0    | 11-6    |
| Junction City | 3-2    | 9-10    |
| Cottage Grove | 2-3    | 4-15    |
| Elmira        | 1-4    | 7-10    |
| Siuslaw       | 0-5    | 5-14    |

4A Girls Sky-Em League

| Team          | League | Overall |
|---------------|--------|---------|
| Marshfield    | 4-0    | 17-1    |
| Marist        | 3-1    | 11-6    |
| Junction City | 3-2    | 12-7    |
| Cottage Grove | 3-2    | 11-8    |
| Elmira        | 1-4    | 3-14    |
| Siuslaw       | 0-5    | 4-15    |

1A Boys Skyline League

| Team          | League | Overall |
|---------------|--------|---------|
| UVC           | 7-1    | 15-3    |
| Riddle        | 7-2    | 17-2    |
| North Douglas | 7-2    | 12-7    |
| Days Creek    | 6-1    | 12-5    |
| Camas Valley  | 4-4    | 8-9     |
| Pacific       | 4-5    | 8-11    |
| Yoncalla      | 3-6    | 8-12    |
| Glendale      | 1-6    | 2-13    |
| Elkton        | 1-7    | 4-15    |
| NHC           | 1-7    | 3-1     |
| Milo          | 0-0    | 8-7     |

1A Girls Skyline League

| Team          | League | Overall |
|---------------|--------|---------|
| North Douglas | 8-1    | 16-4    |
| Pacific       | 6-2    | 12-8    |
| Days Creek    | 5-1    | 9-7     |
| Elkton        | 5-2    | 10-8    |
| Camas Valley  | 5-2    | 9-8     |
| NHC           | 3-4    | 7-11    |
| Yoncalla      | 2-7    | 7-14    |
| Milo          | 0-0    | 5-9     |
| UVC           | 0-7    | 5-9     |
| Riddle        | 0-8    | 1-15    |

Yoncalla drops pair of league games

*Eagles fall to New Hope Christian and Elkton, defeat Riddle during week*

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It was not the second half that Yoncalla wanted.

After a nine-point advantage in the second quarter, the Eagles (7-14, 2-7 Skyline) scored nine points total in the second half of Tuesday's home game against New Hope Christian (7-11, 3-4) as they recorded a 37-28 loss.

"We just have no intensity out there, we didn't rebound and we played no defense. We went through the motions," said Yoncalla head coach Nick Edera. "I don't know, so I guess it's my job to find some kind of intensity and find the small victories the rest of the season."

After a slow first quarter for

both sides, the Eagles had an 8-6 advantage. Able to get some early second quarter buckets, the team had a 15-6 advantage midway through the quarter before the visiting Warriors were able to find success in the form of a pair of three pointers from Lauren Huttema.

While Yoncalla led at halftime, a 12-2 run to start the third quarter put New Hope Christian up for good.

"I think the key was we went in and talked about rebounds. Like, [Yoncalla was] getting rebound after rebound and so we talked about making sure that they didn't touch a rebound so that was key," said New Hope head coach Kim Zumhofe on what the team talked about at halftime. "And just kind of ratcheting it up on defense. And our shots falling, that always helps."

New Hope Christian was led

by Jessi Loper who finished with a game high 16 points including 10 in the second half, outscoring all of Yoncalla during that time.

"Our starters and our first couple off the bench got to figure something out. We're not even getting through any progressions of our offense, we get a high screen and that's it, nothing else is coming," said Edera about the team's lack of offense before discussing the team's defense. "Our defensive intensity has got to step up a lot or else it's not going to be a pretty last couple of weeks."

Yoncalla was led in scoring by Shaunasi Hardy and Kaleigh Soto who each finished with six points.

The team finished out the week with a 44-43 win over Riddle on Friday before falling to Elkton 42-28 on Saturday night at home.



Yoncalla's Kenzie Walton looks to drive past a New Hope defender on Tuesday.

LIONS *from B1*



Left: Cottage Grove's Ema Gardner fights for position on a rebound over the defense.

Kelty was sent to the line and after missing the shot, Marist called timeout but had none remaining which resulted in a technical foul. This meant two more free throws for Gardner. The duo made their next three shots from the foul line to ice the game.

"We were all just like really excited and we wanted to take this opportunity to turn the season around and just show people what we can do. And so we just went out there and gave it our all

and we just wanted to push," said Gardner. "The [team] chemistry was just a lot of fun and being out there was just a lot of fun because everyone did what they did great and it just combined as a team and it was a team win, definitely."

Heading into the second-half of Sky-Em play with a 3-2 record, the Lions are hoping that this game will jumpstart the rest of the season.

"We should be in all the ball games we're in, unfortunate-



Right: Kelty scores a lay-up

ly this season we haven't been ...but tonight they came to play and I'm really proud of the girls," said Eastburn. Adding, "It's just been a struggle this year with all the injuries we've had and hopefully just coming together now at the end of the season so we can make a little bit of a run and hopefully get somewhere."

Cottage Grove takes on Siuslaw (4-15, 0-5) at home on Friday at 5:45 p.m.

Lincoln takes fourth



LMS wrestling coaches (from left): Alex Fairchild, Ode Mejia, Charlie Kent and Ben Deatherage.

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Saturday at the Valley League District Tournament at Jefferson High School, wrestlers from Lincoln Middle School took fourth place as a team.

Leading the way for the Tigers was Seazar Ibarra who was crowned district champion in the 65-pound weight class. Jaden Owens (120), Rogelio Soto-Cruz (152) and Nathan Abrams (210) each took second in their respective weight class while Tyler Russell (128) and Jace Cooper (152) took third. Charlie Kent (136) and Malaky Barr (160) both snagged fourth place finishes.

The school saw fifteen wrestlers (Seazar Ibarra, Alex Neiss, Sunni James, Carter Bengston, Cian Merz, Jaden Owen, Tyler Russell, David Clem, Charlie Kent, Wisper Pilling, Amon Finn, Rogelio Soto-Cruz, Jace Cooper, Malaky Barr and Nathan Abrams) qualify for Saturday's tournament after finding success at the regional tournament in Oakridge on January 19.

The league season has wrapped up but a number of wrestlers are expected to participate at the Middle School State Tournament in Corvallis that takes place this weekend.

Reporting from Ben Deatherage



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