North Douglas gets revenge, third

Warriors defeat Monarchs to secure spot at state

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North Douglas refused to lose to Umpqua Valley Christian for a third time this season.

Facing the Monarchs (19-7, 10-3 Skyline) in the third-place game at the Skyline League Tournament in Coos Bay on Saturday, it was the Warriors (17-10, 10-3) exacting revenge as they rolled to a 45-32 victory to secure the final league spot at the state tournament.

"The boys wanted revenge on UVC," said North Douglas head coach Tyler Vancil. Earlier in the season the Warriors lost 52-48 in the first matchup and fell 61-51 in triple overtime the second time they met. "I said, 'How do you guys feel about playing UVC?' And all of them, unanimously, wanted to play them again. It was one of those things, they got us and we wanted to get them. The biggest game out of all three of them was this one."

It looked like this third meeting was destined to be another close game. North Douglas started the game fast, including 10 points from Cal Parks in the opening quarter, but UVC rallied and continued to have answers throughout the game.

"I said, 'Our backs are against the wall, if we lose, we're done.' That's just kind of the mentality we have in the locker room," said Vancil. "If you don't want to be done, you're going to go out there, you're going to dig, you're going to play with heart and effort and outwork the other team."

Entering the fourth quarter with a four-point lead, the Warriors leaned on their team defense and more offense from Parks as they outscored the Monarchs 10-3 in the quarter. Parks would not be denied as he continued to attack the lane and recorded 10 more points on the quarter to finish with 24 on the game.

North Douglas' Cal Parks drives through the Days Creek defense on Friday.

"Even after playing a game yesterday you'd think we would be tired but everybody is just on another level with the energy they had. Nobody was tired, everybody just wanted to be out there and playing," said Parks. "Sometimes we play with a little less energy or get a little lax so we knew that we needed to step it up and play with our momentum that we had going to the third quarter. After we gained a little bit of a better lead, we just had to keep playing."

North Douglas senior Koldan Freize added seven points while the Warriors held Aaron Buechly, who previously had 20 and 35 points in their past meetings, to 15 points.

To get to the third-place game, North Douglas started the week with a 52-31 victory over Pacific. Parks had 16 points while Killian Bond had nine.

On Friday, in the league semi-finals, the Warriors fell to Days Creek (20-5, 12-1) 43-35.

"We shot 28 percent for the game. I don't know what else to say. Twenty-eight percent is 28 percent. That's terrible," said Vancil after the game. "When you shoot 28% it's tough to win a game."

After holding Days Creek, a team that went on to win the championship on Saturday, to three points in the first quarter, the Wolves trailed by one at halftime. Then disaster struck in the third quarter for North Douglas as they were outscored 17-2 in the quarter. The Wolves refused to miss and the Warriors didn't help themselves out including fouling a Days Creek shooter as he attempted a buzzer beater to end the half.

Down 30-16, North Douglas rallied late in the fourth quarter and got within six points before Days Creek was able to hold on for the win. Parks had 10 for the Warriors while Days Creek was led by Zane DeGroot with 13 points and Caleb Kruzic with 10.

"If we were playing (how we played in the fourth quarter) from the beginning, that wouldn't have been an issue. It wouldn't have even been close," said Vancil.

The Warriors played on the road at Mohawk in the first round of the state tournament on Tuesday (Feb. 19) after *The Sentinel's* print deadline.

North Douglas and Mohawk shared a similar opponent in Yoncalla, a team they both played twice. The Warriors defeated Yoncalla 66-49 and 61-31 while the Mustangs (14-10, 8-2) fell to the Eagles 44-52 and won on a buzzer beater 46-45.

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always in a ball game and they can also defend," said Eastburn. "We can defend but we struggle scoring the ball."

Last Tuesday (Feb. 12) Cottage Grove lost to Junction City 35-29.

Lions compete at state

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Over the weekend, Cottage Grove had athletes competing at state in both swimming and cheer.

The swim team saw three individuals qualify for the state meet that took place at the Tualatin Hills Aquatic Center in Beaverton last Saturday. For the girls it was MJ Raade while the Cottage Grove boys were represented by Ian Dukes and James Kelly.

In prelims on Friday, Raade took 11th place in the 500-yard freestyle in a time of 5:47.39.

On the boys side, Dukes took 8th in both the 100-yard breaststroke prelims, in a time of 1:06.42, and the 500-yard freestyle, in a time of 5:20.82. Kelly was 12th in prelims in the 500-yard freestyle in a time of 5:38.95.

The Cottage Grove cheer team finished in 6th place as a team over the weekend while they were competing at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland. The team recorded 151.20 points finishing with 51.80 in building skills, 51.40 in tumbling/jumps and 49.00 in overall routine.

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Oregon @ UCLA
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Colorado @ Washington
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