



KELLY POTTER PHOTOS

Siuslaw freshman Murray Bingham starts in the varsity boys 5K at Saturday's Woahink Invitational; Celie Mans battles early in Saturday's invitational en route to second place.

Siuslaw from 1B

Linn (61), Siuslaw (68), North Bend (116), Philomath (124), Bandon (127), Churchill (176), Roseburg (213) and Toledo

(257). In the boys race, freshman Murray Bingham made his first appearance in the home invitational, leading the Vikings with a 15th-place individual finish in 17:53.8, followed by sophomores

Isaac Griffes in 30th (18:31.2) and Kyle King in 35th (18:47.0), junior Sean Burns in 52nd (19:23.0) and senior Tyler Williams in 55th (19:30.0).

Other finishers for the Viks included Jack Pickell in 74th

(20:04.9) and Jordan Northrop in 89th (24:59.0).

In team scoring, the day belonged to West Linn, whose team claimed the first three finishes and a school record of 43 points for first place.

Bandon and South Eugene were both 55 points away in a tie for for second place with 98, followed by Churchill (131), Elmira (150), Brookings-Harbor (165), Newport (174), North bend (175), Siuslaw (181), Roseburg

(273), Willamette (314) and Toledo (394).

This Saturday, Siuslaw will travel to Philomath to compete in the annual Paul Mariman Invitational, beginning at 11:45 a.m.



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Siuslaw quarterback Preston Mitchell goes into motion with center Michael Larson (right.)

Viks from 1B

that way the whole game," said Mitchell," who also delivered a 35-yard touchdown pass to Scott Gordon late in the fourth quarter.

In the meantime, the Viks scored just before the half, on an 18-yard carry by Thrall.

With the first possession of the half, Siuslaw continued to not only set the tone but take it a pitch higher as the Viks strung together a gruelling 70-yard, 17-play drive led by Thrall, who had 10 carries in the series.

"We just kept driving the ball three to four yards at a time," said Thrall. "We pushed ourselves and really felt it come together on that drive."

After grinding their way to within three yards, the Viks gave the ball to Thrall, who breached the end zone for a 21-0 lead entering the final quarter en route to Gordon's touchdown catch.

The Lancers managed to avoid the shutout with less than two minutes to go, on a 23-yard scamper by sophomore tight end Jonathan Warner.

Thrall had 101 yards on 19 carries, including two touch-

downs. Mitchell had 98 yards on 15 carries, including a touch-down. Cade Clawson had 12 yards on four carries, and Nick Steinman had 10 yards on five carries.

Gordon had eight receptions for 75 yards, including a 35-yard TD catch.

Trent Reavis had a fumble

recovery and Brogan Cornish had a one-yard reception against the Lancers.

The win moved Siuslaw up to No. 10 in the OSAA's rankings for the 4A division, with the Vikings (1-0 in league) on the road at North Bend (1-0) this Friday.

Kickoff is 7 p.m.

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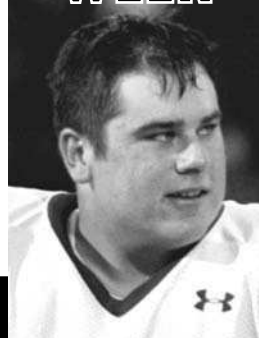
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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Kenneth Thrall



The senior running back carried the ball 19 times for 101 yards and two touchdowns in last week's Far West League opening victory over South Umpqua. Thrall also intercepted a pass and was a perfect four-for-four kicking point afters.

Honorable Mention A.J. Foster

Honorable mention goes to Mapleton Sailor A.J. Foster who had eight carries for 81 yards and two touchdowns, plus a 70 yard kickoff return for a score in the Sailors' victory over McKenzie.

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