

Loving plays in 8-man all-star game, heads to Shrine game in August

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By Natasha Kavanaugh

Tribal member Corey Loving, son of Corey Loving Sr. and Gail Johnson, earned two more opportunities to suit up for football after the high school season ended last fall.

Loving and Jeff Sweet (featured in the May 2012 issue of *Siletz News*) have been selected for the 60th annual Oregon East-West Shrine Game taking place in Baker City, Ore., on Aug. 4. Football players from Class 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A schools from throughout Oregon were chosen.

Shortly after graduation, Loving was called to play in the 23rd annual Eight-Man East-West All-Star football game held at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, Ore., on June 23. The game featured some of the best Class 1A athletes in the state.

In two short years, Loving received second-team all-league honors and the invitations to play in the Eight-Man All-Star and the Shrine games.

When Loving got his invitation letter to the Shrine game, he was excited.

"Just made me wish I could of started high school over again and played all four years ... I hurt myself playing basketball; it just makes me wonder what I could have done if I wouldn't have played basketball and would have played football."

Loving grew up in La Pine, Ore., with his grandparents, Vick and Bev Loving.

"They raised me and I thank them for about everything, pretty much," said Loving.

He came to Siletz his junior year of high school. As Vance Lindstrom, offensive/defensive line coach for Siletz Valley, recalls, "I first met Corey when he was working a summer job at the school. When I first met him, I thought he was an adult. Not only was he a big kid, but he

was very mature. When I found out that he was a transfer high school student that wanted to play football, I was ecstatic."

"My first few practices, it was totally foreign to me," said Loving. "I didn't have any clue what I was doing, but Vance, he taught me really well, I picked everything up pretty quickly. And Mark Pullam coming in, he knows what he's doing, he's a smart guy. I definitely wouldn't have made the team without them."

Loving recalls his very first game.

"I got the Warrior Heart for the game, which is basically anyone who works the hardest and stuck out the most," he said.

The coaches pick a player from every game who they believe has put everything they have into all parts of the game, from attitude to physical play – a player who gives 110 percent on every play.

"I thought it was really cool because it was my very first game," said Loving.

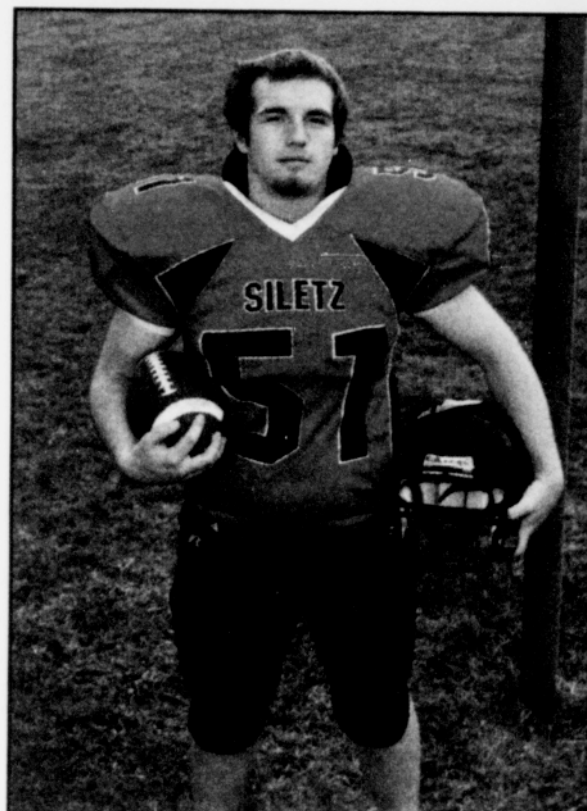
Since coming to Siletz, "Corey played arguably the two toughest positions in football – offensive center and defensive nose guard," said Lindstrom, who also shared thoughts about being a center.

"While most people are impressed when a quarterback throws a perfect spiral, few people notice that the center often has to throw a perfect spiral too. The only difference is that the center has to throw it between his legs, then he has to block the biggest and meanest lineman on the other team, the nose guard. Corey excelled at both positions because of his physical strength," he said.

"He (Loving) always came to practice ready to go," said Head Coach Reggie Butler Jr. "He always had a good attitude. He was our starting center, one of our leading tacklers on defense and he only played a limited time there because of the need for him at center."

Loving started track and baseball for the first time this year. He also has played basketball and wrestled, but stopped this year because of a broken arm (wrestling) and a previous knee injury from basketball.

"Even when he was injured, Corey pushed himself to do everything that he could. In fact, it was often the coaching staff that had to tell him to take it easy," said Lindstrom.



Courtesy photo

Corey Loving

Coaches praise Loving's attitude

Willie Worman is another coach with a lot of intensity.

"I know he gets really frustrated. I mean he's a loud coach, he's very vocal," Loving said. "It gets frustrating but without that, no one is going to push you and that definitely helps."

He also appreciated having Dave Morgan as a coach.

"He's the coach that you can always go talk to about anything and it's nice to have one of those," Loving said. "He's always making sure your grades are good so you can play too."

"Corey is the kind of kid that coaches love to have, but so rarely get. Not only is he coachable and positive, but he has a work ethic that is amazing. Equally important, Corey is mentally tough," Lindstrom said. "I wish I had another year with Corey on our football team. He deserves all of the accolades and honors that he receives because they aren't given to him. They were earned by him one drop of sweat at a time."

Lindstrom added that Loving always came to the field ready to go.

"I have been privileged to coach Corey for the past few years," Lindstrom added. "Corey just wanted onto the field to help his team and he wasn't happy if he wasn't involved. It didn't matter if it was an important game or just a practice. Corey treated them all the same. And that is something that the younger players noticed. It is what made Corey a great team leader and a great role model. He truly had 'Warrior Heart' every second of every day."

Butler concurs with Lindstrom.

"He (Loving) played every game with a lot of heart and was a leader to his team on the field," said Butler. "I enjoyed coaching him and am proud that he is getting the opportunity to play in the Shrine Game representing Siletz. He is well deserved of it."

As for Loving, he sums it up in just one sentence.

"I just gotta thank my coaches and my grandparents, and my mom and dad too."

Loving's future plans include enlisting in the military with a goal of becoming an X-ray technician.

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1	2	3	Base 4	5	6	7	8
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Applications, including proof of income, enrollment and proof of homeownership, must be submitted to the Housing office by July 31, 2012, at 4:30 p.m. Applications received after that date and time will not be accepted.

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If you have any questions, please call Jeanette Aradoz at 800-922-1399, ext. 1316, or 541-444-8316.

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