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Top stories of 2014

The past year included outstanding performances that were a testament to the athletic tenacity that runs through the veins of our local athletes. Following is a timeline of some of the most significant moments in Siuslaw and Mapleton sports this past year.

STORY BY SHANNON KORFF AND NED HICKSON
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JANUARY

Viks sixth at Lutz Invitational

Eighteen different teams from multiple divisions were on the mats at Siuslaw High School for the annual Nick Lutz Wrestling Invitational.

With only eight wrestlers in the roster, the Vikings had their work cut out for them to compete in a tournament with 14 weight classes.

"I was really pleased with our performance," said Siuslaw coach Neil Wartnik, whose team finished with an impressive sixth-place finish overall.

Andrew Tupua claimed the individual title at 138 pounds, with third-place finishes for Tyler Coolidge and Markel Bliss in their respective brackets.

Other scoring came from Jose DeLaMora, Issiah Burkhalter, Kainan Lance and Jeremiah Tupua.

With a total of 207 points, Elmira won the team title with the Vikings earnings 113 points to place sixth overall.

FEBRUARY

Viks topple South Umpqua, 59-48

The Vikings' sails were full as they raced to a 59-48 win on the momentum gained from five players who each scored eight or more points against the Lancers.

The Viks' points leader, senior Ashlee Cole, once again led the attack, putting up 18 points against South Umpqua. Junior guard Halee Richards had a breakout performance with a double-double, scoring 10 points and grabbing 11 rebounds.

The win secured at least fifth place for the Vikings, who hosted Marshfield for a chance to move into a three-way tie with the Pirates and Douglas for fourth place — and a playoff spot.

Sailors shave Mohawk, 78-37

For the Sailor boys, when they stepped onto the hardwood against Mohawk at home Feb. 12, it was their last shot at securing a postseason spot for the playoffs.

Thanks to a season-best performance from junior Tucker Ford, who scored nearly half of Mapleton's 78 points against the Indians, the Sailors were able to do what they needed to do and beat Mohawk. The win created a tie with McKenzie for fifth-place in the Mountain West League.

SHS alumni shines in OSU pitching debut
TEMPE, ARIZ. — It isn't often that a freshman gets to start on the mound on a No. 2- ranked college base-

ball team, but 2013 Siuslaw graduate Jake Thompson made the most of that opportunity in his debut for Oregon State University when he threw against Pacific University.

Thompson pitched seven scoreless innings, allowing only three hits and a pair of walks.

Ten of the last 11 batters who faced Thompson struck out against the power right-hander.

Butler gives verbal to Ducks

Siuslaw senior and 4A state cross-country champion Mitchell Butler essentially had his pick of schools to run track at, but in the end it came down to the Ducks' green and gold. Butler, who has enough medals in both cross country and track to out-bling an evening at the Rap Awards, gave the University of Oregon a verbal commitment that he would run both indoor and outdoor track, as well as on the school's nationally recognized cross country team.

Sailors' journey ends at Crow

The Sailor boys battled for two days the previous week in an effort to continue into the Mountain West League playoffs, and a chance to reach the 1A state tournament.

To do that, Mapleton needed to break a tie for fifth place with McKenzie by traveling to the Eagles' nest; a win at Blue River meant taking sole possession of fifth, and a chance to face the fourth-place Cougars the following night.

In what was arguably one of its best performances of the season, Mapleton was able to keep the game close before pulling away in the final quarter.

Steals by Tucker Ford, who had seven on the night, provided the Sailors with extra scoring opportunities down the stretch. Ford also posted 13 points to lead Mapleton in scoring, with the Sailors claiming a 39-29 win — and the Mountain West's final playoff-spot.

Viks nab solo spot at state

At the end of the arduous Far West/Skyline regional wrestling tournament, Siuslaw coach Neil Wartnik said he had a lot of admiration for his team's performance, out of which came three placers and a regional champion.

"We took six underclassmen to Phoenix High School

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A Sporting View
By Ned Hickson

A Rookie for the rough

It's a new year, and a new season is upon us. The Siuslaw News is excited to bring you the latest in sports news and updates. We have a lot of great stories for you, including a feature on the Siuslaw High School wrestling team. We also have a lot of great photos and updates from the Siuslaw High School sports teams. We hope you enjoy reading our news and updates. We will be bringing you more news and updates in the future. We hope you enjoy reading our news and updates. We will be bringing you more news and updates in the future.

State wrestling

Siuslaw's 'lone wolf' heads to state

Regional 138-pound champ
Issiah Burkhalter will compete for 4A state title.

On the Bite

A weekly fishing report for the local region

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