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## A Sporting View

By Mark Vasto

### The crack of the bat

Each year the selections are scrutinized and the parameters are parsed, the voters are vetoed by the viewers at home, and those who make it to the hallowed haven beckon their brethren to the celestial confines known to one and all as the Hall ... of Fame, that is, the one in Cooperstown, New York.

For baseball fans, discussing the baseball Hall of Fame is the closest thing to nicotine or crack cocaine -- we know it leads to addiction, and you are never satisfied, but you still keep going back for more, knowing that punishment awaits.

This year's HOF inductees — Randy Johnson, Pedro Martinez, John Smoltz and Craig Biggio — were all players that I actively stumped for.

My remaining six choices — Mike Piazza, Alan Trammell, Curt Schilling, Tim Lincecum, Lee Smith and Don Mattingly — did not fare as well, but it appears that Piazza, Schilling and Raines are trending in the right direction and one day will be enshrined.

Piazza, the greatest hitting catcher of all-time, which is really saying something when you consider Johnny Bench, Yogi Berra, Carlton Fisk, Gary Carter, Roy Campanella, Thurman Munson and Rick Cerone all played the game too, will more than likely make the cut next year.

Schilling, every bit as dominant as Glavine, Martinez, Maddux and Johnson in his own way, saw a big bump in votes this year, and it appears he will be taking the meandering Bert Blyleven route to Cooperstown. Raines will

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## Sports Calendar

### Jan. 24

- SHS wrestling Sutherland Inv. 9 a.m.

### Jan. 25

- SHS bowling districts at Fir Bowl 9 a.m.

### Jan. 27

- SHS girls BB hosts Douglas 6 p.m.
- SHS boys BB hosts Douglas 7:30 p.m.

### Jan. 30

- MHS boys BB hosts Siletz Valley 6 p.m.

## Coaching the FUNdamentals



Shawn Penrod for Siuslaw News

U of O four-time All-American track athlete and former pro football player Jordan Kent is CEO and co-founder of Jordan Kent Skills Camps, which recently held a camp for the Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County.

## Jordan Kent: Teaching more than athletic skills at camps

### One of Oregon's favorite sons hopes to inspire young athletes

BY SHAWN PENROD  
for Siuslaw News

With youth basketball season in full swing, area players got an opportunity last Saturday, Jan. 17, to get coaching and training from someone who is arguably one of the greatest all-around athletes to come from the state of Oregon.

In coordination with the Boys and Girls Club (BGC) of Western Lane County, Jordan Kent, a former University of Oregon star who went on to play professional football in the

NFL, held a three-hour basketball skills camp at Siuslaw Elementary School.

Originally slated to be an all-day multi-sport camp, stormy weather forced a move to an indoor basketball-only session.

The 28 local boys and girls, ages 6 to 12, who attended the clinic worked on everything from basic passing to setting screens and proper defensive positioning. In addition to the training, BGC Resource Development Officer Lindsey Phillips said the BGC received 12 percent of the admission fees.

Kent, when he is not working as a broadcaster for ComCast Sportsnet NW, is CEO and founder of Jordan Kent Skill Camps. For the past four years, he has travelled the state hosting clinics on football, baseball, soccer

and basketball. Kent is uniquely qualified to run skill camps.

The son of current Washington State and former University of Oregon basketball coach Ernie Kent, Jordan was a standout athlete in High School and college.

At Churchill High School in Eugene, Kent led the Lancers to a state basketball title his junior year and was an All State selection as a senior averaging 18-points a game. Also while at Churchill, Kent was twice awarded state track athlete of the year while winning numerous individual state titles and setting a state record in long jump.

While attending the University of Oregon, Kent was a three-sport letterman, playing basketball, football and

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## Siuslaw teams beaten by Brookings-Harbor

### Vikings will be back on home hardwood Tuesday night

BY NED HICKSON  
Siuslaw News

**BRUINS BOYS: 45 VIKING BOYS: 38**  
**BRUINS GIRLS: 66 VIKING GIRLS: 35**

Both Viking teams were at 0-2 in the Far West League heading into last night's home stand against South Umpqua (after press deadlines) after narrowly falling to the Bruins earlier

this week on the road.

Though Siuslaw's boys team was able to keep things close throughout the game with three players scoring seven points or more each, Brookings was able to slow the Viking offense just enough in the fourth quarter to hold on for a seven-point win, 45-38.

Senior point guard Preston Mitchell led the Vikings at the hoop, posting nine points. Senior guard Seth Campbell and freshman post Trent Reavis each scored seven points against the Bruins.

That same night, the Lady Vikings faced a fast-paced Brookings offense

that took an early lead and never looked back as the Bruins went 2-0 in league play with a decisive 66-35 win.

Sophomore post Elyssa Rose and junior guard Mikaela Siegel each put up nine points for Siuslaw.

Also on Friday, North Bend picked up its first league win in a 73-20 rout over South Umpqua; Douglas, meanwhile, slipped past Marshfield, 45-42.

Tuesday, Siuslaw will be back on its home court to host Douglas (2-0) at 6 p.m.

The boys will tip off at 7:30 p.m.

## On the Bite

A weekly fishing report for the local region

[www.dfw.state.or.us/RR](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/RR)

### MID COAST LAKES:

The wild coho salmon fishery in Siltcoos and Tahkenitch lakes is slow. Most fish have migrated onto the spawning grounds.

### ALSEA RIVER:

Chinook, steelhead

Winter steelhead season is underway with reports of some steelhead being caught from the lower river up to the hatchery. Good numbers of fish typically start returning over the next few weeks.

### SALMON RIVER:

Steelhead

Winter steelhead are starting to show up in most coastal basins. Salmon River does get a good return of wild winter steelhead and an occasional stray hatchery fish.

### SILETZ RIVER:

Steelhead, Chinook

Winter steelhead season is underway with a small number steelhead being caught from the lower river up to Moonshine Park by both bank and boat anglers. This time of year is typically slow to fair for winter steelhead. Fall Chinook fishing is slow as most remaining fish have moved onto the spawning grounds.

### SIUSLAW RIVER:

Steelhead, Chinook

Winter steelhead are starting to show up in small numbers around the mid to lower sections of the Siuslaw and Lake Creek. Fall Chinook fishing is very slow and any remaining fish have moved

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## TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

Jan. 24  
2:49am / 8.0 8:54am / 1.4  
2:43pm / 7.4 9:07pm / 0.1

Jan. 25  
3:36am / 8.0 9:54am / 1.3  
3:44pm / 6.6 9:55pm / 1.0

Jan. 26  
4:26am / 8.0 11:01am / 1.3  
4:54pm / 6.0 10:49pm / 1.7

Jan. 27  
5:20am / 7.9 12:12am / 1.2  
6:14pm / 5.6 11:50pm / 2.5

Jan. 28  
6:18am / 7.8 1:25am / 1.0  
7:40pm / 5.4

Jan. 29  
7:18am / 7.7 12:58am / 3.0  
8:58pm / 5.6 2:32pm / 0.7

Jan. 30  
8:17am / 7.7 2:09am / 3.2  
10:00pm / 5.9 3:29pm / 0.3

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