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A Sporting View

By Mark Vasto

Dead-on balls accurate

New England Patriots coach Bill Belichek has his trophies, but he is a cheater. I used to defend him, too. So what if he stole some signs? Baseball players do it all the time. It's part of the fun. And if you can hack one of those military-grade communication systems the NFL uses just to learn which side a team is running a sweep, I think you need to re-evaluate your career choice because you belong in the NSA, not the NFL.

Deflating the ball is another matter. It gives the running back and receivers an edge in holding onto the ball. For a receiver, it will not bounce off your pads as easily; for a running back, it will be easy to lock up in your arm as you matriculate the ball downfield.

The statistics bear this out: The New England Patriots fumble ratio is other-worldly. Clearly, it has affected the outcome of games, and Belichik had to know that he had solved one of a football coach's greatest laments: turnover.

"I would not say that I am Mona Lisa Vito of the football world," Belichik said at a press conference while explaining his lack of knowledge of underinflated footballs.

For the uninitiated, he referenced Marisa Tomei's character, Mona Lisa Vito, from the film "My Cousin who provides Vinny," testimony expert that acquits Ralph Machio's character and his friend of murder charges.

Along the way, her combative nature proves useful when arguing with Joe Pesci over a dripping faucet. Pesci's character, Vinny Gambini, surmises that maybe she did not tighten it enough.

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Calendar

Feb. 3

• MHS boys BB hosts Alsea 6 p.m.

Feb. 6

- SHS girls BB hosts Marshfield 6 p.m.
- SHS boys BB hosts Marshfield
- SHS wrestling at C. Grove Inv.

Feb. 7

9 a.m.

• MHS wrestling at C. Grove Inv. 9 a.m.



Freshman post Trent Reavis scored 24 points against Douglas Tuesday night to help Siuslaw secure its first league win of the season.

Viks get drop on Douglas

Three players score in double-digits to dominate Trojans

> BY NED HICKSON Siuslaw News

SIUSLAW: 71 DOUGLAS: 59

The Trojans' only basket of the opening quarter against Siuslaw Tuesday night didn't come until the last 23 seconds. By then, the Vikings had already posted nine points, with

four of them coming from freshman utes remaining before the half. post Trent Reavis.

Reavis's momentum continued in the second period, scoring the first two baskets of the quarter within 30 seconds of each other by fighting his way into the paint against multiple

By the end of the game, Reavis would account for a third of Siuslaw's 71 points

Meanwhile, scoring by seniors Joseph Dotson, Preston Mitchell, Billy Jones and Reese Siegel had Siuslaw leading 23-5 with four min-

Siuslaw never looked back en route to a 71-59 rout that included 16 points from Dotson, 12 points from Jones and eight points from Mitchell.

The win was Siuslaw's first of the Far West season, putting them in fifth place over Douglas at 1-3.

North Bend, who the Viks played last night (after press deadlines) remains undefeated at 4-0 (15-0).

The Viks have a bye Tuesday, then will host second-place Marshfield (3-1) Friday, Feb. 6, beginning at 7:30

Siuslaw bowlers place 5th at district

Teams of Viking underclassmen bodes well for next season

The freshmen-dominated Siuslaw High School boys and girls bowling teams capped their seasons Sunday with fifth-place finishes in the

at Firs Bowl in Eugene.

"Although neither team advanced to the three-team finals, the young Vikings made a valiant effort," said coach Dusty Anderson. "They should be congratulated on a great season."

The boys were in second place after the first eight games of qualifying, while the girls were fifth. Both

District 4 state qualifying tournament were in fifth place after 20 games, with the top three teams advancing to the finals and earning state berths.

The boys' team included freshmen Neil Devera, Evan Johnson, Kaleb Haggard, Patrick Hill and Logan Lindner and sophomore Tyler Cater.

The girls' team included senior

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A weekly fishing report for the local region

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MID COAST LAKES:

The rainbow trout stocking program will begin in many mid coast lakes in early February. Be sure to check out the 2015 stocking schedule for the most up to date information. Fishing for the various warm water fish species can still be productive during the winter months but anglers may need to target different areas of a lake (typically deeper) versus when fishing in the spring or summer. **ALSEA RIVER:**

Steelhead

The winter steelhead

fishery has produced fair to good results recently. This week should be productive in the mid to lower reaches of the river while flows are low and river temperatures are warming.

SALMON RIVER: Steelhead

Winter steelhead fishing is starting to pick up in many coastal basins. The Salmon River is now open to harvest of wild winter steelhead (Jan 1 – March 31). Anglers are advised to read the new regulations as there are harvest restrictions and new deadlines in effect.

SILETZ RIVER:

Steelhead

Steelhead fishing is slow to fair but should start to pick up in the coming weeks. Fish can be found throughout the river for both bank and boat anglers. River conditions should be

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TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
Jan. 31	3·12am / 3.2

10:49pm / 6.1 4:18pm / 0.1

10:00am / 7.8 4:06am / 3.1 11:28pm / 6.4 4:59pm / -0.1

Feb. 2 10:43am / 7.8 4:53am / 2.9 5:37pm / -0.2

Feb. 3 12:03am / 6.6 5:34am / 2.6

11:22pm / 7.8 6:11pm / -0.2 Feb. 4

12:34am / 6.8 6:12am / 2.4 12:00pm / 7.6 6:43pm / -0.1

Feb. 5 1:05am / 6.9 6:49am / 2.3 12:36pm / 7.4 7:14pm / 0.2

1:35am / 6.9

7:26am / 2.2 1:12pm / 7.1 7:44pm / 0.5



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