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A Sporting View

By Mark Vasto

Your life depends on it

You can talk to me all you want about metrics, but if you were inches from death, whom would you want under center?

Yeah, that's the question I readily quick-snap into the face of anyone approaching me with this "Tom Brady is the best quarterback ever" nonsense.

If your life depended on it, who would you want to start the next game? Don't wait for the translation ... answer the question with Joe Montana and move along.

This notion — the game of a lifetime - reminds me of Doug Williams, quarterback of the Washington Redskins, and how he found himself without a running back the evening before the biggest game of his life, Super Bowl XXII in 1988.

One can only imagine the anxiety Williams, the first black quarterback to start a Super Bowl, felt before the game. The Redskins' opponent was the Broncos of Denver led by John Elway and Dan Reeves - two warriors still smarting over last year's humiliating loss

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Callendar

Feb. 7

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

Feb. 10

- SHS girls BB hosts Brookings 6 p.m.
- SHS boys BB hosts Brookings 7:30 p.m.
- MHS boys BB hosts Mohawk 6 p.m.

Feb. 13

- SHS girls BB at S. Umpqua 6 p.m.
- SHS boys BB at S. Umpqua 7:30 p.m.

Sandpines announces management change

Arizona-based management company will oversee operations beginning Feb. 16

> By NED HICKSON Siuslaw News

Those who tee off at Sandpines Golf Links next month may notice a few changes. Not on the fareways or in their backstroke, but behind the

SPG Properties LLC has announced that OB Sports Golf Management has



Sandpines' clubhouse, home to Tavolo's Restaurant, is the centerpiece of the 18-hole course that will be managed by OB Sports **Golf Management.**

been selected to manage Sandpines Golf Links.

OB Sports will officially assume facility-wide management duties for Sandpines on Feb. 16.

"We are thrilled to be onboard at Sandpines Golf Links," said C.A. Roberts, president and principal of

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Mapleton freshman Dominic Wells fights his way to the backboard. Wells had two points and a pair of rebounds against Alsea Tuesday night.

Sailors cage Wolverines, 45-34

By NED HICKSON Siuslaw News

MAPLETON: 45 ALSEA: 34

The Sailors continued their steady move up the Mountain West League standings and toward a potential playoff spot Tuesday with a solid win over Alsea.

With senior forward Jack Hardisty

back in the line-up, Mapleton has added more amunition to its offensive arsenal.

Sinking four 3-pointers from deep in the field, Hardesty led the Sailors in scoring with 15 points. Defensively, Hardesty picked up a pair of steals, with the Sailors claiming 13 turnovers thanks to the quick hands of senior guards Tucker Ford and Chris Free with three steals each, as well as two

steals each from sophomores Hunter Simington and Daniel Collins.

"We swarmed Alsea's defense," said Mapleton coach Will Crook. "We needed a win to put ourselves in a better position in the post season, and we were able to accomplish that goal."

The Sailors' defense was able to hold the Wolverines to just 16 points

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On the Bite

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

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TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
Feb. 7	
2:05am / 7.0	8:04am / 2.1
1:49pm / 6.8	8:14pm / 0.9

Feb. 8 2:36am / 7.0 8:44am / 2.0 2:29pm / 6.3 8:45pm / 1.3

Feb. 9 3:08am / 7.0 9:29am / 2.0 3:15pm / 5.9 9:18pm / 1.9

3:44am / 6.9 10:20am / 2.0 4:10pm / 5.5 9:56pm / 2.4

Feb. 11 4:26am / 6.9 11:20am / 1.8 5:19pm / 5.1 10:44pm / 2.9

Feb. 12 12:28am / 1.6 5:17am / 7.0

11:49pm / 3.3 6:42pm / 5.0 Feb. 13

1:36am / 1.2 6:16am / 7.1 8:02pm / 5.2

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