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# Siuslaw sends three wrestlers to state mats

**All three Viking grapplers will make first state appearance**

By NED HICKSON  
Siuslaw News

After two days of wrestling the region's best, three of Siuslaw's six wrestlers will advance to the state mats in Portland at the end of the month.

It's a ratio Siuslaw coach Neil Wartnik says reflects the tremendous growth his small team has experienced this season.

"To go through what this team went through over the course of the season, and rise above the odds by remaining focused is very satisfying," Wartnik said after last weekend's regionals at Marshfield High School.

The best wrestlers from both the Far West and Skyline



Jose DelaMora



Dylan Jennings



Kainan Lane

leagues went head-to-head during two days of intense competition, with the top four wrestlers from each bracket advancing to state Feb. 28-29.

"To send three out of six wrestlers to state in a division like this is tremendous," said Wartnik.

The Vikings went into the regional tournament with four seeded wrestlers, including

See **SIUSLAW 3B**

## New football rules target reducing injury risk

**NFHS is expanding definition of 'unnecessary roughness'**

In its ongoing effort to minimize the risk of injury in high school football, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Football Rules Committee expanded the provisions of unnecessary roughness to include contact with a defenseless player.

This revision in Rule 9-4-3g was one of six rule changes recommended by the Football Rules Committee at its January 23-25 meeting in Indianapolis.

These changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

The revised rule now reads, "No player or non-player shall make any contact with an opponent, including a

See **RULES 3B**



Ned Hickson/Siuslaw News

Siuslaw sophomore Claire Waggoner had a season-high 14 points, leading the Viks over South Umpqua Friday.

## Lady Viks lower boom on Lancers

**Siuslaw boys were unable to stop third-place South Umpqua**

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SHS GIRLS: 52 SUHS GIRLS: 18  
SUHS BOYS: 81 SHS BOYS: 50

It took less than two quarters for the Siuslaw girls to take complete control of their match-up on the road at South Umpqua on Friday night. Between sophomores Claire Waggoner, Elyssa Rose and Destinie Tatum, the Vikings

were able to post 30 points, with Waggoner leading all scoring with a season-high 14 points against the Lancers.

By halftime, Siuslaw had established an dominant 33-7 lead and maintained that pace toward a lopsided 52-18 win for the Viks' second league victory.

Along with Waggoner's 14 points, Siuslaw got six points, seven blocked shots and 10 rebounds from Rose, as well as nine points from Tatum.

That same night, Marshfield fell to undefeated Brookings-Harbor (8-0), 56-38, and second-place Douglas (6-2) got the drop on North Bend, 46-38.

At 2-6, the Lady Viks are currently in fifth place in the Far West as the regular season wraps up this Friday at home against North Bend.

In the Viking boys game, a 26-point scoring run by the Lancers in the first half put a win out of reach for Siuslaw as the Lancers, tied for third place in the FWL at 4-4, went on to win it, 81-50.

North Bend leads the league at 8-0, followed by Marshfield (7-0), with a tie for third between South Umpqua and Brookings-Harbor (4-4).

Friday's home game against the Bulldogs begins with the girls at 6 p.m., followed by the boys' game.

## On the Bite

**A weekly fishing report for the local region**

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**MID COAST LAKES:**  
The rainbow trout stocking program began in many mid coast lakes in early February. Be sure to check out the 2015 stocking schedule for the most up to

See **FISHING 4B**

## TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

**Feb. 18**  
11:07am / 8.6 5:11am / 1.7  
5:50pm -1.1

**Feb. 19**  
12:10am / 7.7 6:01am / 1.2  
11:58pm / 8.6 6:33am -1.0

**Feb. 20**  
12:51am / 8.0 6:51am / 0.7  
12:49pm / 8.4 7:15pm -0.7

**Feb. 21**  
1:32am / 8.3 7:42am / 0.5  
1:41pm / 7.9 7:58pm -0.1

**Feb. 22**  
2:15am / 8.3 8:35am / 0.4  
2:35pm / 7.3 8:42pm / 0.7

**Feb. 23**  
2:59am / 8.2 9:31am / 0.5  
3:34pm / 6.6 9:30pm / 1.4

**Feb. 24**  
3:47am / 7.9 10:32am / 0.7  
4:40pm / 6.0 10:23pm / 2.2

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## Sports Calendar

**Feb. 18**

- MHS boy BB MWL playoffs hosts Alsea 7 p.m.

**Feb. 20**

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



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