

Viks from 1B

things well in-hand for their Homecoming game against Douglas.

Fueled by senior power on a night that could likely be the final appearance for 11 Vikings on the grass at Hans Petersen Field, Siuslaw took a 14-0 lead by the end of the first quarter, with senior quarterback Preston Mitchell scoring on a 1-yard sneak and a 42-yard keeper.

Meanwhile, Siuslaw's defense held Douglas scoreless for nearly all of the second quarter as well. Viking senior Scott Gordon added an exclamation point when he snatched up an interception within the red zone and returned it for a 90-yard touchdown — and a 21-0 Siuslaw lead.

The Trojans' best performance of the game came in the final minute of the half, stringing together a six-play, 55-yard drive to score and avoid being blanked-out heading into halftime, 7-21.

Senior running back Kenneth Thrall got the third quarter started

by spearheading an 11-play, 75-yard march up the field that ended with Thrall breaching the end zone on a 2-yard carry to score.

After holding Douglas scoreless for the period, the Vikings extended their lead on the first play of the fourth quarter when Mitchell raced 56 yards for a TD — and 35-7 lead after Thrall's fifth kick of the evening; Thrall eventually found the uprights six times before the final horn.

Douglas was able to answer on its next possession, finding the end zone on a 2-yard carry by junior runningback Matt Gibson.

Siuslaw responded, bringing the ball to within nine yards of the goal line on five plays. From there, Thrall rolled in for a 42-14 lead after a PAT.

Though the Trojans were able to score quickly on an impressive 64-yard pass from junior quarterback Carter Dahl to senior receiver John Wanamaker to make it 42-20, an onside kick attempt ended up with Siuslaw.

Moving into the quarterback slot, sophomore Trent Reavis was



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Vikings junior running back Nick Steinman gets a first down against Douglas with assistance from senior tight end Reese Siegel on Friday.

able to run the clock out with blocking from junior running-back Nick Steinman for the win.

That same night, Marshfield (3-0) sank South Umpqua 50-6, and North Bend (4-0) lowered the boom on Brookings-Harbor, 47-7

to remain undefeated and at the top of the league at 4-0.

The Pirates and Bulldogs will meet up Friday to determine who gets the league crown and the No. 1 seed heading into state.

Assuming the Viks beat Brookings (1-3) Friday, they would finish the regular season at 3-2 and in third place — most likely against Stayton.

While the most likely scenario has the Vikings on the road for that play-in game, a slim chance remains for a home game should the rankings play out in their favor.

In the meantime, kickoff for Friday's game at Brookings-Harbor is 7 p.m.

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