

**Reign** from 1B

runner,” Johnson said of Potter, who has scored in three district meets and two state appearances for Siuslaw. “When it matters most, she always comes through.”

The Viks also got scoring from freshman standout Kaeli Ramos with a personal best of 20:45 to finish 10th individually. Junior Destinie Tatum was 14th with a time of 21:24.

Senior Mikaela Siegel was 18th (21:45) and freshman Trinity Ramos finished 21st in 22:12.

“Toward the end, it got hard but I just told myself I can do it,” said Ramos, sister to Kaeli. “My sister was the first person I looked for at the finish line — I knew she’d be there first.”

The Viking girls, currently ranked No. 1 by the OSAA in the 4A division, will advance to the state 4A meet Oct. 31.

North Bend was third in team scoring with 60 points, followed by Marshfield with 84 points.

With the girls race complete, all attention was on Siuslaw’s underclassman-dominated boys team lead by freshman Murray Bingham and sophomore Isaac Griffes — both of whom finished in the top seven Thursday.

In the final tally, only 12 points separated the top four teams, with Brookings-Harbor taking the league crown with 57 points.

The Viking boys went on to post four personal bests and three runners in the top 10.

“When you have teams running that closely, it comes down to a place here and a place there,” said Johnson. “I told them it



Siuslaw sophomore Isaac Griffes approaches the final stretch at district to finish seventh overall; freshman Kaeli Ramos pushes herself to a 10th-place finish.



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could come down to who our sixth-place guy is.”

Bingham’s personal best of 16:43 earned him fourth place individually, followed by Griffes in seventh with a PR time of 17:25, and junior Jack Pickell placing 10th with a season’s best time of 17:42 and five-second improvement over his district time as a sophomore.

Sophomore Kyle King was 15th in 18:10, with senior Tyler Williams providing the fifth scoring position and finishing with a PR of 18:30.

Junior Andrew Rannow (18:35, a season’s best) and senior Sean Burns (18:37, a PR) were 25th and 26th, respectively.

The Viking boys’ score of 59 put them six points ahead of

North Bend (65) — and enough for a trip to state as the Far West’s No. 2 seed to state.

Marshfield was fourth (68) and South Umpqua was fifth (89).

“I felt great the whole way,” Bingham said afterward. “My goal was to get into the 16-point range and I beat it.”

The boys will join the girls for

a shot at the state title on Halloween, Oct. 31, at Lane Community College in Eugene.

“They are genuinely a great group of kids,” said Johnson. “If they stick to the plan and run smart, they could reach the top rung of the ladder.”

**Viks** from 1B

OSAA rating system.

Other play-in games include:

- North Marion (Oregon West 3/OSAA 26) at Hidden Valley (Skyline 2/OSAA 6)
- Douglas (Far West 4/OSAA 22) at Tillamook (Cowapa 3/OSAA 8)
- Scappoose (Cowapa 4/OSAA 21) at North Valley (Skyline 3/OSAA 9)
- Estacada (Tri-Valley 3/OSAA 20) at Sutherlin (Sky-

Em 2/OSAA 10)

- Mazama (Skyline 4/OSAA 19) at Philomath (Oregon West 2/OSAA 12)
- South Umpqua (Far West 3/OSAA 17) at Corbett (Tri-Valley 2/OSAA 16)
- Junction City (Sky-Em 4/OSAA 13) at Ontario (Greater Oregon 2/OSAA 29)

Drawing byes into the first round of the state playoffs are seven league champions: OSAA No. 1 Banks (Cowapa), No. 2 Sisters (Sky-Em), No. 3 Marshfield (Far West), No. 4

Crook County (Tri-Valley), No. 7 Henley (Skyline), No. 11 Cascade (Oregon West) and No. 15 LaGrande (Greater Oregon).

Rounding out Group A is Valley Catholic of Beaverton (OSAA No. 5) of the Cowapa League, which received a bye as the top-rated league runner-up.

The eight Group B teams host the eight Group C teams in the play-in round. Winners of play-in round games will be reseeded for the first round of

the state playoffs.

Each of the seven leagues is guaranteed a home play-in game. So the Cowapa No. 3, which is No. 8-rated Tillamook, will host a game. Also hosting is the highest-seeded No. 3 team remaining, which this season is North Valley.

First-round pairings for games Saturday, Oct. 31, would include:

- No. 16 seed at Banks
- No. 15 seed at Sisters
- No. 14 seed at Marshfield

(current No. 14 seed is Siuslaw)

No. 13 seed at Crook County No. 12 seed at Valley Catholic

No. 11 seed at Henley No. 10 seed at Cascade No. 9 seed at LaGrande The state 4A and 3A championships are Nov. 6 and 7 at Forest Grove High School, 1401 Nichols Lane, Forest Grove.

**Fishing** from 1B

good results in the lower bay up to the Chinook Bend area.

Chinook can be found through the head of tide but still in small numbers. Trolling or bobber fishing through the high slack seems to be the most productive.

The wild coho fishery continues through Nov. 30 with a daily bag limit of 1 adult coho and seasonal limit of 2 adult coho (in aggregate with other areas with the same bag limit).

The lower bay up to Coyote Rock typically produces the best results early in the season.

**WILSON RIVER:** *Steelhead, Chinook, cutthroat*

Summer steelhead fishing is slow. Fishing for cutthroat trout should be fair. Use lighter gear for best results as the water is extremely low and clear. Fall Chinook angling in tidewater will improve over the coming weeks as more fish arrive.

**YAQUINA RIVER:** *Chinook, coho, cutthroat trout*  
Anglers are having fair to

good results for fall Chinook from the lower bay up to the Canyon Quarry boat launch area. Trolling herring or spinners during the incoming tide through the high slack typically produces the best results. Small numbers of Chinook are also up near Elk City.

The wild coho fishery is open through Nov. 30 with a daily bag limit of 1 adult coho and seasonal limit of 2 adult coho (in aggregate with other areas with the same bag limit). The lower bay up to the airport boat ramp typically produces

the best results for coho.

**COOS COUNTY LAKES/PONDS:** *Largemouth bass, bluegills*

Fishing for largemouth bass and bluegills has been good in many of the Coos County lakes. Fishing for bass will be best in the very early mornings and late evenings.

Fish for bluegills around structure like submerged logs and weed lines.

**UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH:** The South Umpqua is currently closed to all fishing until Dec. 1.

**WINCHESTER BAY:** *Bottomfish, perch*

Fishing for bottomfish in the Triangle and South jetty has been successful. Perch fishing has been productive in the bay, and it was reported that good size striped perch were being caught along the jetty.

Crabbing has been improving, and Chinook are still

being caught in the ocean off of Winchester Bay and in the lower Umpqua River.

**PACIFIC OCEAN and BEACHES:** *Bottomfish, salmon, Dungeness crab, surf perch*

The ocean is open for harvest of Dungeness crab and crabbing has been good outside of Coos Bay and Winchester Bay.

Anglers are catching surf perch on the area beaches like Horsefall Beach. Fishing the incoming tides with sand shrimp usually works the best to catch surf perch.

Recreational ocean salmon season from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. is open for Chinook salmon. The non-selective coho season closed Sept. 30.

Fishing for Chinook in the ocean from Bandon to Winchester Bay has been slow.

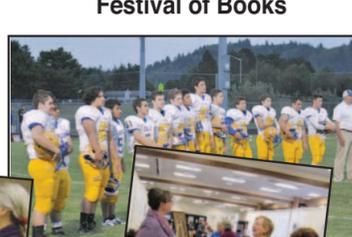
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