

Vikings from 1B

sink a long 3-pointer, with sophomore forward Jared Brandt force his way into the paint to make it 17-19.

With 4:41 left, Elmira sank a short jumper, with Mitchell answering with another 3-pointer to pull Siuslaw within one point, 21-20.

The Vikings and Falcons traded baskets for the last 90 seconds, Mitchell draining two foul shots, and sophomore forward John Rollins getting a basket and a free throw to stay within a single point entering the half, 26-25.

The third quarter saw the Falcons pull away, then move ahead by as many as 14 points in the fourth period.

Siuslaw battled back late in the quarter with buckets from Mitchell, Siegel, junior Brogan Cornish and sophomore Jake Hickson to close the gap to within six points with 11.5 seconds on the clock.

In the final stretch, foul shooting helped keep the Falcons on top for a 56-46 win.

Mitchell led scoring with 21 points and eight rebounds.

It was Siuslaw's third game of the week, and its fifth loss of the preseason.

Last night, Siuslaw was on the road at Sutherlin and will return to host Cottage Grove in another nonleague matchup this Friday.

Tipoff is 7:30 p.m.

At 0-5 in preseason, the Vikings are ranked 40th in the 4A, with Far West rival Marshfield (3-0) ranked No. 1 by OSAA coaches.

The league season begins Friday, Jan. 15, with Siuslaw on the road at South Umpqua to face the Lancers.

Their home opener will be the following Tuesday, Jan. 19, when they host the Pirates of Marshfield.

Tipoff for both games will be at 7:30 p.m.

Meanwhile, the Lady Vikings had the night off Friday as well as last night, but will return to the hardwood this Friday to host the Lions of Cottage Grove.

They will open the evening with a 6 p.m. tipoff, followed by the boys' game at 7:30 p.m.



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Siuslaw senior guard Preston Mitchell finds an opening against Elmira. Mitchell had 21 points Friday.

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Fishing from 1B

of weeks.

Winter steelhead season has arrived. The best chances to hook a chrome steelhead at this time would be in the lower section below Five Rivers. Tossing spinners, or floating bait or a jig are good options during low clear flows.

SALMON RIVER: *Chinook, steelhead*

The fall Chinook fishery is very slow. Most remaining fish are actively spawning or already spawned out.

Winter steelhead season tends to kick in this time of year. A small number of fish are likely in the system now and look for the numbers to steadily increase over the coming month. Casting lures, bouncing the bottom or drifting jigs or bait under a bobber are good techniques to consider.

SILETZ RIVER: *Chinook, coho, steelhead*

The fall Chinook fishery is slow. A small number of new fish may be found in the lower river but most remaining fish

are actively spawning or spawned out.

The wild coho fishery is now closed for the season.

Winter steelhead season is just getting underway. This time of year typically sees the first few fish entering the river. Best chances early on during lower flows will come from below the town of Siletz.

Side drifting, bouncing bottom or bobber fishing can be productive.

WILSON RIVER: *Steelhead, Chinook*

The river was at flood stage through mid-week. When the river drops, fall Chinook and winter steelhead will be available. Fishing should be fair to good. Anglers are reminded that the river above Jordan Creek is closed to all salmon fishing.

YAQUINA RIVER: *Chinook, steelhead*

Anglers are having very little success for fall Chinook in the upper section of tide water. Most fish are now on the spawning grounds. The winter steelhead run is now underway.

The Big Elk tends to start seeing fish this time of year in small numbers. Look for the next good rain event to get the fishery going. The wild coho fishery is now closed for the year.

COOS COUNTY LAKES and PONDS: *Trout, yellow perch*

Fishing for trout has been decent in Bradley Lake south of Bandon and in Butterfield Lake north of Coos Bay.

Anglers have been catching some of the large trophy trout stocked this year on small flies or slowly trolling spinners. Trout will not be stocked again until the spring.

Yellow perch fishing has been good in lakes like Saunders Lake. Fishing a worm on the bottom in deep water should provide lots of bites for yellow perch.

UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH: *Steelhead*

The South Umpqua is currently open to adipose fin-clipped steelhead harvest, and winter steelhead fishing should pick up with the recent rains. There will be excellent hatchery steelhead harvest opportunities on the South Umpqua as the season progresses, especially around Stanton Park in Canyonville.

TENMILE BASIN: *Trout, largemouth bass, yellow perch, coho*

Streams in the Tenmile Basin are now closed for trout fishing until May 22, 2016. Tenmile Lakes is open all year for trout but trout fishing has been slow.

Yellow perch fishing has been very good for anglers in boats and from the fishing dock at the County Boat Ramp. A worm or piece of cut bait fished near the bottom works well for catching yellow perch.

Wild coho season is open in Tenmile Lakes until Dec. 31. The bag limit is 1 wild coho per day and 5 wild coho for the season in aggregate

with all other wild coho fisheries in the NW and SW zones. Anglers casting spinners have started catching coho in the upper arms of the lakes.

Steelhead fishing is open in Tenmile Creek but does not open in Eel Creek until Jan. 1. A couple anglers have been out for steelhead in Tenmile Creek but so far there are no reports of any steelhead being caught.

WINCHESTER BAY: *Bottomfish, perch, crab*

Fishing for bottomfish in the Triangle and South jetty has been successful. Crabbing has been productive, but Chinook and coho fishing has slowed in the ocean off of Winchester Bay and in the lower Umpqua River.

PACIFIC OCEAN and BEACHES: *Bottomfish, Dungeness crab,*

The ocean is now closed to harvest of Dungeness crab.

Ocean salmon fishing is now closed.

Pacific halibut fishing is closed.

Fishing for bottom fish is now open to fishing at all depths. Fishing for black rockfish and lingcod continues to be very good from Charleston to Bandon when the ocean is calm enough for anglers to get out on the water. The marine fish daily bag limit is seven fish and a separate daily limit for lingcod (two). Anglers can only keep 3 blue rockfish and 1 canary rockfish as part of their daily limit and there will be no harvest of China, quillback, or copper rockfish.

Retention of cabezon is now allowed at 1 fish per day and at least 16-inches long.

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Bowlers from 1B

First place went to North Bend, followed by Cottage Grove and Willamette.

Siuslaw team members include Hanna Anderson, Sequoya Bernard, Summer Large, Taryn Larson, Maxine Jones, Dixie Dyess and Abby Coday.

The boys' home tournament will be held Jan. 3, 2016.