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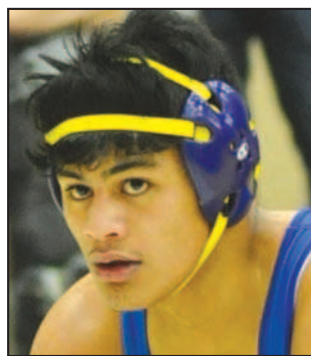
FOUR VIK GRAPPLERS HEAD TO STATE

BY NED HICKSON
Siuslaw News

Over the weekend, four Siuslaw wrestlers earned their way to the dance at the 4A state tournament this coming Friday and Saturday in Portland.

Taking on teams from the Far West as well as Skyline league, the Vikings competed in the 4A Sky-West District 3 Regional meet in Klamath Falls along with wrestlers from Henley, Phoenix, Mazama, North Valley, Hidden Valley and Klamath Union high schools — with the four top qualifiers in each division advancing to this weekend's state meet.

Viking senior Dylan Jennings, who came into the regionals ranked No. 1 at 220 pounds, pinned all three of his opponents during the two-day meet, including the championship round,



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Siuslaw's state-bound wrestlers (from left): Dylan Jennings, Talamoa Tupua, Ricky Huff and Murray Bingham.

where he took Dallas Lamphere of Henley to the mat for the win just 36 seconds into round two.

The win seeded Jennings at No. 1 heading into the state meet.

Fellow senior Talamoa Tupua, wrestling at 152 pounds, made it to the title round but narrowly lost to Austin

Tillery of Henley in a 5-3 decision.

Tupua will advance to state seeded at No. 6 and will take on unseeded Elmira senior Mason Walker.

Sophomore Ricky Huff pinned Oscar Baza of Henley in just 1:21 during the match for third place, securing an unseeded spot at state Friday, where

he will open the meet against No. 3 seed Jace Hays of Baker.

Joining the three Viking wrestling veterans will be freshman Murray Bingham, in his first year of wrestling. Bingham placed fourth at regionals

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SPORTS

Calendar

Feb. 26-27
• SHS WRESTLING
STATE MEET
PORTLAND

TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
Feb. 24 1:04am / 7.1 12:54pm / 7.3	7:02am / 1.6 7:19pm / 0.5
Feb. 25 1:34am / 7.1 1:32pm / 6.9	7:39am / 1.5 7:50pm / 0.9
Feb. 26 2:04am / 7.1 2:11pm / 6.5	8:17am / 1.5 8:21pm / 1.3
Feb. 27 2:35am / 7.0 2:53pm / 6.0	8:58am / 7.0 8:53pm / 1.9
Feb. 28 3:08am / 6.9 3:42pm / 5.7	9:43am / 1.6 9:28pm / 2.4
Feb. 29 3:46am / 6.7 4:41pm / 5.3	10:35am / 1.7 10:10pm / 2.9
March 1 4:31am / 6.6 5:54pm / 5.0	11:37am / 1.6 11:06pm / 3.4

Vikings end season on upswing

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SIUSLAW: 30 NORTH BEND: 51

Though the Viks had only one win this league season at 1-9 (5-17 overall), the scoreboard showed steady improvement from start to finish in a league that hosts some of the state's best competition in the 4A girls division.

That includes fifth-ranked Brookings-Harbor, which went undefeated in league for the second-straight season at 10-0.

On Friday, Siuslaw wrapped up its season on the road at North Bend, where the Bulldogs latched onto a three-way tie for second place with Douglas and Marshfield after defeating the Vikings 51-30.

Senior post Taylor Dotson led the Viks with 11 points and 9 rebounds. Fellow senior Sierra Potter had two 3-pointers and 10 points on the night. Juniors Claire Waggoner and Destinie Tatum had 9 boards each.

As the post-season shapes up this week as North Bend, Marshfield and Douglas battle it out for the last two tickets to state, the Vikings will look back over a season of solid growth — and lots of potential for next year.

A key element to that potential is Tatum, who was named as the team's

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Junior guard Destinie Tatum was named the Vikings' Most Valuable Player after leading the team in scoring with 235 points this season.

Siuslaw ends season with near upset at North Bend

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SIUSLAW: 39 NORTH BEND: 45

In the end, Siuslaw's near upset at North Bend during the final game of the league season last Friday, slipped away at the free-throw line.

The Vikings threatened to play spoiler to all four quarters against the Bulldogs, who needed the win to secure second place and a trip to the first round of playoffs this week.

Siuslaw led 9-5 at the end of the first quarter after the Viking defense was able to thwart North Bend's attempts to control the tempo with face-paced



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Senior guard Scott Gordon moves the ball to the outside as the Viks work the final seconds of the half.

offense. Instead, the Viks big men — sophomore Trent Reavis and senior Reese Siegel — were able to control the boards and keep the Bulldogs on a tight leash.

By halftime, North Bend was still struggling to generate any real offense as Siuslaw held the Bulldogs to less than 20 points in the first half — and a slim 18-17 North Bend advantage.

With strong defensive effort from

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On the Bite

A WEEKLY
FISHING REPORT FOR
THE LOCAL REGION

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MID COAST LAKES
Stocking of rainbow trout will begin soon in many mid coast water bodies. Look at the stocking report to see the full stocking season.

Fishing for the various warm water fish species tends to be slower during the winter months. There are numerous lakes in the Florence area that can provide good opportunity and have both boat and bank access.

SIUSLAW RIVER:
Steelhead
The winter steelhead fishery is fair to good for both the Siuslaw and Lake Creek systems. With so much rain this winter, anglers have not had that many quality fishing days so get out there when you can because the next few weeks are typically peak season.

During higher flows, the Lake Creek basin tends to fish better and clear more quickly. Casting lures, bobber fishing or pulling plugs are good options.

ALSEA RIVER:
Steelhead
Winter steelhead fishing is good with anglers doing well in the upper to mid river sections. With so much rain this winter, many fish have pushed upstream quickly. During higher flows, the upper river fishes well. During lower clear flows, it's

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I can't wait for Spring and signs of it are already showing with bright yellow daffodils and sunny skies!

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