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Siuslaw junior Katherine Dodson connects for an RBI in the fifth inning against Junction City on Saturday.

Viks from 1B

of opportunities to put the bat on the ball under live game situations.

"It's a bummer the preseason worked out that way, but it is what it is," said O'Mara, whose team played its final preseason matchup yesterday

at Tillamook (after press deadlines). "We've just gone into each game ready to play whoever shows up."

Against the Tigers, the Vikings had a solid outing at the plate, with juniors Heidi Jones and Nikki Lanuis both going 2-for-3.

Jones had 2 runs scored, with Lanuis scoring once and batting in 1

run. Fellow junior Chehalis Stinger had an RBI double and 1 run scored, along with an RBI from junior Katherine Dodson to help push Siuslaw past the Tigers.

From the pitcher's circle, Jones struck out 6 and had just 2 walks.

Friday, the Vikings will begin the Far West League season on the road

for a doubleheader at Marshfield.

"They are the team to beat," O'Mara said of the Pirates, who won the district title last season.

First pitch for Friday's matchup goes out at 3 p.m., with game two scheduled for 4:30 p.m.

Vikings from 1B

distance races after winning the 1,500-meter event with a time of 5:01.59.

Freshman Kaeli Ramos was third in 5:37.60.

In the hurdles, senior Mikaela Siegel continued her dominance and momentum as a reigning state 4A 100-meter champion with a win at 16.38. Sophomore Kaylee Graham finishing second (17.74).

Siegel also placed second in the 300-meter hurdles (51.48), followed by Graham in third place (53.26).

Siegel went on to land first in the triple jump with a leap of 33 feet, 2.5 inches.

On the other runway, junior leaper Abby Watkins cleared 15 feet, 6.5 inches, and junior Destinie Tatum tied for first place in the high jump at 4 feet, 8 inches.

Saturday, several members of the Viking track team will compete at the Jim Robinson Bigfoot Pepsi Twilight Invitational in Roseburg, a 17-team invitation-only meet of some of the state's top-ranked athletes.

Events begin at 4 p.m.

ATHLETE

OF THE WEEK



Claire Waggoner



The junior first baseman was 4-5 at the plate in the Vikings' victory over Sutherlin last week, including a double and two stolen bases. Waggoner also scored four runs in the 15-8 non-league win.

Honorable Mention Heidi Jones

Jones allowed only six hits as she picked up both wins in the circle for Siuslaw last week. Jones struck out five in the Sutherlin win and was 4-6 at the plate on the week.

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Fishing from 1B

and bank access.

SIUSLAW RIVER: Steelhead

The winter steelhead fishery is fair for both the Siuslaw and Lake Creek systems. River conditions will vary through the week as more rain is predicted. Casting lures, bobber fishing or pulling plugs are good options.

ALSEA RIVER: Steelhead
Winter steelhead fishing is slow to fair. Forecasted rain this week should move in some new fish and improve the bite. During lower clear flows, it's better to focus efforts in the mid to lower river sections. Casting spinners / spoons, or floating bait or a jig are good options.

SALMON RIVER: Steelhead
Winter steelhead fishing is fair and fish can be found throughout the mainstem as river conditions allow. Casting lures, bouncing the bottom or drifting jigs or bait under a bobber are good techniques to

consider.

SILETZ RIVER: Steelhead
Winter steelhead fishing fair for both bank and boat anglers. Forecasted rains this week should help to move in some new fish and spread out the run. Side drifting, bouncing bottom or bobber fishing can be productive.

WILSON RIVER: Steelhead,
Steelhead angling should be good when conditions are favorable. Fish are spread out through the system. The river should be fishable by mid-week. Fish larger, brighter offerings slowly in areas where flows are softer while the water is high.

YAQUINA RIVER: Steelhead

The winter steelhead fishery is slow in the Big Elk. Casting lures or bobbers fishing are the best techniques for this river.

COOS COUNTY LAKES AND PONDS: Trout

Empire Lakes is scheduled for stocking this week with legal size rainbow trout. Empire Lakes has already been stocked with legal size trout

this month along with Johnson Mill Pond, Powers Pond, Bradley Lake, and Saunders Lakes.

The daily trout bag limit in these lakes is five trout per day with only one trout over 20 inches. Anglers are catching trout on spinners or by fishing Powerbait.

COOS RIVER BASIN: Dungeness crab, steelhead, bay clams

Steelhead angling is open in the Coos Basin until April 30. Currently the water levels in the Coos Basin steelhead rivers are up and muddy. There are still a few steelhead around but most anglers have put away their gear for the season. Anglers are catching steelhead drift fishing corkies or eggs.

Jigs fished under a bobber area also catching several steelhead. Anglers fishing the South Fork Coos River above Dellwood will need a permit from Weyerhaeuser, which they can pick up at the Dellwood office.

TENMILE BASIN: Trout, steelhead

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

Steelhead angling is open in the Tenmile Basin until April 30. Steelhead fishing has been slow in Tenmile Creek and Eel Creek.

The best fishing has been near the mouth of Saunders Creek and Eel Creek. In the Tenmile Basin 1 additional hatchery steelhead may be retained per day for a total aggregate of 3 adult fish harvested daily.

UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH: Steelhead

The South Umpqua is currently open to adipose fin-

clipped steelhead harvest, and winter steelhead fishing will improve as water levels recede. There are still excellent hatchery steelhead harvest opportunities on the South Umpqua especially around Stanton Park in Canyonville.

WINCHESTER BAY: Bottomfish, perch

Fishing for bottomfish in the Triangle and South jetty has been successful.

PACIFIC OCEAN AND BEACHES: Bottomfish, Dungeness crab, surf perch

Recreational harvest of crab is open along the entire Oregon Coast. It is still recommended you discard the crab viscera (guts/butter) before cooking.

A few anglers fishing the beaches near Coos Bay have been catching redtail surf perch. The ocean has been very rough lately so picking days with lower swells is key to catching fish. Sand shrimp or Berkley Gulp sand worms have been working the best for bait.

Recreational ocean salmon fishing from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. runs through April 30.

The season is open for all salmon except coho salmon. Anglers are allowed two salmon per day with a minimum size for Chinook at 24 inches or larger.

Fishing for bottom fish is 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 pro-

hibited through June 30.

• PACIFIC HALIBUT

Recommended dates for the sport halibut fishery are available on the ODFW sport halibut webpage. Dates will be finalized by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission dates at its meeting on April 22.

• SURFPERCH

This is a diverse group of fish that provides a variety of angling opportunities. Spring is traditionally the time when marine perch species like Pile Perch and Walleye Perch are found in numbers in Oregon estuaries; Striped Seaperch are found year-round in rocky areas like jetties; and ocean surf is the place to find Redtail Surfperch and Silver Perch. For details on how to catch these guys, see Surfperch Fishing (pdf).

The bag limit for surfperch is generous at 15 per day.

However, a lot remains unknown about the status of surfperch populations off the Oregon Coast, so, as usual, take only what you will use.

• SHELLFISH

A couple of regulations were inadvertently left out of the 2016 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulation booklet.

1) The daily bag limit for shrimp (edible) is 20 lb. in the shell; may be taken by traps, pots or rings.

2) Each digger of razor clams (as with all clams) must have his or her own container, must dig his or her own clams, and may not possess more than one limit of clams while in the digging area (except under an Oregon Disabilities Hunting and Fishing Permit).

Current shellfish harvest closures in the ocean and bays due to elevated levels of domoic acid as of Mar. 7:

- Razor clams: Closed south of Tillamook Head
- Bay clams: Open coast-wide
- Crabs: Open coastwide
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