

Siuslaw tracksters have great showing in Grants Pass

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Aside from the state meet, Saturday's 31-school track venue at the 67th annual Grants Pass Rotary Invitational is one of the biggest meets Siuslaw will see this season.

For two members of the Siuslaw girls' team, it was an opportunity to shine before heading to district in little more than a week.

Juniors Carissa Oliver and Annamarie Precht each came

home with first-place medals, Oliver in the discus with a throw of 125 feet, 9 inches, and Precht in the long jump with a mark of 17 feet, .5 inches.

Their scoring was enough to earn the Vikings third place with 53 points. Host Grants Pass had 88 points to win the team scoring, followed by North Medford in second place with 59 points.

Oliver's mark in the discus was the highest among 24 throwers, followed by the days third-best mark in the shot put



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Siuslaw junior thrower Carissa Oliver won the discus at the 31-school Grants Pass Rotary Invitational on Saturday with a mark of 125-9.

from junior Celie Mans, who placed third in the 1,500 meters with a PR of 4:50.30.

Junior Morgan Bingham was seventh in the 800 meters with a PR time of 2:24.84, and senior Mikaela Siegel set a PR in the 300 hurdles (48.08) for sixth. She also placed fourth in the 100 hurdles (16.29) and was ninth in the triple jump (36 feet, .5 inches).

Junior Destinie Tatum was seventh in the 400 meters (1:02.13) and 10th in the long jump (4 feet, 8 inches).

among 23 competitors (37 feet, 10 inches).

Each mark was a personal best for Oliver.

Precht, who landed first out of 16 leapers in the long jump, also placed sixth in the 200 meters (26.81).

The Viks also got scoring

Sanford carries Viks past Panthers

By ROD HESS
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Siuslaw senior fullback Brent Sanford rushed for 234 yards and three touchdowns in the Vikings' 28-0 victory over the Gold Beach Panthers last Friday at Petersen Memorial Field.

"It was a very good offensive football game," said Viking coach Len Lutero.

The 234-yard mark now stands as the third-best total ever by a Viking running back — it surpassed the 227-yard total amassed by Tyler Woosley, set in 1988 against Reedsport.

"Brent wanted to get 230 yards of offense in the game," Lutero said.

Sanford set the Vikings' all-time record of 315 yards rushing at Gold Beach last year, and his career total

of 2,843 is just 157 short of 3,000 yards, with two games left on the Vikings' schedule.

Sanford got the Vikings off to a good start in this game with a 25-yard run midway through the first quarter — completing a five-play drive and putting the Vikings ahead, 7-0.

Viking quarterback Andy Rodet directed the Viking offensive team to its second score. The drive encompassed five minutes of the clock and 13 plays before Sanford plunged across the goal line to increase the lead to 14-0 with 9:52 left in the second quarter.

Sanford had a 38-yard run during the drive, and Rodet kept the rally going with a 15-yard run on a fourth-down play.

Rodet finished the game with

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Photo by ROD HESS

Viking Brent Sanford carries this tackler for

A headline from a 1991 issue of the Siuslaw News sports section highlights Hall of Fame inductee Brent Sanford's efforts in a 28-0 win over Gold Beach. Sanford rushed for 234 yards and three touchdowns in the game.

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representing individual achievement in basketball, football, wrestling, track and field and cross country — including a member of the very first girls' track team.

In the team category, the first state championship boys cross country team as well as the 1997 state championship boys track team will be honored.

The complete list of 2016 Hall of Fame inductees includes:

Harold McClellan (1958): A three-sport athlete, McClellan was a standout in football, basketball and track, leading Siuslaw on the gridiron as a halfback with touchdown runs of 50 and 44 yards to upset undefeated Toledo in the 1957 playoffs.

In basketball and track, McClellan was one of the Vikings' top scorers his junior and senior years.

Les Conley (1965): As a senior, Conley set two state meet records, winning both the 180 low hurdles in 20.2 and the 100-dash in 10 seconds, breaking a meet record that has stood for 10 years.

Toni Winthers-Stonelake (1965): Reputed to be the reason the first Viking girls track team was established because of her athleticism, Winthers scored 26 points to help Siuslaw win the district meet in only its second year. Her efforts also qualified her for state in the 100-dash, long jump and 440-relay.

The relay team placed fifth at state after matching the previous year's (1954) state-winning time (53.8).

Dick Pickett (1967): Went to state as a junior wrestler, placing fifth at 130 pounds. He returned as a senior year to win the state title at 141 pounds, giving up only 1 point during the entire tournament — in the championship round, where he won 6-1.

Wayne Jackson (1974): Named All-League as a halfback on offense and linebacker on defense in 1972, Jackson went on to score 6 touchdowns in his final game as a senior, accounting for 266 yards on 39 carries.

He remains No. 4 on Siuslaw's list for Most Touchdowns in a



A headline from 1974, in a game where Wayne Jackson scored six of his 20 touchdowns that season.

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Team members Adam Hunt, David Richmond, Mike Everson, Jon Jensen, Matt Pearson, Aaron Long, Kris Helphinstine, Stewart Myrick and Tony Reindle went on to win Siuslaw's first boys state track title in nearly 20 years (1979) after tying with La Salle with 52 points.

This year's Siuslaw Athletics Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be held during a special dinner, Aug. 19, beginning at 5:30 p.m., at Three Rivers Casino and Resort.

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