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Siuslaw gets drop on Douglas, 14-8

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Tuesday was a great night for Siuslaw baseball in many ways, from dodging the threat of rain and nabbing a win and keeping their play-off hopes alive, to celebrating the final home diamond appearance of its seniors.

Before the first pitch, seniors Scott Gordon, Kenneth Thrall, Ryan Denning, Michael Mason and Caleb Paredes lined up on the infield, where they were recognized for their contributions before their final game at John

“Jiggs” Dodson Field.

Gordon, usually protecting second base, started on the mound, where he threw four scoreless innings before handing the mound over to freshman Gabe Simington, who struck out four Douglas batters — including the final out.

In the first four innings, the Vikings took a decisive 8-0 lead,

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Siuslaw senior second baseman Scott Gordon can't help but smile after scoring during the final home game of his Viking baseball career.



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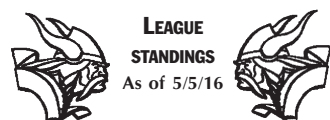
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MID COAST LAKES

Rainbow trout stocking is underway in many locations along the mid coast. 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 month but can pick up quickly as spring nears and fish move to the shallows for spawning. There are numerous lakes in the Florence area that can provide good

See **FISHING 5B**



BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

FWL BASEBALL		FWL SOFTBALL	
N. BEND	11-1	DOUGLAS	11-0
S. UMPQUA	9-3	MARSHFIELD	8-4
BROOKINGS	7-5	S. UMPQUA	7-5
SIUSLAW	5-7	N. BEND	6-6
DOUGLAS	3-9	SIUSLAW	3-8
MARSHFIELD	1-11	BROOKINGS	0-12

Study shows sea star juveniles abundant but still recovering

CORVALLIS — An unprecedented number of juvenile sea stars have been observed off the Oregon coast over the past several months, just two years after one of the most severe marine ecosystem epidemics in recorded history nearly wiped the population out.

The appearance of the juveniles does not mean the threat of “sea star wasting disease” is over, researchers caution. A second round of the disease could be disastrous to the purple ochre (*Pisaster ochraceus*) and other sea stars, some of which are considered “keystone” species in marine habitats because of their influence on the ecosystem.

A team of Oregon State University scientists who have been monitoring the sea stars for years reported on their status this week in the journal PLOS ONE.

“When we looked at the settlement of the larval sea stars on rocks in 2014 during the epidemic, it was the same or maybe even a bit lower than previous years,” said Bruce Menge,



ELIZABETH CERNY-CHIPMAN/OSU

The leg of this purple ochre sea star in Oregon is disintegrating, as it dies from sea star wasting syndrome.

the Wayne and Gladys Valley Professor of Marine Biology at Oregon State University and lead author on the study. “But a few months later, the number of juveniles was off the charts — higher than

we’d ever seen — as much as 300 times normal.

“It wasn’t a case of high settlement, or more sea stars being born. They just had an extraordinary survival rate into the juvenile stage. Whether they can make it into adulthood and replenish the population without succumbing to sea star wasting disease is the big question.”

Menge and his colleagues believe the reason for the high survival rate is the availability of more food. The young sea stars feed on larval and juvenile mussels and barnacles, competing with adult sea stars for the same food source. The scarcity of adults

See **STAR 4B**

SPORTS

Calendar

May 9

• SHS SOFTBALL
AT DOUGLAS
5 P.M.

May 10

• SHS SOFTBALL
HOSTS S. UMPQUA
5 P.M.

• SHS BASEBALL
AT S. UMPQUA
5 P.M.

May 13

• MHS TRACK
DISTRICT MEET
AT MCKENZIE
11 A.M.

• SHS TRACK
DISTRICT MEET
AT DOUGLAS
11 A.M.

Vik tracksters enter final week before district

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The Vikings had several standout performances from its underclassmen during Tuesday’s Far West League JV meet at Prefontaine Track in Coos Bay, including personal bests and first-place medals.

Juniors Destinie Tatum and Annmarie Precht each brought home gold, with Tatum winning the 400 meters in a PR time of 60.40. She also set a PR in the 200-meter race, coming in second after crossing the finish in



ROB GRIFFES/FOR SIUSLAW NEWS

Viking junior Destinie Tatum set personal records in both the 400 meters and 800 meters Tuesday.

2:21.84.

Precht, running the 100 meters, ran a personal best of 13.10 to tie for first place, then leaped into second in the long jump at 16 feet, 9.5 inches.

Freshman thrower Annabell Tupua launched the shot put 33 feet, 3.75 inches for a new personal record and

See **TRACK 5B**

TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

May 7
12:34am / 8.5 7:21am / -1.8
1:42pm / 7.0 7:21pm / 1.3

May 8
1:18am / 8.5 8:09am / -1.9
2:35pm / 6.9 8:09pm / 1.7

May 9
2:03am / 8.4 8:57am / -1.7
3:28pm / 6.7 9:00pm / 2.1

May 10
2:51am / 7.9 9:48am / -1.3
4:24pm / 6.5 9:56pm / 2.4

May 11
3:43am / 7.3 10:40am / -0.9
5:22pm / 6.2 10:58pm / 2.7

May 12
4:40am / 6.6 11:36am / -0.3
6:22pm / 6.1

May 13
5:44am / 6.0 12:09am / 2.7
7:22pm / 6.1 12:35pm / 0.3

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