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Leaving the huddle



BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

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N. BEND	14-1	DOUGLAS	13-2
S. UMPQUA	12-3	MARSHFIELD	11-4
BROOKINGS	8-7	S. UMPQUA	9-6
SIUSLAW	5-10	N. BEND	8-7
DOUGLAS	5-10	SIUSLAW	4-11
MARSHFIELD	1-14	BROOKINGS	0-15

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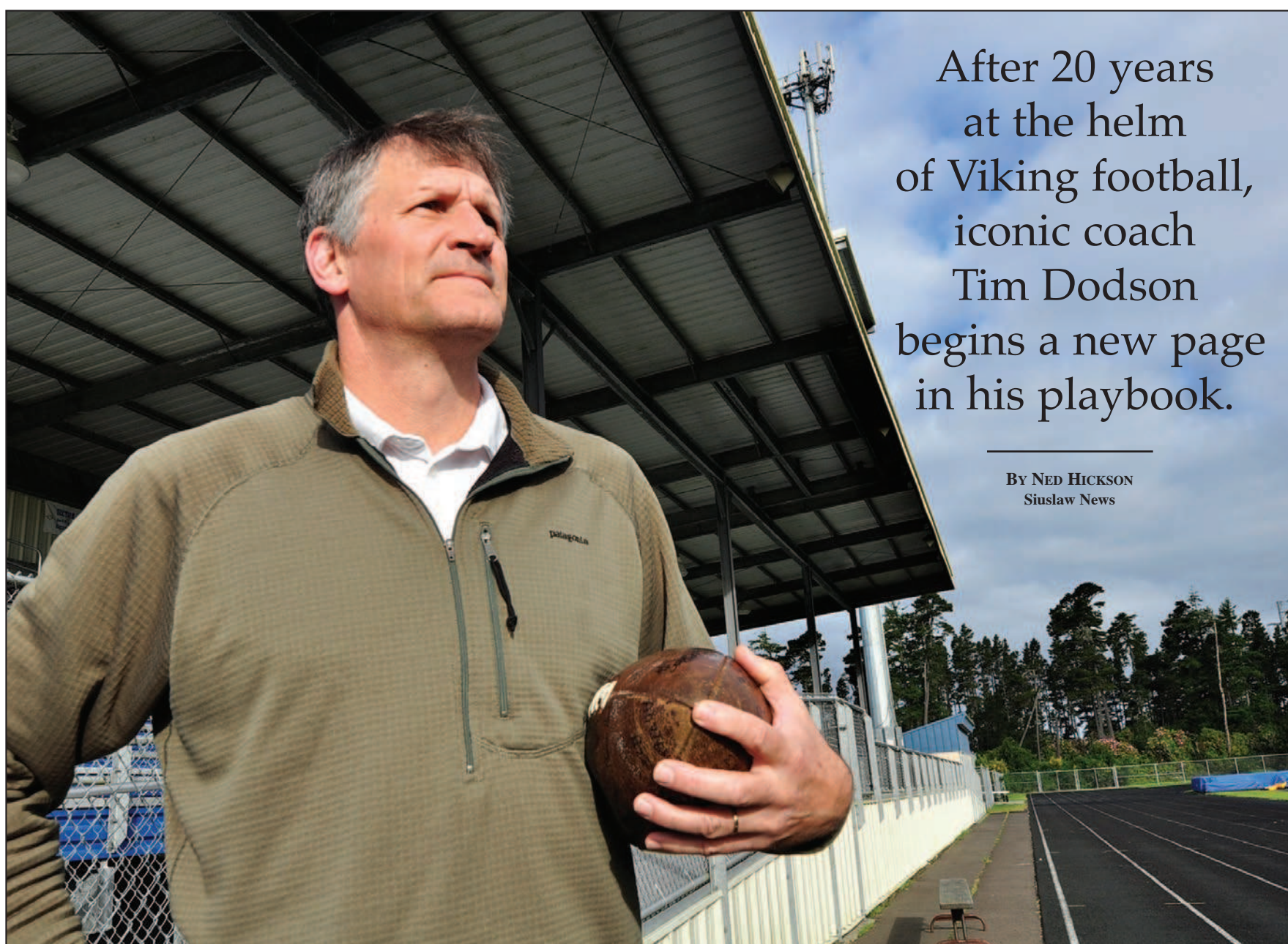
Calendar

May 19

- MHS TRACK STATE MEET DAY ONE HAYWARD FIELD TBA

May 20

- MHS TRACK STATE MEET DAY TWO HAYWARD FIELD TBA
- SHS TRACK STATE MEET DAY ONE HAYWARD FIELD TBA



After 20 years at the helm of Viking football, iconic coach Tim Dodson begins a new page in his playbook.

By NED HICKSON
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Siuslaw football coach Tim Dodson looks back over Hans Petersen Field, holding the state championship football from 2006; (below left) the official announcement of Dodson as head coach in the May 29, 1996, issue of Siuslaw News; front-page photo in Siuslaw News after winning state in 2006.

Walking from his coach's office to Hans Petersen Field on a sunny Monday morning, Tim Dodson balances his coffee in one hand while, in the other, he cradles a worn, leather football covered with signatures. Among them: Jordan Rainwater, Kody Thrall, Jacob Mitchell, Coach Delbert Reavis.

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Ten years ago, it became the second state championship football Dodson ever held.

The first was as the team's quarterback in 1981, when the Viks won their first-ever state title after tying with South Umpqua in overtime, 0-0.

Twenty-five years later, Dodson was back at Autzen Stadium, coaching Siuslaw to its second state title — once again in overtime — against Sisters.

After the game, when asked about how he felt the moment David Mesa, Joel Bechtold and Max Perry brought down Outlaw runningback Cory McCaffrey short of the end zone in

Dodson to head Viking football

By Jason F. Jensen
The Siuslaw News

Siuslaw football fans, after endless speculative conversation, now have the answer to a popular question: Coach — Len, Latero?

The answer is Tim Dodson.

Dodson is well informed on the methods of Latero and Viking football. He spent four years on the team in high school — leading Siuslaw as quarterback of the 1981 state championship team.

It was back then, in high school, that Dodson's first formed the goal to become a coach and educator.

"Becoming a head coach has been a life long process," he said, speaking of his 14-year career at Siuslaw's 1982 graduation.

Dodson coached in Southern Or.

spent State University and earned his teaching degree while spending four years as one of the Rankers' quarterbacks.

After graduation in 1986, he taught and coached in Clatsop County for four years before coming back to Siuslaw in 1990. Dodson has spent the past six years coaching sixth grade, while stationing himself on the Viking field as a varsity assistant alongside his old coach.

Latero's shoes have grown quite large, and Dodson knows it will take a strong presence to fill them. He assures himself that, in time, it will be a song fit.

"Coach Latero obviously is a great motivator," Dodson said. "He has done amazing things with individuals. He has made good people great."

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Champions!

Siuslaw Vikings take the State 4A championship title at Autzen Stadium on Saturday.

Afterglow

overtime for the win, Dodson had replied, "I honestly haven't found the words to express it."

Today, standing on Hans Petersen Field two weeks after announcing his retirement, Dodson echoes the same sentiment when asked how it feels to officially be leaving the huddle after 26 years with the program — 20 of those years as head coach.

"It still hasn't hit with me yet," he says. "It probably won't until this summer, when I get up and realize I don't have to go to conditioning camp."

In his 20 years at the helm, Dodson has coached 18 winning sea-

sons, posting 152 wins and 58 losses. In a twist of irony, his milestone 150th win came this past season against South Umpqua — the team Siuslaw tied with for the state title

See DODSON 4B

Viks split final Far West matchups with Lancers

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SOFTBALL
SHS: 4 SUHS: 1

BASEBALL
SHS: 6 SUHS: 9

Tuesday marked the end of the season for Siuslaw's softball and baseball programs, with the Lady Viks hosting a 4-1 win during the team's senior night. Before the game, parents, team members and fans took time to recognize Anna Stonelake, Nicole Gordon, Hannah Bartlett, Anna Petras and Taylor Dotson for their contributions to the program.

Though the Vikings were able to end the season with a win, it didn't come until late in the game after going scoreless for the first five innings against Lancers freshman hurler Tayah Kelley.



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From left: Senior short stop Anna Petras and junior first baseman Claire Waggoner leave an infield huddle; junior pitcher Michael Larson leaves the mound after ending the inning on a strikeout.

Siuslaw's junior pitcher Heidi Jones sparked the late-game rally by smacking a double along the rightfield line with one out, then stealing third base with catcher Nikki Launius at the plate.

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A WEEKLY FISHING REPORT FOR THE LOCAL REGION

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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

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