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Siuslaw football coach Tim Dodson talks to parents, players and fans following the team's second-place finish at the state championship in 2011, when the Viks lost to a late-rallying LaSalle team.

**Dodson** from 1B

back in 1981. Before this year's milestone 150th win, which came a year after losing to the Lancers for the first time in 18 seasons, senior lineman Michael Mason was asked how important the win was to the team.

"It was a bummer losing to them last season. This year it's payback," Mason said.

Dodson responded with a smile and shake of the head.

"No game is a revenge game," he said. "That's silly stuff. All we need to do — all we have ever needed to do — is play good football every Friday night. Even then, with two pointy ends on the ball, sometimes it doesn't bounce your way."

That night, it bounced the Viking's way, 28-7.

That culture of taking care of the football, along with a strong work ethic and sportsmanship, have been hallmarks of the Viking football program for the past five decades — traditions passed between just two coaches in that 50 years.

Len Lutero, and then Dodson.

By comparison, Dodson has seen the comings and goings of six school superintendents, six principals and six athletic directors.

"It's pretty remarkable when you think about it," Dodson says. "Two coaches in 50 years. That's really rare. I think it's a big reason our traditions have remained so much a part of the program."

"We always try to play with high integrity and class, win or lose. It's an important lesson to learn about life in general."

Dodson credits part of his own success as an educator and coach to the values and work ethic that were instilled in him at Siuslaw.

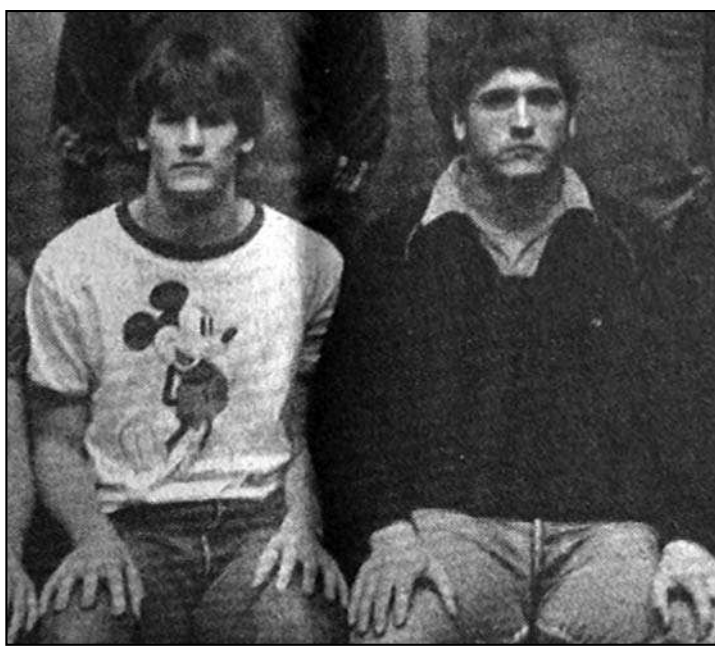
After graduating in 1982, Dodson went to Southern Oregon University, where he earned his teaching degree while playing quarterback for the Raiders all four years. He graduated in 1986 and began his teaching career at Eagle Point, teaching and coaching there for the next four years before coming back to Siuslaw in 1990.

He spent the next six years teaching sixth graders and working the sidelines with Lutero.

"Lenny and I had a lot of conversations over those years about becoming head coach," Dodson recalls with a whimsical smile, then chuckles. "And I kept saying 'No.'"

Finally, in the fall of 1996, Dodson said "Yes."

"I just kept thinking, 'Don't screw up,'" he admits. "I just had to put my faith in the fact that good, old-fashioned hard work could overcome bad



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**Perfect ending!**



**Siuslaw wins state crown**

Shelton: 07 00 07 00 07 — 21  
Sisters: 00 00 07 00 — 14

When regulation ended in a 14-14 tie during Saturday's 4A state championship game between Siuslaw and Shelton, Viking coach Tim

**Top:** Tim Dodson (left) with fellow 1981 All-State teammate and eventual assistant coach Delbert Reavis, who passed away in 2014; Dodson front-eyes the field during the first day of practice in 2011; the front page of the Siuslaw News sports section following the Viks' state title win in 2006.

coaching." Dodson laughs. "Every Friday night, when we showed up under the lights with the stands full of fans, I just hoped I had done everything I could to prepare our kids to be successful." "Thanks to a great staff and the support of so many people, more often than not we were," In fact, from 2007,

Dodson says. "But we just weren't successful — in terms of the numbers. It was my first 'losing' season, and it helped me grow as a coach, and them as young men.

"They worked hard every practice, never gave up and always showed integrity and sportsmanship. They made me proud to be a coach."

In 2005, Siuslaw was back in the thick of things, going 9-2 in the Sky-Em League but falling short of reaching the quarterfinals after losing to Marist in overtime. Even so, it sent a clear message that Siuslaw's merge into a league dominated by larger, Eugene-area schools wasn't the end of an era; it was just the beginning.

"We have always had good kids who are ready to compete because we expect them to rise to the challenge," says Dodson.

The following year, the Vikings went undefeated at 17-0, bringing home the 2006 state title — and that worn, leather football covered with signatures.

Returning to his office, Dodson puts the football back on the shelf, which is steadily being emptied into a collection of cardboard boxes. The corkboard once adorned with photos and newspaper clippings is slowly revealing a surface chewed by thumb tacks.

"Normally around this time, I'm already thinking about the summer training and conditioning camps," Dodson says over the brim of his coffee cup, then takes a sip. "Now? I have no playbook for what happens next. And that's kind of exciting."

Dodson ponders the possibilities for a moment.

"I've never been fall fishing with my brother. I've also never had the chance to hit golf balls in September or October," he says. "And I'm sure there's going to be some housework in there somewhere."

Something laying in one of the boxes catches his eye. A team photo from 2001. He pulls it out, remarking on how it was the last team to play on the old Hans Petersen Field.

It was the 50th anniversary of the field that year, and the move to the new field in 2002 meant changing a few long-standing traditions.

"Change is part of life, and we did what we could to keep our traditions and still recognize the need to start some new ones," says Dodson. "Having this opportunity to be part of those traditions, as a player and a coach, has been a blessing in more ways than I can express."

As any Viking fan will tell you, some things just speak for themselves, coach.

**SCORES & STANDINGS**

**BOWLING**

LEAGUE	5/8/16	
SUNDAY SOCIAL LEAGUE	WON	LOST
TRAVEL DIVISION	85.5	54.5
CNC MACHINE SERVICES	83.0	57.0
GOON SQUAD	65.0	75.0
OUTCAST	46.5	93.5
SCRATCH GAME TEAM		
CNC MACHINE SERVICES	616	
SCRATCH GAME IND		
M - JAMIE PENROD	268	
W - BRIANNA EMERY	201	
HIGH HDCP GAME TEAM		
CNC MACHINE SERVICES	769	
HIGH HDCP GAME IND		
M - JAMIE PENROD	301	
W - BRIANNA EMERY	277	
SCRATCH SERIES TEAM		
CNC MACHINE SERVICES	1711	
SCRATCH SERIES IND		
M - JAMIE PENROD	657	
W - BRIANNA EMERY	551	
HIGH HDCP SERIES TEAM		
TRAVEL DIVISION	2175	
HIGH HDCP SERIES IND		
M - JEREMY MCINTYRE	757	
W - BRIANNA EMERY	779	

**WOMEN'S GOLF**

**Ocean Dunes Ladies**

MAY 3, 2016

LOW GROSS & LOW NET	18-HOLES
9-HOLES	LOW GROSS:
LOW GROSS:	RENE PENGRA — 112
CAROL BARCUS — 48	LOW NET:
LOW NET:	JULIE RIPLEY — 77
SUE SCARBERRY — 36	
K.P.: MARY KOURY	

MAY 10, 2016

SPRING SCRAMBLE 9-HOLES	4TH: ROSALIE JOHNSON AND
2-PERSON TEAMS	MARY KOURY — 33.0
LOW NET:	5TH: JEAN SCHMALING AND
1ST: TERRI PENNINGTON AND	MARY KADEL — 34.2
BEA MCCULLOCH — 30.2	6TH: JULIE RIPLEY AND
2ND: LYDIA BRACKNEY AND	ALETA BUCHANAN — 34.4
VONDA MAYWOOD — 31.6	K.P.#4: TERRI PENNINGTON
3RD: BOBBIE WELLS AND	K.P.#8: JULIE RIPLEY
CAROL MOORE — 31.8	MAY FLOWER: JULIE RIPLEY

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4	56.00	28.00	C	2/3	2/3	1/2
5	56.00	28.00	C	2/3	2/3	1/2
6	51.00	25.50	A			
1	45.00	22.50	B			
2	34.00	17.00	C			

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