

# SPRING SPORTS PREVIEW **2017**

## SIUSLAW TRACK AND FIELD

**Coaching staff:**

- Chris Johnson (head coach); Collin Cram (horizontal jumps, javelin); Mary Dodson (sprints, relays, horizontal jumps) Anna Moser (sprints); Steve Moser, Jack Butler (distance); Max Perry (discus, shot put); Dick Richmond (high jump); Pat Towne (throws)

**Last year's record:**

- The Viking girls were second at district after being edged out by 1 point by Marshfield. Still, between the boys and girls teams, the Vikings competed in 16 events at state, including two state champions for the girls team.



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**OUTLOOK:**

The Vikings return a strong stable of talented athletes for both the girls' and boys' teams, including many athletes from this year's second-place district girls cross country team and reigning individual state champion Celie Mans.

That means another strong field of distance runners, as well as a group of strong throwers led by junior Trent Reavis and senior Carissa Oliver, each of whom advanced to state last season.

In the sprints, senior Destinie Tatum, last year's 800-meter state champion, along with fellow senior Annmarie Precht, will lead the charge for the girls. Senior leaper Abby Watkins will lead the jumps runway. For the boys, senior Jack Pickell, Siuslaw's lone senior at last fall's state cross country meet, will lead the distance events.



Coach Chris Johnson

## MAPLETON TRACK AND FIELD

**Coaching staff:**

- Aaron Longo (head coach)
- Assist. coaches: Lucinda Van natta, Johnny Sundstrom, Will and Jesika Crook

**Last season:**

- The Lady Sailors won their first-ever Mountain West League title last season and look to defend it this season.
- The Sailor boys' team is returning state meet qualifiers Tyler Packebush (110-meter hurdles) and Tanner Wilson (javelin) with an eye on the MWL title.

**Top returners:**

- Josi Hays (sr.)
- Hayley Wells (soph.)
- Tyler Packebush (sr.)
- AJ Foster (sr.)
- Tanner Wilson (soph.)



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**OUTLOOK:**

The Lady Sailors hope to defend their Mountain West League title this May. Top returners for the girls includes Josi Hays, who had state appearances in both the shot put and discus last season. Haley Wells, who reached state in the discus last year, is looking for a shot at redemption after being edged out of the finals as a freshman last year at state. Incoming talent for the girls team includes sophomores Bailey Messick and Brittany Wilson.

Meanwhile, the boys team is poised with several state returners who hope to use that experience to land the first boys' district title in more than a decade. Senior Tyler Packebush, who competed at state in both the 110-meter hurdles and pole vault, returns with junior Tanner Wilson, who reached state in his first season competing in the javelin. Freshman Richey Gastelum will be a key player in the 1,500 meters.



Coach Aaron Longo

## SIUSLAW SOFTBALL

**Coaching staff:**

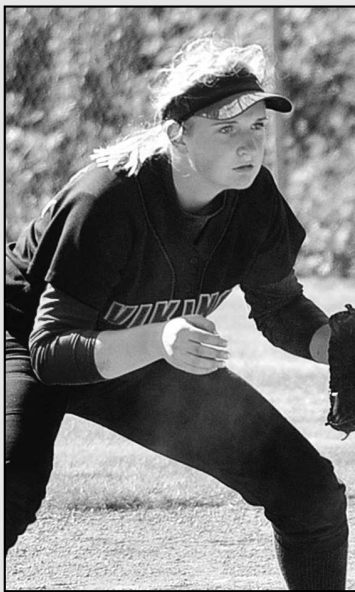
- Sean O'Mara (head coach)
- Assist. coaches: Jamie Hunt, Kim Gibson and Jodi O'Mara

**Last year's record:**

- 4-11 in league
- Finished 5th in FWL

**Top returners:**

- Heidi Jones, Nikki Launius, Claire Waggoner, Auriel Hager-Tolle and Katherine Dodson.



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**OUTLOOK:**

The Vikings return a seasoned roster hungry to make the Far West League play-offs.

Senior returning starting pitcher Heidi Jones will join fellow senior Nikki Launius in the battery, with Launius behind the plate.

Other top returners for Siuslaw will include infielders Jenicah Ecker, Chehalis Stinger and Claire Waggoner. In the outfield, Auriel Hager-Tolle and Kathryn Dodson will return to shore up the Lady Viks' defense.



Coach Sean O'Mara

## SIUSLAW BASEBALL

**Coaching staff:**

- Tony Castro (head coach)
- Assist. coaches: Dave Snow, Randy Paredes

**Last year's record:**

- 5-10 in league
- Finished tied for fourth in FWL

**Top returners:**

- Kyle Rose (sr.)
- Brogan Cornish (sr.)
- Jared Brandt (jr.)



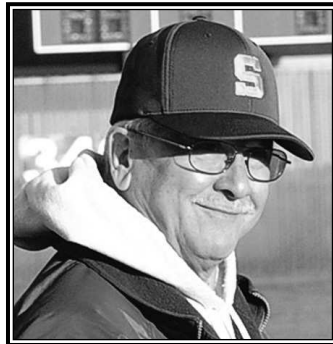
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**OUTLOOK:**

With most of the core group of last year's team returning along with third-year coaching staff Tony Castro, Randy Paredes and Dave Snow, the Viks are looking to build on last year's 5-10 league record to advance to the playoffs after narrowly missing them last season due to rankings.

Returning are Mapleton left-handed sophomore pitcher Gabe Simington, along with senior Brogan Cornish at first base and junior thirdbaseman Jared Brandt.

The Vikings had a solid season last spring, going 8-15 overall and 5-10 in the Far West to tie for fourth place.



Coach Tony Castro

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