

Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation

RED SOX DRAFT SHS ALUMNI, OSU PITCHER JAKE THOMPSON

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The Boston Red Sox took their continued interest in Siuslaw High School alumni and Beavers pitcher Jake Thompson a step further Tuesday, when the Major League Baseball team drafted the red shirt junior during the fourth round with the No. 131 overall pick.

Thompson, a 6-foot-2 right-hander, has received national attention for his performance in Oregon State University's pitching rotation this season, where he is 14-0 with a 1.52 ERA — with the Beavers headed to the College World Series.

Thompson was recently named a

first-team All-American by Baseball America and Collegiate Baseball.

Though he still has a season of eligibility remaining with the Beavers, Thompson will likely sign with the Red Sox.

A Florence native, Thompson is currently ranked fifth in the nation after throwing 113 strikeouts and just 36 walks in 118 1/3 innings.

So far this season, batters have hit .184 against him in 18 appearances.

According to one MLB scout, Thompson's ability to throw breaking balls for strikes, seemingly at will, is a big enticement.

That's "Probably the most impressive thing I've seen him do, and he can do it at any time," he said.



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OSU pitcher Jake Thompson, a graduate of Siuslaw High School, went 14-0 during the Pac-12 regular season this year.

Thompson's no-nonsense pitching style has served him well as he has developed his ability in tandem with growing confidence — elements that came together and propelled him to a new level this season.

As a freshman, Thompson had 14 appearances for the Beavers, including a start in the 2014 NCAA regionals before missing most of the 2015 season with a back injury.

"I didn't really have the mindset to attack hitters and know what to

throw hitters and how to make small adjustments throughout the game," Thompson said of his early outings for the Beavers. This season, however, Thompson said his mental approach and physical tools finally came together.

The reported potential earnings for Thompson in the MLB 131st selection is an annual salary of \$397,800.

In 2013, the Chicago Cubs picked Thompson on the 34th round of the MLB draft, but Thompson opted not to sign in order to continue his development and pursuit of a business degree.

Thompson was one of three OSU players drafted this week, along with right-handed pitcher Drew Rasmussen and first baseman KJ Harrison.

SPORTS Calendar

• JUNE 17-18

OREGON DUNES

BASKETBALL

TOURNEY

AT SHS

SAT: 9 A.M. TO 8 P.M.

SUN: 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

SBA FATHER'S DAY

BASEBALL TOURNEY

AT MILLER PARK

SAT: 8 A.M. TO 8 P.M.

SUN: 8 A.M. TO 8 P.M.

• JUNE 19

SHS FOOTBALL

WEIGHT CAMP

BEGINS

TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
June 17 5:57am / 5.2 7:13pm / 6.4	12:31am / 2.4 12:27pm / 0.7

June 18 7:15am / 5.0 8:01pm / 6.8	1:40am / 1.8 1:23pm / 1.1
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June 19 8:35am / 5.0 8:50pm / 7.3	2:45am / 1.1 2:22pm / 1.4
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June 20 9:48am / 5.3 9:38pm / 7.7	3:44am / 0.2 3:22pm / 1.6
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June 21 10:54am / 5.7 10:27pm / 8.2	4:38am / -0.7 4:19pm / 1.8
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June 22 11:53pm / 6.0 11:16pm / 8.4	5:30am / -1.4 5:15pm / 1.9
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June 23 12:47pm / 6.3	6:19am / -2.0 6:08pm / 1.9
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GOING LONG



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This past Wednesday, Siuslaw head football coach Jamin Pool (right center), along with assistant coaches and members of the Viking football team, were on the practice field for the first day of summer training camp. The Vikings' weight training camp begins Monday, June 19, and will run through June 22. Yesterday, the Vikings were on the road at Toledo High School for a 7-on-7 scrimmage. In August, the Vikings will host their annual Siuslaw Football Camp for kindergarten through eighth grade.

States close sturgeon season early on Columbia

On Thursday, Columbia River fishery managers closed one recreational white sturgeon season and scheduled another.

Higher than expected effort and catch prompted fishery managers to close the sturgeon season planned for today from the Wauna power lines downstream to the river mouth.

Recreational anglers exhausted

their harvest quota of 3,000 legal-sized sturgeon during the first five days of this fishery, with about 12,000 angler trips expected.

Fishery managers also set a one-day sturgeon retention season for Friday, June 23, in the mainstem Columbia from Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam, including adjacent tributaries.

Anglers who haven't met the annual bag limit will be allowed to keep one sturgeon with a fork length of 38-54 inches.

Anglers are reminded that sturgeon fishing is prohibited through July within the sturgeon sanctuary from The Dalles Dam downstream 1.8

See **STURGEON 3B**

On the Bite

A WEEKLY
FISHING REPORT FOR
THE LOCAL REGION

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MID COAST LAKES:

Most of the North Coast lakes were stocked with trout recently. Water temps are great and fish should be hungry, so go catch them!

The 2017 trout stocking schedule is available online.

ALSEA RIVER: Trout

Trout season opened May 22, and there should be some nice cutthroat around.

Remember the limit on streams and rivers is two per day over 8-inches.

SALMON RIVER:

Steelhead

The Salmon River closed for wild and hatchery steelhead on March 31 to protect spawning wild steelhead.

SILETZ RIVER:

Steelhead, Chinook, trout

The Siletz River opened for wild Chinook on April 1 (1 per day and 2 per season). Spring Chinook and summer steelhead are being caught. Drift boaters are having success from Moonshine Park to Siletz and bank anglers are catching hatchery fish in the Siletz gorge.

Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

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WILSON RIVER:

Steelhead, Spring Chinook, trout

Spring Chinook fishing has been slow on the Wilson, but there should be some fish around and it should improve throughout the month. There should also be some summer steelhead in the system.

Trout season opened

See **FISHING 4B**

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