

Vikings

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Clint Tatum, will lead the team against their first opponents.

Despite the challenges the Lady Viks have faced, they haven't missed a practice while preparing diligently for what could be a breakout season fueled by a strong nucleus of under-

classmen coming off of successful volleyball and cross country seasons.

For the boys' team, the preseason is comparatively more hospitable with the next five-out-of-six preseason games taking place on their home court.

In addition, six out of its 11 players in this season's line-up are senior returners, among them Far West All-

Leaguers Jared Brandt, Trent Reavis, Kyle King and Jake Hickson.

Fellow seniors Johnny Rollin and Dylan McGallian also return to the line-up for Siuslaw, adding a layer of depth to the Viks' defense and offering a potential threat from the perimeter.

Fleshing out the roster are juniors Korbin English and Dylan Wynn, along with sophomore Caleb

Hennessee and freshmen Liam McClellan and Jacob Fosket.

Returning to the helm as head coach is Dylan Perry, now in his second year as head coach after leading the team to the first round of state playoffs last season at 5-5 in the Far West League (10-14 overall).

Tonight's game at Creswell begins with the girls' tipoff at 6 p.m., fol-

lowed by the boys at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, both teams will be on the road again, at Elmira, with a 5:30 p.m. tipoff for the Lady Vikings; boys will play at 7 p.m.

On Tuesday, Dec. 5, the Viking boys will host Newport beginning at 7 p.m., with the girls on the road at the Cubs' den.

Tipoff for the girls is also 7 p.m.

Fishing

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creating several large arms and many smaller bays and inlets dotted with pilings, docks and boat houses. Both lakes are shallow with an average depth of about 15 feet and abundant aquatic weeds, willows and bank vegetation that provide excellent cover and productive habitat for warmwater fish.

Fish generally range from 1 to 4-pounds, but a 6-pound bass is not uncommon. Bass fishing is best during periods of warmer water from spring through early fall.

When spring water temperatures reach about 60 degrees F, the bass move into shallower water to spawn. During the spawn, lures and jigs that imitate prey such as small fish and crayfish, and soft plastic worms work well.

Spinnerbaits, buzzbaits and other surface lures are also effective. Anglers should target areas around willows, docks, logs or vegetation that provide a combination of cover and patches of open

water. Good locations include the Black's Creek arm and railroad trestle crossing on North Lake, and the Coleman and Templeton arms of South Lake.

• Crappie

Anglers catch crappie in both lakes with good fishing in the spring and throughout the summer. Best fishing is in the calm water along the shoreline, in the many small coves and inlets. Crappie anglers should target shaded areas with wood structure including submerged brush and trees, downed logs and docks.

The fish are often found in schools at depths of 10-15 feet. A good set-up is light spinning tackle with 4-pound test line and a light-colored 1/32 ounce jig. Have an assortment of garland-style and curly tail jigs in a variety of bright, neutral and dark colors and sizes.

Use a tapered panfish bobber and change the depth of the jig until you find fish. Allow the jig to sink then retrieve slowly.

Fishing is best early and

late in the day, but a mid-day breeze can also trigger a bite. Crappie abundance can go through cycles every few years so check with ODFW for the latest information.

• Yellow perch

For yellow perch, you can fish the same areas of the lakes and use a similar set-up as for crappie, but try baiting the jig with a piece of worm. A size-8 hook baited with worm and rigged 1-2 feet above a sinker fished on the bottom will also work. Perch will most often be found in deeper water than crappie.

Like crappie, perch fishing is best from spring through fall, but they can be caught year-round, even during winter.

• Bluegill

Bluegill fishing is best as the water warms during the summer. Bluegill will be found in shallow areas with less woody structure, but more vegetation.

During the late summer and early fall they can be caught in the canal between North and South Tenmile. As with crappie, light spinning gear

works well, but smaller jigs and hooks are needed. A small hook baited with a piece of worm or other panfish bait and suspended 10-18 inches below a bobber can be extremely effective.

Bluegill are aggressive biters, but if you give them too much time they will steal the bait off your hook -- pay close attention to your bobber. They will feed throughout the day and are a great target for young and beginning anglers.

• Brown bullhead

Spinning tackle also works well for the brown bullhead catfish, which are abundant and can reach up to 13-inches long. Worms or baits with a strong odor are effective, particularly when fished near the shore in the evening or at night.

Use 6-8 pound test line and a sliding egg sinker placed above a barrel swivel. Below the swivel, tie your hook to the end of an 18-inch leader.

The sliding sinker allows the fish to take the bait without feeling the weight of the sinker. If you're fishing in an area with weeds, a float can

be used instead of a sinker to suspend the bait above the weeds.

CLAMMING AND CRABBING

• **Dungeness crab:** Daily limit of 12 (males only). Minimum size of 5 and 3/4 inches. Correct size is measured as a straight line across the back (caliper measurement) in front of, but not including the points.

Ocean waters are closed for Dungeness Crab Oct. 16 – Nov. 30.

May be taken using crab rings, baited lines, or pots (limited to 3 rings/lines/pots total, per person); by hand, dip net, or rake. Holding pots or devices, or live boxes are only allowed in bays and estuaries, and may not hold more than two daily limits.

• Red rock crab

Daily limit of 24 of any size or sex. May be taken using crab rings, baited lines, or pots (limited to 3 rings/lines/pots total, per person); by hand, dip net, or rake. Holding pots or devices, or live boxes are only allowed in bays and estuaries, and may not hold more than two

daily limits.

For the serious crabber, Dungeness and red rock crabs can be found in the open waters of the marine zone.

Bays, beaches, estuaries, tide pools, piers and jetties are open for crabbing all year, 24 hours per day.

• Razor clams

Daily limit of first 15 dug (no sorting or releasing). Razor clams may be taken by hand, shovel, clam gun or tube with opening, no less than 4" (cylindrical) or 4" X 3" (elliptical).

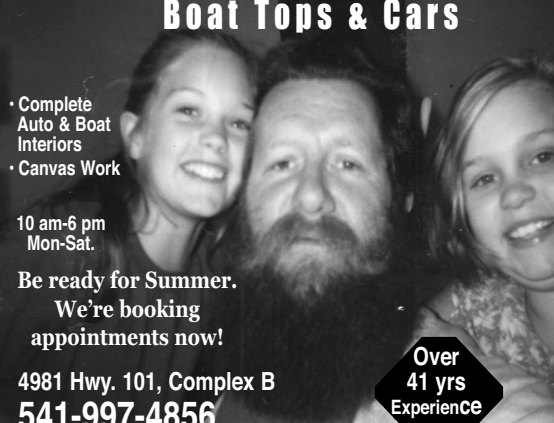
Razor clams are closed July 15 to Sept. 30 north of Tillamook Head (Clatsop County).

• **Bay clams** (Butter, little-neck, gaper and cockle): Daily limit of 20 in aggregate, only 12 may be gapers. May be taken by hand or hand-powered tools.

• Purple varnish clams:

Daily limit of 72. Other Clams (softshell, piddocks and others not listed) Daily limit of 36 in aggregate.

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