

**Siuslaw**

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several times thanks to a solid defensive effort.

The 40-28 loss dropped the Lady Viks to 0-4 as the Lady Bulldogs (1-3) picked up their first Far West League win.

That same night, Marshfield defeated Douglas, 54-30, and Brookings-Harbor beat South Umpqua just as handily, 51-34.

The boys game saw Siuslaw get ahead early and stay ahead through most

of the game until foul trouble for the Viks late in the game provided the Bulldogs with extra scoring opportunities in the final stretch.

While North Bend was able to tie the game at 8-8 and 10-10 midway through the first period, the Vikings took the lead on back-to-back buckets from seniors Jake Hickson and Kyle King, and sophomore Caleb Hennessee for a 21-14 advantage to end the period.

King was the first to score in the second quarter as the Viks went on to outscore the Bulldogs 12-11 in the peri-

od and maintain a 33-27 lead entering the half.

In the opening minutes of the third period, the Viks and Bulldogs essentially traded baskets, with senior guard Jared Brandt leading Siuslaw's offense inside the paint.

Hickson and King continued to penetrate the Bulldog defense, but North Bend got hot from beyond the arc, tying the game for the first time of the half at 41-41 with a 3-pointer.

An offensive rebound by King, followed by a freethrow in the last 21 sec-

onds of the period from Hennessee gave Siuslaw a small 44-41 cushion to start the final period.

North Bend scored first, pulling within 1 point, but an offensive board from King and a basket from Brandt extended the Viks' advantage to 5 points with 5:10 on the clock.

However, the Bulldogs soon entered the bonus, getting a trip to the charity line with each foul.

In the final minutes, the Bulldogs outscored the Viks 14-5, with 7 of those points coming from the foul line as

North Bend slipped by with the win, 55-53.

That same night, Marshfield beat Douglas 49-33, and Brookings-Harbor defeated South Umpqua, 49-37.

At 0-4, the Viks finished the first half of the league season last night at home against South Umpqua (after press deadlines) and will kick off the second half of league next Friday (Feb. 2) at Marshfield.

Tipoff begins with the girls' game at 6 p.m., followed by the boys' match-up at 7:30 p.m.

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consider yourself a member of each team described.

Team A — The season is over. You worked very hard this year. Your team only lost one game. You finished the year in second place.

How do you feel? (respond in your head)

Team B — The season has finally ended. Once again, you only won one game and finished next to last place.

How do you feel? (again respond in your head)

Most of you probably responded with positive feelings for Team A and not so feel good as a member of Team B.

What if I told you there were only two teams in the league.

They played only one game and Team A lost the game. The actual standings would be Team B 1-0 and Team A 0-1.

Try and rationalize why you responded the way you did. Most people like winners and the feelings that come with the victory.

Many, but not all sports fans, will "jump on the bandwagon" of a winning team.

As a freshman on the 1966-67 Warrenton High School JV basketball team, we went undefeated. As our winning streak continued, we played with larger and larger crowds.

Unfortunately, the varsity was not winning. By season's end some fans were leaving after our game. Fan support grew for us and not for the varsity.

My junior basketball season, we won only three games and often to small crowds.

Where was the love?

All you need to test this theory is to compare the attendance records of the Siuslaw and Mapleton football teams during the past decade.

You could also check the attendance for any of our local sports teams to see the differ-

ence during winning and losing seasons.

Regardless of the final score, our athletes and coaches are working hard to be successful. They try to win and deserve our vocal support at their contests.

If you have time on your hands (and who doesn't, right?) go to some games and support the Vikings and Sailors as they battle to win.

**Sailors**

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grabbed a steal that made it to Neece at the other end for an easy bucket.

Junior post Gabe Simington

was the next to score, followed by a freethrow from freshman point guard JJ Neece for a 39-25 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

"I was proud of the way our guys shut McKenzie down and

came back to get control of the game," Wolgamott said.

The Sailors were well in control of the final period, maintaining at least a 10-point lead throughout the quarter with scoring from Wells, Moso, Simington

and Nate Neece.

Wells led scoring with 14 points, followed by 12 points each from Moso and Neece.

The win broke a five-game losing streak for the Sailors, who will host a re-match with Siletz

Valley next Thursday (Feb. 1)

Wolgamott was optimistic that the team had a good chance of finishing the regular season strong.

"When we play focused and execute like that, we can compete

with anyone in the league," Wolgamott said. "We are looking forward to seeing what we can do from here."

Tipoff for Thursday's game at Mapleton High School is set for 6 p.m.

**Fishing**

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caught over the years.

Tags can be turned in to any POS agent or at any ODFW office located throughout the state. The tags also can be mailed to any ODFW office.

**WINTER STEELHEAD: WATER DEPENDENT**

This time of year, water conditions for winter steelhead

fishing can vacillate between too low and clear, and too high and muddy. Successful anglers will:

1) adjust their gear and tackle for current conditions, and/or

2) be ready to hit the water when water conditions improve — usually once water levels start to drop after a good rain. Check out the zone reports for the best weekend possibilities.

**SIUSLAW RIVER: Steelhead, Chinook**

A few winter steelhead are starting to be caught in the lower river.

Fall Chinook fishing has been slowing down, but a few fish are still available. Anglers are reminded that there is no wild coho salmon retention.

**NORTH COAST LAKES:** Trout stocking is complete for the year. Cape Meares,

Town, Coffenbury, Lost and Sunset lakes were stocked with "trophy" rainbow trout in late September.

Cedar Creek Hatchery has stocked over 160 surplus summer steelhead in Town Lake near Pacific City so far this fall.

These fish get fairly active in the lake and offer a unique fishing experience. Once in the lake they are considered "trout" and do not require a Combined Angling Tag.

Anglers are reminded, however, that only one trout per day over 20-inches may be retained, and these fish will all be in that size range.

**MID COAST LAKES:** Olalla Reservoir has been stocked with about 100 surplus summer steelhead this season. These fish get fairly active in the lake and offer a unique fishing experience.

Once in the lake they are considered "trout" and do not require a Combined Angling Tag.

Anglers are reminded, however, that only one trout per day over 20 inches may be retained, and these fish will all be in that size range.

Mid coast lakes been stocked with trout throughout the spring.

Trout stocking has ended for

the year but there still should be fish around to catch.

**ALSEA RIVER: Steelhead, Chinook**

Fall Chinook fishing is slow to fair. Anglers are reminded that there is no wild coho salmon retention.

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**SALMON RIVER: Steelhead, Chinook**

The Salmon River IS open for wild and hatchery steelhead. Wild winter steelhead can be retained on the Salmon River. Daily and annual bag limit on wild winter steelhead are 1 per day and 3 per year.

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**SILETZ RIVER: Steelhead, Chinook**

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**WILSON RIVER: Chinook, steelhead**

Fall Chinook fishing is slow to fair. There should be fish available throughout the system. Bobber fishing bait, back-bouncing, back-trolling

plugs or divers and bait, or casting spinners can all be effective methods.

The first winter steelhead was reported on the Wilson, but it's still early and fishing is slow. Drift fishing baits or bobber fishing with jigs, beads, or bait are all good techniques.

**YAQUINA RIVER: Steelhead, Chinook**

The Big Elk IS open for wild and hatchery steelhead.

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**PACIFIC HALIBUT**

All 2017 sport halibut fisheries have concluded.

Allocations for 2018 will be announced soon.

For more information, see the sport halibut webpage.

**SHORE AND ESTUARY FISHING**

Shore and estuary anglers may fish for surfperch, flatfish species like starry flounder and sanddabs, and baitfish (hering, for example).

Due to inseason regulation changes, anglers may NOT catch or retain lingcod, any species of rockfish, cabezon, greenling, or other bottomfish species except for flatfish species like sanddab and starry flounder.

Surfperch fishing is not impacted by this closure, and remains open.

Public piers provide opportunities to catch surfperch and baitfish and to drop crab pots (but check first for crab health safety closures).

Learn about surfperch fishing.

When fishing from shore or inside estuaries and bays, it is important to check the tide.

Many fish that swim into estuaries and bays, including salmon, surfperch, and Pacific herring, tend to come in with the tide.

Catch of these species is more likely to occur closer to slack tide.

Additionally, the accessibility of some areas can be completely dependent on the tide. Do not allow the incoming tide to become a safety hazard.

**WARMWATER FISHING — South Coast**

The south coast area extends along the Oregon coast from Yachats south to the Oregon-California border.

The area offers some of the most productive and scenic warmwater fishing in the state with excellent fishing for bass and panfish available.

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