

Vikings’ momentum keeps them tied for second

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After winning their last four out of five games, the Vikings were tied with Brookings-Harbor for second place at 2-1 in the Far West League heading into yesterday’s game on the road against the Bruins (after press deadlines).

A win at Brookings-Harbor

yesterday, with a doubleheader at home for Siuslaw this Friday against the Bruins, could translate into play-off potential in the second half of league.

The Viks opened the Far West season last week by winning two of their three games against Marshfield, beating the Pirates on their own field earlier in the week, then splitting a make-up doubleheader on

Saturday that had been postponed by rain on Friday.

In Saturday’s opener, junior left-hander Gabe Simington fanned 16 Pirate batters to help spark a 4-2 win.

“I haven’t seen him pitch that well in the last couple of starts,” Siuslaw coach Thomas Shinn said. “But he was on [Saturday]. He had good velocity and the breaking ball was

working well.”

The Viks scored all four of their runs in the bottom of the fourth inning during a two-out rally that began with senior Tanner Wilson bringing home junior Tim Lowder on a double.

Wilson, along with sophomore Jared Northrop, each scored on an error, with freshman Clay Kramer crossing the plate on a passed ball.

“We struggled to get our bats going against [Cameron] Olson,” who Shinn called hit-table. “He kept us off balance.”

In the nightcap, Marshfield got an early lead, scoring two runs in the first inning, then tacking on five more runs in the second inning. Marshfield was able to take advantage of seven Siuslaw errors, scoring five of 10 runs off of Viking mistakes.

“We weren’t hitting well, but out biggest problem was errors in the field,” said Shinn. “Errors cause players to hang their heads, then they build upon each other.

“That’s what happened [Saturday].”

Friday, Siuslaw (2-1, 4-7) is scheduled to host Brookings-Harbor for a doubleheader, beginning at 3 p.m.

Sailors

Gastelum PRd in the 200 meters (30.55) for sixth place, freshman Robert Burnette set a PR in the 3000 meters (15:27.0) for second place, and freshman Philip Burnette won the 110-meter hurdles with a PR time of 22.0.

In the 100-meter dash, fresh-

man JJ Neece was third in 12.67. Philip Burnette ran the 100 meters in 15.31 for fifth, then set a PR in the 300 hurdles (1:08.84) to take third place and kick off a sweep through fifth place with Robert Burnette in fourth in a personal best 1:01.40 and freshman Jeremy bender taking fifth (1:09.13).

The 4x100-meter relay team of

Philip Burnette, Robert Burnette, Gastelum and Cody Sovers crossed the finish in 57.57 for third place.

In the throws, sophomore Dylan Rogers threw a season best shot put mark at 31-09 for 10th place, and fellow sophomore Nathan Roane landed 11th with a PR at 30-09.

Rogers also had a PR in the

javelin at 111-10 for fourth place.

Neece, competing in the high jump, cleared 5-4 for fifth place and a PR.

Bender leaped 13-9 in the long jump for PR and fourth place finish.

In the triple jump, Neece placed second with a mark of 34-02.

Crow won the team title with

192 points, followed by Triangle Lake (91.5), Powers (90.5), Mapleton (86) and Alsea (46).

Yesterday, Mapleton hosted the Mapleton High School meet

(after press deadlines).

Friday, the Sailors will compete at McKenzie High School for the Far West League meet, beginning at 4 p.m.



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Track

season-best triple jump for fourth place at 39-9; sophomore Brendon Jensen poured on the steam in the final stretch for a PR and ninth place in the 3000 meters at 9:43.65; freshman Ryan Jennings cleared 45.98 in the 300-meter hurdles for ninth place; and senior Isaac Griffes set a PR in the 3000 meters at 9:44.55 for 10th place.

Friday, the Viks will host the annual Central Coast Invitational, beginning at 4 p.m. at Hans Petersen Field.

Fishing

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Siuslaw sophomore Hannah Rannow (left center) competed in the girls’ mile race, finishing seventh individually but setting a new Siuslaw record with her time of 5:36.0, which broke the previous record of 5:38.6 set 50 years ago by Sherry Wells in 1968.

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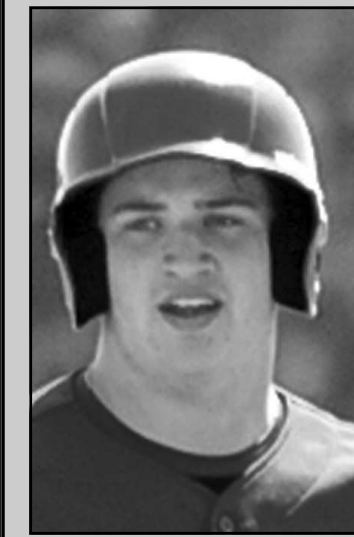
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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Gabe Simington Junior

BASEBALL

Siuslaw H.S. BASEBALL Highlight: Coast Radio Sports congratulates **Gabe Simington** as this week’s athlete of the week. In Saturday’s win over Marshfield Gabe pitched 6 and 2/3’s innings facing 26 batters and striking out 16 and allowing just 3 hits.

Honorable Mention Phillip Burnett

Highlight: Honorable mention goes to Mapleton freshman **Phillip Burnett** who took first place in the 110 meter hurdles with a personal record time of 22:00. And third place in the 300 meter hurdles with another personal best time of 1:00.84. in Thursday's Cinder Classic.

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