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Key to Siuslaw's rally was the defensive efforts of freshman libero Hayden Muller, who dug up 19 attempted kills against the Bulldogs, along with serving up 3 aces.

"Hayden was an animal out there," Hornung said of Muller's work on the court. The talented freshman fills what was a potentially worrisome void after the graduation of all-league libero Maci Wells last June. The Viks opened the match with a narrow 25-20 win, in a set that Siuslaw rallied from behind to tie at 8-8.

The game was tied three more times before kills from junior Mia Collins and seniors Alyssa Richards and Falon Borgnino helped secure the win.

However, in the next two sets North Bend was able to edge out the Lady Viks 25-20, 25-20, taking a 2-1 lead in the match that put the Lady Bulldogs in a position to end the match in four sets.

"But we came back strong," said Hornung, who credited Richards' leadership with helping keep the team's momentum going. "She was very vocal and helped keep everyone focused."

In addition, Collins was steadily hammering away at North Bend, particularly in game four, before eventually finishing the night with 17 kills, along with 10 from Richards.

After winning the fourth set decisively 25-16, Siuslaw continued its march to victory, moving ahead 6-0 on errors from North Bend and aces served up by junior Aylenne Vazquez.

The Bulldogs had a short-lived rally late in the game, pulling within 6 points, but kills from Collins and Borgnino kept the Lady Viks rolling toward a 15-8 win to take the match, 3-2.

The victory bodes well for Siuslaw as it enters the newly-adjusted Sky-Em League along with Cottage Grove, Marshfield and Marist, which are ranked No. 3, No. 5 and No. 8, respectively, by the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA).

The Sky-Em also includes strong programs from Junction City and Elmira.

The Lady Viks will get a short break before participating in the Bandon Jamboree, Sept. 4, when Siuslaw will get a chance to volley against Bandon and North Douglas.

The Viks will return to Glenn Butler court Sept. 6 to host Pleasant Hill for a non-league match beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Siuslaw will open the league season Sept. 13, at home, against Cottage Grove.



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Viking junior Mia Collins (far right) checks the scoreboard in game four during Siuslaw's rally against North Bend.



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