

Little from 1B

Sutherlin's football team broke a rule. They threw a 40-yard pass for a touchdown on the Vikings with only nine seconds remaining in the half. This is akin to pouring salt on an open wound.

I was not happy nor were

most of the Viking fans in attendance. When asked why, the coach replied "We wanted to get the 45 point lead so we could play everybody with the running clock."

What a bunch of huey

In 1975, my Spray Eagles were playing the Pilot Rock Rockets. Prior to the start of the game, their coach and I met at

midfield.

Sometimes eight-man football pits uneven teams. My 13 players were mostly juniors and seniors, like Sutherlin's. The Rockets' 19 players were comprised of 17 freshmen, similar to Siuslaw. Spray jumped to a 27-0 first-quarter lead.

The final score of that game? It was 27-0.

There is no need to make excuses for running up the score. Any coach with integrity can find ways to play all players even with the clock stopping.

Another football unwritten rules: No cheap shots when the game is decided, even if there is time on the clock. There comes a time when a team must accept defeat.

In a 1977 varsity football game against Coquille, our all-

league halfback, Mark Massey, had just scored a touchdown. As he was crossing the goal line, a Coquille player dove into his ankle.

Mark was unable to finish the game and was hampered with that ankle for the remainder of the season.

Tim Dodson, the quarterback of the Vikings back then and eventually its coach, was a victim of a cheap shot on his knee in 1980. Four other Viking players were also lost for the game, including Mark Miller, the standout middle linebacker.

Our opponent was once again the Coquille Red Devils.

In 1999, my eighth-grade Siuslaw Middle School football team battled the North Bend football team. North Bend was ahead by two scores as the clock

wound down.

I yelled to my players to relax as I thought North Bend was going to take a knee to end the game. Instead, its quarterback rose up and passed downfield to the tight end. Two Siuslaw players were injured trying to tackle a much larger player.

We had accepted the defeat when North Bend rubbed it in.

Of all the stories about eight-man football, the Culver coach in 1976 deserves the title of the most unsportsmanlike decision. Ever.

Culver, a perennial power in eight-man football, was playing Arlington. When I talked to the Arlington coach before our game, he told me the following: "I talked with the Culver coach and asked that he not run up the score on his young inex-

perienced team. The score was 76-0 in the third quarter before his first team went to the bench. With the second team scoring the next 22 points to lead 98-0, he inserted his first team to ensure a triple digit number."

Sarcastically speaking, what a real ethical decision there coach.

In next week's column, I will be addressing unwritten rules in other sports. Among them, baseball, where Chicago Cubs manager Joe Madden spoke out about celebrating individual accomplishments in a team game.

He said, "I just prefer the players to act like they've done it before and they're going to do it again."

Then again, I hope it occurs before the next century.

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salmon season.

Lake Creek, a tributary of the Siuslaw River, is closed for the 2018 fall salmon season.

Sea-run cutthroat will begin entering the lower river later this month and into the fall. These fish are very aggressive, respond well to flies and lures, and can be up to 20-inches long.

Trout fishing is open in streams and rivers.

ALSEA RIVER: *Cutthroat trout, fall Chinook*

A few fall Chinook are being caught everyday but overall the fishing has been slow. Warm and dry weather this week is holding fish in the estuary waiting for a significant rise in the river levels. Fresh fish will continue to enter the estuary on each tide and "stage" throughout the estuary waiting for a bigger rain event. Best techniques include trolling herring/spinners and bobber fishing with bait.

All wild coho must be released during the 2018 fall salmon season.

Sea-run cutthroat will continue to enter the estuary and lower river throughout the month and into the fall. These fish are very aggressive, respond well to flies and lures, and can be up to 20-inches long.

SALMON RIVER: *Cutthroat trout, fall Chinook*

Fall Chinook fishing on the Salmon River has been slow this year. Fish are being caught every day but it has been slow

overall. Fish will continue to stack up in the tidewater waiting for the next big rain event. Best techniques include trolling herring/spinners, bobber fishing with bait, and casting spinners from the bank.

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Sea-run cutthroat are also available in the Salmon River. Although not as popular as the larger rivers in the area, the Salmon River still provides opportunity to catch these scrappy trout up to 20-inches in length.

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SILETZ RIVER: *Steelhead, cutthroat trout, fall Chinook*

Fall Chinook fishing on the Siletz river/bay has been slow but anglers are catching a few fish every day. Fish are now scattered throughout the entire estuary and will continue to stage waiting for the next big rain event. Best techniques include trolling herring/spinners lower in the estuary, while bobber fishing with bait and casting spinners from the bank generally works better higher in the estuary.

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Summer steelhead are in the river. Fishing has picked up as water temperatures have started to cool down and we've had a few small rains. Most of the fish are located in the upper river especially in the gorge area. Early mornings or late evenings are not as critical with the cooler temperatures and overcast weather so fish-

ing can be good throughout the day. Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

Steelhead fishing is open in the gorge area year round but salmon fishing/retention is closed upstream of the Illahee boat ramp located in the town of Siletz during the fall salmon seasons.

The 3.5-mile bridge (aka Steel Bridge) in the Siletz gorge is open to motorized vehicles, but is only open to public vehicles on the weekend. Anglers can walk/bike in the road during the weekdays. If anglers do walk in they can park at the one-mile gate and start from there.

WILSON RIVER: *Steelhead, trout, fall Chinook*

Very few Chinook have moved up into the Wilson River as of yet, and with the current low flows it will take a significant rain event to move fish into the river in any real numbers. Bobber fishing bait, back bouncing, back-trolling divers and bait, and large plugs are all good river techniques for fall Chinook.

Hatchery summer steelhead are available throughout the system and there are some fish getting caught. Fall can actually be a great time to target summer steelhead, because these fish will get more active as water temperatures drop with the cooler nights and occasional rain freshens the river. Concentrate on deep pools and riffles with some chop and cover to them. Drift fishing small presentations, spinners, and flies are good choices to target these fish.

Sea-run cutthroat are present in good numbers on the North Coast this year, and anglers will find them throughout the basin.

YAQUINA RIVER: *Cutthroat trout, fall Chinook*

Fall Chinook fishing on the Yaquina river/bay has been slow but anglers are catching a few each day. Fishing will continue to improve as more fish continue to move into the estuary waiting for the fall rains. Best techniques include trolling herring/spinners and bobber fishing with bait.

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Sea-run cutthroat will continue to enter the lower river later this month and into the fall. These fish are very aggressive, respond well to flies and lures, and can be up to 20-inches long.

TENMILE LAKES: *Trout, coho salmon, warmwater species, largemouth bass*

Trout fishing on Tenmile Lakes has slowed down with the best fishing is in the early mornings. Anglers should focus on fishing in deeper water.

The wild coho fishery in Tenmile Lakes is open through Dec. 31. Salmon anglers may harvest 1 wild coho per day with up to 5 wild coho for the year in aggregate with **Siltcoos** and **Tahkenitch** lakes. The water level in Tenmile Lakes is very low so it will take a few good rains to bring the coho into the lake.

Fishing for largemouth bass has been good.

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