

TIME OUT

By Lloyd Little
Retired teacher, coach and game official

With more than 55 years as an athlete, coach, parent and spectator, Lloyd Little has gained some insights and perspectives regarding athletics. Each week, he shares what he's learned about sports from his multiple points of view.

Schoolyard Pick\$ — NBA \$tyle

Good luck trying to determine who will be playing on your favorite NBA team thi\$ year or the next. The player\$ are talking to each other and are trying to put together a champion\$hip team.

There are over forty \$ix NBA player\$ making over \$25 million ju\$t for thi\$ \$ea\$on. The owner\$ and coach\$ are lo\$ing control in \$electing their team. The \$tar\$ are making their wi\$he\$ known; they are making more money than they can spend in their life-time and their children's life-time.

Now they want the ring.

The player \$electing where and who he want\$ to play for began when LeBron Jame\$, of Cleveland, called hi\$ friend Dwayne Wade in Miami and \$ugge\$ted they become team-mate\$. The re\$ult would be two ring\$ for the Miami Heat player\$.

Then when LeBron decided to go back to his beloved Cleveland, for many million\$ of dollar\$, he in\$i\$ted on Cleveland getting Kevin Love of Minnesota. The re\$ult wa\$

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A participant in Siuslaw's football camp smiles after getting accolades on his blocking.

BUILDING VIKING SKILLS AND TRADITION

By NED HICKSON
Siuslaw News

Early success breeds future success. And if last week's annual Viking Football Youth Skills Camp was any indication, Siuslaw's football program can expect good things for the future.

"We had a great turnout in both sessions," says Sam Johnson, new head coach of the Vikings' football program, a Siuslaw alumni — and someone who experienced the camp firsthand as a youngster. "It was a big deal being out here as a kid with all of the varsity players and coaches. We're teaching skills and also the Viking way of doing things."

Nearly 200 young athletes, ranging from 1st through 12th grade during two different afternoon sessions, chose to participate in the four-day camp that began last Monday. Each session gives younger children and future Vikings the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of the sport — and older kids the chance to hone their skills or, in some cases, discover football for the first time.

But in addition to football fundamentals, the camp provides the opportunity to teach something else just as important to the program: Tradition.

"We have certain things that we do because it's been passed down through generations of Siuslaw football," Johnson says. "We want to teach those traditions early to make sure they continue."

As Johnson surveys the different breakout sessions for quarterbacks and receivers, across the practice field, lineman coaches Jerry Fleming and Tom Shinn work with young players on the correct stance, positioning and form to effectively and safely block opponents at the line of scrimmage. One young camper

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From top: Siuslaw assistant coach Jerry Fleming gathers young campers for a Viking chant; two campers share a moment between plays; participants hurry to a team huddle; a young quarterback looks to his receiver before throwing a pass.



Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

Aug. 17
1:28am / 6.9 8:10am / -0.4
2:32pm / 6.2 8:18pm / 1.8

Aug. 18
2:04am / 6.6 8:40am / 0.0
3:01pm / 6.2 8:56pm / 1.7

Aug. 19
2:42am / 6.3 9:10am / 0.4
3:31pm / 6.3 9:36pm / 1.6

Aug. 20
3:23am / 6.0 9:41am / 0.9
4:02pm / 6.3 10:20pm / 1.5

Aug. 21
4:09am / 5.5 10:13am / 1.4
4:36pm / 6.3 11:11pm / 1.4

Aug. 22
5:05pm / 5.1 10:51am / 2.0
5:16pm / 6.4

Aug. 23
6:15am / 4.7 12:10am / 1.3
6:04pm / 6.4 11:37pm / 2.6

SEASON TICKETS FOR VIKING FOOTBALL NOW AVAILABLE

Viking fans who want to assure good seats for this season's games can purchase reserved seats now.

Season tickets for Viking Football are available for purchase at the Siuslaw High School main office, located inside the school near the mall area.

Ticket price for reserved seats is \$30 per seat.

Previous year season ticket holders will have until Monday, Aug. 26, to re-purchase previously reserved seats for the 2019 season.

After Aug. 26, all remaining tickets will then be opened to the

public to purchase on a first come, first served basis.

There are also Fall Family Passes available, which can be purchased at the high school. Tickets for family passes are \$50.

Siuslaw High School accepts cash and check only; no credit cards can be accepted.

Office hours are Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call the high school office at 541-997-3448.

Siuslaw's season begins Sept. 6 at Elmira. The Viks' first home game is Sept. 20, against Newport High School, beginning at 7 p.m.

ODFW REGIONAL FISHING REPORT

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NOTE: Temporary regs for wild Chinook in coastal rivers — Due to low forecasted returns this year, wild Chinook fishing will be restricted in most coastal rivers. Most of these temporary regulations will be in effect from Aug. 1-Dec. 31, though a few don't start until Sept. 16 or Oct. 1.

Before planning your fishing trip, be sure the check the regulation updates.

MID COAST LAKES:

Stocking of the mid-coast lakes ended in June. Warmwater fisheries are improving in several lakes around the Florence area including Siltcoos, Tahkenitch, Mercer and Munsel lakes.

ALSEA RIVER: Cutthroat trout

Trout fishing in streams is open. Check regulations for open areas and gear restrictions.

SALMON RIVER: Cutthroat trout

Trout fishing is open in rivers and streams. Check the regulations for open areas and gear restrictions.

SILETZ RIVER: Summer steelhead, spring Chinook, cutthroat trout The Siletz River is open year-round for steelhead. Summer steelhead fishing continues to be slow so far this season but did pick up last week with some better fishing. Although it has been a slow year so far, anglers are catching summer steelhead everyday primarily in the gorge area and pressure continues to be light.

The 4.0 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

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