

Viks from 1B

But Wartnik didn't seem too concerned with final tallies, instead focusing on how well the kids did. "Elijah LaCrosse also had a standout performance," he said of LaCrosse, who finished second in the 145-lb. bracket, losing 5-3 in the finals to a 2018 3A state champion. "The match was outstanding," Wartnik continued. "Elijah never stopped moving, never gave up. His

performance was particularly impressive considering that Elijah had been pinned by the same person a week prior at an all-comers meet on the OSU campus." Also finishing second was Christian Newlan in the 195-lb. division. "He had a pair of impressive wins to make the finals and wrestled with great energy in the finals," Wartnik said. "Unfortunately, he made some bad choices in the championship match. Otherwise, it would have

been much closer. With a few adjustments, Christian could beat the boy he lost to." Then there was Hayden Muller, who took fourth place at 138 pounds. "Hayden Muller was amazing," Wartnik said. "She beat a pair of boys to make it to the semis — pinned them both. In the semis, she fought to the end and scored the last two points of the match. She just didn't have enough technique to pull off a win. Still, she showed that she

can wrestle with the boys and win. She injury-debated her last match because she tweaked a knee early in the day. The coaching staff decided not to risk anything worse. But she should be back for this weekend." Hunter Petterson, a freshman, took fifth and "showed improvement over the course of the day," Wartnik said. "He did a good job listening." Bailey Overton "wrestled tough but had the misfortune of being in [Ma-

son Buss'] small bracket," said Wartnik. "Her only matches were against the two toughest Central Linn wrestlers who battled Mason." He also praised JC Gentry, stating that the sophomore "wrestled very well. It looked like he was going to win in the 5th-6th-place match, but he overran a pinning combination and ended up on his back." Finally, Wartnik said that sophomore Jesus Garcia "wrestled great" and got his first-ever varsity win with

a major decision over Coquille. "It was in that match where Jesus took his opponent down eight times in a row," Wartnik said. "That was very impressive." Today and tomorrow, the Viks will be on the road at the North Bend Invitational. Tuesday, Siuslaw will be at home to host a three-way duel with Reed-sport and North Bend. First match is set for 5:30 p.m. in the Siuslaw High School main gym.

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said. "I've seen it before with younger kids, or kids who are just coming into the varsity level. P-Hill had the same thing for some of their guys, but they had other guys that played a lot of basketball that stepped up for them. You see it every year with kids going it the varsity level — which is a big jump." Friday was the Viks' first away game, which had local fans out in force to

support the Billies' first game of the season. "It's a primetime game, there's more people in the crowd, there's the newspaper, as well as video people there," Perry said. "The kids want to do well, so they put a lot of pressure on themselves and at times that can backfire when you're thinking too much on the basketball court instead of just playing." The pressure can lead to overthinking, which then leads to mistakes. The Viks were missing shots that

they would normally hit while scrimmaging, and "I think we were pressing a little bit," Perry said. When the team doesn't hit, the errors get stuck in their head, which is made worse when a team is trailing. "We were just trying to play catch up all the time, and when you're doing that, it just doesn't play into your favor," said Perry. While Perry said any season can start out rough, things eventually work themselves out. "You just have to go

through those hard times where you're learning," he said. "It's still the same game, it's just basketball. It's not any different. You just have to take a deep breath and play. Stuff is going to go bad, that's how it is." The Viks will have plenty of opportunities in the next few weeks to gain the experience needed for a high-pressure game. They'll be attending a weekend-long tournament starting Saturday, preceded by Thursday's away game

at Harrisburg. "I suspect that they'll step up and they'll improve," Perry said. "It's just part of the process. It'll get better. Just keep continuing to support them and give them confidence. That's what they need. They can't get too down on themselves. We just need to build them up and get them prepared." On the girls' side, the loss spread was lower, as junior post Gracie Freudenthal lead the night was 8 points, 16

rebounds and 2 steals. She was followed by senior Mia Collins with 6 points and 8 rebounds, and junior Break Blankenship with 5 points and 1 steal. The Vikings will have a busy weekend, first with a Thursday away game at Harrisburg (Lady Viks at 5:45 p.m. and the boys at 7 p.m.) Then, Friday and Saturday, there's the Junction City/Harrisburg tournament, which will see the teams playing a host of games to prepare for the season.

Fishing from 1B

has been light. Due to low forecasted fall Chinook returns, this year's daily bag limit has been reduced to 1 wild Chinook per day and 5 per year for the north coast aggregate (Necanicum River to Salmon River). No wild Coho retention for the 2019 season. SILETZ RIVER: Fall Chinook, summer steelhead. Fall Chinook fishing on the Siletz River continues to be slow with the low, clear, and cold conditions. Fish will start to stage in the estuary again waiting for the next big rain event. With no considerable rain in the extended forecast, expect more of the same until we get a weather change. Fish are now spread throughout the Siletz River from the estuary up to the deadline located at Illahee boat ramp. Summer steelhead fishing continues to be slow on the Siletz and the season is winding down and almost done for the year. There are a few fish being caught in the lower gorge area and fishing pressure continues to be very low. Hatchery fish are released at Twin Bridges and Moonshine Park. Many anglers fish the upper "gorge" area for these hard-fighting fish. Bobber fishing with jigs/bait, casting lures, and drift fishing are great techniques to catch a Siletz summer steelhead. 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 park at the one-mile gate and start from there. SILTCOOS & TAHKENITCH LAKES: warmwater species, cutthroat and rainbow trout. Warmwater fishing is slowing down on Siltcoos and Tahkenitch and is done for the season. Many warmwater fish will go into their winter hibernating behavior as the water temperatures cool down for the winter. Siltcoos also gets

stocked rainbow trout, check the stocking schedule for numbers and dates of stockings. Coho fishing has been slow in Siltcoos and Tahkenitch so far this year. The dry, clear, and cold weather pattern will slow the number of fish coming into the lakes, but it should pick up when the next big rainstorm comes in. After the next big rain event the fishing should be good through November and into December. *Reminder:* Retention of wild Coho is still allowed for the 2019 season, 1 wild adult Coho per day (as well as 1 jack per day) and 5 adult Coho for the year in aggregate with Siltcoos, Tahkenitch and Tenmile Lakes. WILSON RIVER: Chinook. The rains early this week should have gotten fall Chinook moving upriver and throughout the fishery. Although past the peak of the run, the Wilson is known to get some late fish and there will be a few bright Chinook well into December. Anglers are reminded that this year's bag limit for wild Chinook is 1 per day and 5 per year from the North coast aggregate (Necanicum River to Salmon River). Trout fishing closed Oct. 31. YAQUINA RIVER: Fall Chinook. Fall Chinook fishing has been good on the Yaquina River but slowed down last week. Low, clear, and cold conditions this week will have fish staging in the upper tidewater waiting for the next rain event. With no rain in the extended forecast expect more of the same for the next few weeks. Due to low forecasted fall Chinook returns, this year's daily bag limit has been reduced to 1 wild Chinook per day and 5 per year for the mid-coast aggregate (Siletz River to Siuslaw River). No wild Coho retention for the 2019 season. TENMILE CREEK: Trout. Trout fishing is closed in rivers and streams until May 22, 2020. TENMILE LAKES: Trout, warmwater species, largemouth bass

Bass fishing has been good on Tenmile Lakes. Anglers are catching most of the bass along the deeper weedlines and submerged trees. Yellow perch will start transitioning from the weed lines to the deep-water mud flats in the next few weeks. Most of the fish are under 10-inches long but there are a few 12-inch-plus fish being caught. Trout anglers continue to troll for trout. A few trout have been caught on bait by anglers targeting yellow perch. UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH: CLOSED, beginning Sept. 16. The mainstem South and all tributaries close to all fishing on Sept. 16 as part of the annual closure to protect salmon. The South opens again Dec. 1. PACIFIC OCEAN AND

BEACHES: Bottomfish, salmon, halibut, surfperch. Bottomfishing is now open to fish at all depths. Fishing for lingcod and rockfish was very good this past weekend. Many anglers caught big lingcod while fishing out past 40 fathoms. The daily bag limit for marine fish is 5 plus 2 lingcod. The harvest of cabezon along with copper, quillback, and China rockfish are now all closed to boat anglers. Shore anglers will still be able to harvest these rockfish species (but are encouraged to release them) and 1 cabezon a day. Anglers may also choose to fish the offshore long-leader fishery outside of the 40-fathom regulatory line, which is open year-round. The longleader fishery has a daily bag

limit of 10 fish made of yellowtail, widow, canary, blue, deacon, redstripe, greenstripe, silvergray, and bocaccio rockfish. No other groundfish are allowed and offshore long-leader fishing trips cannot be combined with traditional bottomfish, flatfish or halibut trips. Find information about a long-leader setup here. Ocean salmon fishing is closed. Halibut fishing is now closed. BOTTOM FISHING: The bottomfish fishery is open at all depths. The General Marine Species bag limit is 5 fish; a separate bag limit allows retention of 2 lingcod. Retention of cabezon, China rockfish, copper rockfish, and quillback rockfish is prohibited; the quotas for these species have been

reached. Retention of yelloweye rockfish is prohibited by all anglers. PACIFIC HALIBUT: Halibut fishing season is closed. OCEAN SALMON: Seasons now closed. RAZOR CLAMMING: As of Nov. 6, the recreational harvest of razor clams is closed from the south jetty of the Siuslaw River to the California border for elevated domestic acid levels. This includes all beaches and all bays. CRABBING: Beginning Jan. 1, 2020, recreational crabbers will need to mark all floating surface buoys with a name and other identifying information. Crabbing is closed in the ocean until Nov. 30. However, bays, beaches, estuaries, tide pools, piers and jetties remain open.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

MASON BUSS
FRESHMAN
WRESTLING

HIGHLIGHT:
The Sports Club, the Siuslaw News and Coast Radio Sports congratulate freshman Viking wrestler **Mason Buss** who defeated two senior wrestlers on his way to his championship bout with Central Linn's Blake Owens. Buss finished first in the 120 pound category in Saturday's Deven Dawson Classic in Harrisburg.

Honorable Mention: Yoskar Delamora - Siuslaw Wrestling

Highlight:
Honorable Mention also goes to a freshman wrestler, **Yoskar Delamora** who took first place in the 106 pound category.

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