Spring registration now open for youth soccer program

Registration for the 2020 spring season of the Siuslaw Youth Soccer Association (SYSA) and is introducing a new online opportunity to register players and volunteers through the Sports Connect platform at siuslawsoccer.com.

Just follow the links and complete the $55 membership fee (now through Feb. 24) or $75 from Feb. 15 through March 1.

SYSA practices are set to begin in late March, with games to begin April 11, with the season continuing through June 6.

To register online, parents will need to upload their completed Safe Spot certificate.

In addition to the membership fee, there is a $3 processing fee for each registration; for parents registering more than one child, register players all at once to avoid paying the $3 registration fee multiple times.

More information is available on the new Sports Connect platform at sportsconnect.com.

Current SYSA board members are: SYSA president Cameron Jagoe; vice president Erin Linton; treasurer and referee coordinator Londi Tomaro; secretary Tammy McKenzie; registrar Daisy Erwin, registrar; head coach Nyra Vanduch; communication coordinator AJ Edman; player-parent liasons for Mapleton Tim and Melissa Moffet; and members-at-large Justin Linton and Nikki Harklerode.

Anyone interested in volunteering for open board positions for fundraising, equipment and field coordinators can contact the SYSA by email at siuslawyouthsoccer@gmail.com or call 541-600-4409.

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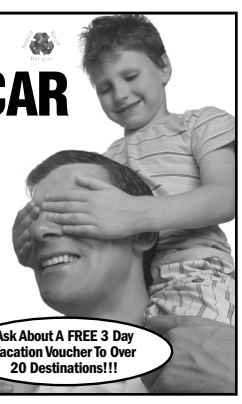

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48-36 and Junction City 45-33.

At the Bay City Duals, the Viks took second, besting Marshfield 60 to 16 and Glide 50-18. They swept Cottage Grove in the semifinals (45-33) but lost the crown in the finals to Hidden Valley. Though both teams scored 27 points, the Mustangs claimed a larger overall point count to earn the tourney title.

"It was another exciting weekend," Wartnik said. "This team continues to grow and rise to the challenge."

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Siuslaw's Brody Terry **works the Marshfield defense with help from** Liam McClellan **on Friday night.**

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opportunity to play at state. So, it was a little disheartening to lose that game. But they were excited, knowing they could play against those top teams in the state."

Coming into Friday's game against Marshfield, the Viks were excited, "though we knew it was going to be a super tough game," according to Perry. It ended up being that.

"It was a really fun game to coach. Our players played really well for 26 minutes out of the 32 of the game. I thought we played as good as Marshfield, if not better," Perry said. "But those other six minutes — we allowed stuff to happen that we can't let happen if we want to win those super competitive games."

The story was the same as with Marist, according to Perry, with some "silly turnovers and not taking value shots. We can't settle for just any shot. We want to get the best ones we can. I think for most of the game, we got the shots we wanted. But not what we needed."

This is not to say that the Viking's didn't play hard. Standouts included Braydon Thornton, who held off Marshfield's top scorer throughout most of the game.

"He took that match-up like I knew he would. He's a competitor and I thought he did an amazing job guarding him," Perry said.

The Viks other point guard, Brody Terry, also impressed Perry.

"Both have got the skills and competitiveness we need, and they've played a lot of basketball — So, they understand what needs to be done in certain situations," Perry said. "Brody hit some really big shots and Braydon got some really good steals. Our energy on defense was just exactly what we needed to be competitive in the game."

Perry also praised Liam McClellan, saying, "He's as steady as they go. He knocked down a lot of big shots for us to keep us in the game. We're just looking for one other guy to get us double digit scoring. If we can get a fourth guy to step up in any of our games, we have an opportunity to win.

The Viks sit at 1-2 league and 7-10 overall as of Monday.

"It's kind of where I expected us to be," Perry said. "I knew the Cottage Grove game was going to be competitive. That was a big win for us. I thought we could have possibly stolen one of these last two games. I know we probably could have — and should have — but they're behind us now so we can't really do anything about that."

Making it to state, or even the playoffs, is still up in the air for the Viks.

"We have to get first or second in league to get an automatic bid. Then the top 18 teams get an opportunity, but you have to be ranked 20 or higher," Perry explained.

At press time, the Viks were ranked 26th in the league.

"We're going to have to get an upset win against somebody that's ranked ahead of us for us to jump up. Or we're going to have to go on a run to get those top 2 spots to get an opportunity."

That's not to say that Perry has given up hope.

"Both of those options are still very possible," he said. "But we have to take it one game at a time and take care of business, we can't really look ahead and hope for all that's in front of us."

Friday's game against Junction City could be a turning point for the Viks.

"It's going to be another close game," Perry said, pointing out that they're ready for the competition.

"They've been in a lot of these situations, so hopefully after the bad taste left last week, they're going to understand what it takes," Perry said.

But it won't be an easy win.

"They're really well coached and super disciplined," continued Perry. "We're going to have to play our best game of the season to get a win there too. But I think that any game here on out, we have the opportunity to win. It's just going to come down to limiting our mental mistakes and do exactly what we know we need to do to win games."

And if they can't pull it off, "we're going to have an even worse taste in our mouth and a sour stomach because we knew we let one get away," Perry said.

The Viks travel to Junction City on Friday, where the game starts at 5:45 p.m., then will host Cottage Grove for a rematch at Glenn Butler Court next Tuesday.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

MATTHEW HORILLO
JUNIOR
WRESTLING

HIGHLIGHT:

The Sports Club, the Siuslaw News and Coast Radio Sports congratulate junior Viking Wrestler **Matthew Horillo** as this week's athlete of the week. Horillo went undefeated this past weekend in a dual meet matchup, which included defeating the #2 ranked Christopher Woods from Hidden Valley in the 285 pound division.

Honorable Mention: **Mia Collins - Siuslaw Basketball**

Highlight:
Honorable mention goes to senior lady Viking Basketball player **Mia Collins** who led the Vikings with 13 point and 9 rebounds in the loss to Marshfield.

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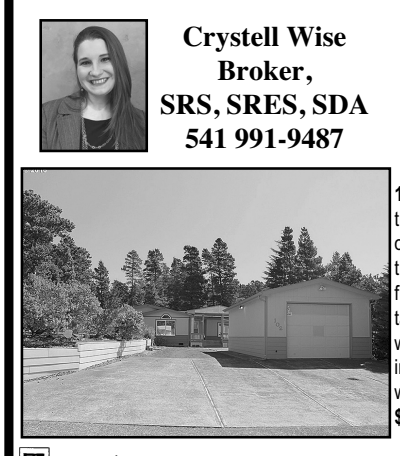

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