

Viks from 1B

first-and-10 on the Outlaws' 14-yard line. On the second down, the Vikings received an illegal procedure call, pushing them back five yards. But on the next play, Blankenship nailed a pass to Lacouture in the end zone, giving the Vikings their first touchdown. After an off-sides call against Sisters during the conversion play, the ball was moved even closer to the goal line for Siuslaw, and the Vikings scored the conversion, bringing the score to 8-3 with 3:17 left in the first quarter. After the kickoff, the Outlaws couldn't break Siuslaw's defense, turning the ball over on downs at

the Vikings' 36-yard line with just over a minute left in the quarter. Loomis then carried the ball for 11 yards for another first down. The Outlaws received another off-sides call, bringing the Vikings to the 20-yard line for first-and-five. Thornton rushed the ball another nine yards for another Siuslaw first down. To start the second quarter, the Vikings received a penalty that put them at second-and-21. Blankenship was able to carry the ball 11 yards to the 10-yard line. Shortly after, Loomis caught a pass to run up the middle, breaching the end zone just 11 seconds into the quarter. Following another off-sides call against Sisters on

the conversion, Blankenship carried the ball to nab the conversion, putting Siuslaw ahead 16-3. On their ensuing possession, the Outlaws held the ball for more than five minutes before eventually turning the ball over on downs with 6:11 remaining in the half. Some clutch carries by Lacouture and Blankenship allowed Siuslaw to push the ball up the field. With 16 seconds left in the half, the Vikings called a time out and, immediately after returning to the field, Thornton caught a pass from Blankenship for a TD. This was followed by a successful conversion from Lacouture — and a 24-3 Viking lead entering the half.

Coming back from the break, Sisters maintained possession of the ball for the majority of the third quarter, finally calling a time with 5:21 left in the period. The Outlaws came back to score their first touchdown as well as the conversion, bringing the score to 24-11. On the Vikings' next possession, Blankenship scored on a keeper up the middle and, following a failed conversion, Siuslaw moved ahead 30-11 with 2:22 left in the third. The Viks held the Outlaws on their next possession, ending the third quarter still ahead by 19 points. In the fourth quarter, on Sisters' possession, the officials called several questionable penalties against

the Vikings, which allowed the Outlaws to slowly push the ball up the field. With 8:27 left in the game, the Outlaws were able to score a touchdown and conversion, cutting Siuslaw's lead to 11. The Vikings then held possession for the five minutes, with Loomis finally trucking through the middle of the Outlaw defense for a touchdown with 3:26 remaining — and a 36-19 Vikings advantage. Sisters was unable to answer on its next possession. Siuslaw took over with less than two minutes remaining, holding the line and running the clock out for the win. The win over Sisters puts the Viks at 2-2 overall as they head into their final game this Friday (April 2),

at home against Junction City. Johnson said he is looking forward to the match-up and his team is ready to dig into this last game. "Going into this last regular season game against Junction City, we want to make sure we are able to execute our offensive and defensive game plans better than we have all year," Johnson said. "We are playing a very talented and deep team who has already proven they can win. "Our kids will lay it all on the line this Friday night and let the chips fall where they may." Kick-off for Friday's game is set for 7 p.m., with KCST Radio's live broadcast beginning at 6:45 p.m. on 106.9 FM.

Sailors from 1B

and they have a lot of up-classesmen, too. So, I knew it was going to be a tough game going into it. I'm just proud because they never gave up, they kept playing hard to the last point." Going into the second set, the Sailors kept fighting, and came much closer

er to a win finishing the set at 17-25. As Dooley explained, "That was really nice to go after a first set where you just didn't get very many points at all, to go into that second set, and come back and try and do the best we could. We managed to get pretty close, so that was fun to see." In the third set, the

Sailors succumbed to the Wolverines 13-25 to complete the sweep. But again, the girls kept fighting until the very end. In addition to their relentless attitude, Dooley was pleased that her younger players are getting more experience and taking more chances on both offense and defense. "Freshman Kylee Car-

son got a really good touch [at the net]," said Dooley. "It was really cool to see her as a brand-new player starting to get a little more aggressive on that net." Last night (March 30), Mapleton hosted Crow (after press time) for Senior Night and will travel to Crow this Thursday (April 1) for a match beginning at 6 p.m.

Fishing from 1B

down in March. Whitaker Creek area is the best place to catch returning hatchery fish. Hatchery fish are also planted in Lake Creek and are released into Green Creek. These returning hatchery fish will start to show up in December and peak in January and February.

but the hatchery grounds are closed to the public. Anglers are required to park in designated parking lot to access the river. **SALMON RIVER:** Winter steelhead are around in the Salmon River. The peak for winter steelhead on the Salmon River is typically January to March. *Note:* The Salmon River hatchery remains closed to walk in anglers. Anglers can use access points upstream and down-stream of the hatchery to access those traditional fishing locations.

tributed throughout the river from the boat sections up through the gorge. Mid-February to mid-March is typically the

peak for Siletz steelhead-ing. The 4-mile bridge in the Siletz gorge is open to motorized vehicles on the weekends only.

ALSEA RIVER: Winter steelhead Winter steelhead fishing continues to be slow on the Alsea. The river is now low and clear making it tough for the bank anglers on the NF Alsea but conditions are good for the drift boaters in the main-stem. Although it has been a slow year there are still fish to be caught in the system through the month of March. The later returning wild broodstock fish are providing the majority of the catch now and typically peak in March. *Reminder:* The popular winter steelhead bank fishery around the Alsea Hatchery remains open

Steelhead fishing on the Siletz River has slowed down again as the river drops and clears. The drift boat anglers are catching some fish down low in the system but it continues to be a slow year on the Siletz and all coastal rivers. Fresh fish will continue to enter the system through March despite the low and clear conditions. Fish are now dis-

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