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Siuslaw's batting and base running was much improved over last week's season opener (April 13), with the Vikings doubling their scoring in Friday's doubleheader against Elmira.

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"If we had those opportunities where we felt we could be successful," said O'Mara, "I wanted to try to implement some of that, too, which we did. There was definitely a fair amount of bunting and bunt-and-run type of plays going on." The Vikings led until the fifth inning, when Elmira was able to pull ahead with 4 runs, putting them ahead 4-6 by the end of the inning. The Falcons shut

out the Viks for the remainder of the game while managing to score 5 more runs for an eventual 11-4 win over Siuslaw. Freshman Meika Shappell had a double which led to a run, and Edwards had 3 singles, hitting 75 percent. Freshman Ashley Hennessee also had 2 singles, going 2-for-3 at the plate. On defense, Overton had a stellar performance with two double plays in the second game, as well as a relayed throw from out-

field for a tag at the plate. Overton had a total of 12 assists and 7 putouts for the evening. Senior second baseman Lizbeth Garcia-Galvan also excelled on defense, with 3 assists and 6 putouts, including a double play for the evening. "Although there is a great deal of varsity level inexperience for the Vikings this season due to the loss of last year's season and summer opportunities," explained O'Mara, "the Vikings are working

incredibly hard to make up for lost time and be competitive on the diamond." Moving forward, according to O'Mara, "Now it's a measure of how well we can do against this team when we play them again." The Lady Viks played last night (after press deadlines) and will return to the diamond Friday, on the road at Marist for a doubleheader with the Spartans. First pitch goes out at 3 p.m.

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sanitizers throughout the course. In addition, golfers and volunteers will be required to wear masks while around the clubhouse, in carts and at snack stations. All volunteers will wear masks and gloves, all carts will be sanitized before and after the tournament, and extra carts will be on hand so that golfer will not have to "double up." The tournament will again feature its signature putting contest along with a chance to win \$5,000 sponsored by Florence Dental Clinic. Last year's winner, Jim Renteria, will be back to defend his title. Johnston Motors has once again stepped up to sponsor a hole-in-one contest to win travel trailer. Hyak has also returned to provide a barbecue lunch on hole 7. New this year is the Poker Run; teams will

have an opportunity to play a 5-card stud game to win cash and prizes. The tournament is a four-person team format using the Calloway scoring method. Team fees are \$360 if registered before May 1. Fees include green fees, carts, three putts in the putting contest, drinks, coffee, donuts, snacks and lunch. All players must be registered no later than May 14. Registration forms can be picked up and dropped off at Siuslaw Outreach Services on 12th Street or at Florence Golf Links. For more information, contact Bob Teter at 541-997-2816 or Nik Remer at 541-997-1940. The Siuslaw Open has been raising funds to help needy individuals and families for the past 10 years. SOS provides advocacy for victims of domestic and/or sexual violence, homelessness prevention and intervention,

emergency vouchers for clothing, food, showers, laundry, transportation, prescriptions, rent and utilities as well as self-sufficiency education programs. In 2020, SOS provided aid to 2,568 individuals in

the Siuslaw region. Tournament chair and SOS board president, Justin Young said, "The success of this tournament is vital to helping SOS provide critical services to our neighbors who are in crisis."

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BEWARE THE SNEAKER WAVE
They're called sneaker waves because they appear without warning, often surging high up on the beach with deadly force, and are impossible to predict. Sneaker waves also carry a large amount of sand that can saturate your clothes, weighing you down and making escape difficult if not impossible.
How to play it safe: Never turn your back on the ocean.

WATCH THOSE LOGS
The ocean is strong enough to pick up even the biggest log and plop it down on top of you. Some logs may look small, but even the tiny ones can be waterlogged and weigh tons.
How to play it safe: If you see a log in the surf or on wet sand, stay off it.

RIP CURRENTS
Rip currents are strong currents of water that rush out to sea. They are stronger than even the best swimmer. These currents can swiftly sweep unwary beachcombers and waders off their feet and out to sea. Rip currents may appear as dark, choppy water. Any time you see debris and foam floating out to sea, chances are you have found a rip current. Avoid the area.
How to play it safe: Parents keep your kids close when playing in the ocean. If caught in a rip current, **don't panic**. Swim parallel to the beach until you are out of the current, then head for the beach.

KNOW THE TIDES
Incoming tides isolate rocks from headlands and the shore. Avoid the temptation of strolling out to an interesting rock without knowing when the tide rolls back in. Free tide tables are readily available at state park offices, information centers and many shops and motels.
How to play it safe: Stay off rocks and small, enclosed beaches. Know when the tide is coming in by [visiting the tidetable website](http://weather.hmsc.oregonstate.edu/weather/tides/tides.html) at the Hatfield Marine Science Center
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HIGH WAVES CAN REACH YOU
Tides and waves can sweep over rocks, jetties and headlands, knocking you off and carrying you out to sea.
How to play it safe: Assume nothing is "high enough" and avoid exposed rocks, jetties and headlands during strong wave action (like during and after storms).

BEWARE OF HIGH, STEEP CLIFFS
Assume that all cliff edges are unstable. Wet trails or soft sand and earth can make for unstable footing. Rocks can be slippery even when it isn't raining.
How to play it safe: Make sure you wear proper footwear, and stick to the trails. Stay behind guard fences and railings, and don't get too close to the edge.

HEADS UP
Standing at the base of an Oceanside cliff can be dangerous, especially if it has an overhang. In some places, winter storms and high waves have eroded the shoreline, increasing the chance of collapse and slides.
How to play it safe: Beware of falling rocks, and don't climb on bluffs and eroding hillsides. Don't walk along the base of cliffs unless absolutely necessary.

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