

**Siuslaw** from 1B

to score 3 more runs during their at bat in the fourth inning, bringing the score to 11-2 heading into the fifth.

Following a pitching change for Marist, the Vikings' Victor Reyna-Ayala scored a more run in the fifth, on an RBI double from Blankenship.

In the bottom of the inning, the Spartans scored twice more to move ahead 13-3 and end the game early due to the 10-run rule.

According to Siuslaw coach Tom Shinn, "Errors again put us in a difficult place. Of the 13 runs we gave up in game one, only six were earned."

Although they had a lot

of errors, Shinn said the Viks showed continued improvement from their last game. "I felt we did a better job of putting the ball in play and making Marist have to get outs."

Going into the nightcap, Shinn knew that the boys would have to tighten up in order to compete with the Spartans. The Viks started Garcia on the mound, with Blankenship behind the plate.

The result of game two was much improved over the opener.

"It was an exciting game. We were aggressive on the basepaths," Shinn said. "I was really happy with the way the men continued to work and grind out at bats."

This time, the Viks

didn't score in the first two innings, and gave up 5 runs to Marist.

"If we hadn't spotted them 5 runs over the first two innings, it would have been a very different ball game," said Shinn. "Jason Garcia settled in in the 3rd inning, pitched very well and got us back into the game."

The third inning started with Blankenship hitting a double on his first pitch, eventually stealing his way to third base and coming home on an RBI from Erickson. This seemed to shift the momentum of the game moving forward.

Garcia had 2 strikeouts in the bottom of the third, and the Viks were able to hold the Spartans

at 5 runs for the inning — pulling Siuslaw to within 4 runs of the Spartans at 5-1.

In the fourth inning, Clay Kramer hit a single and stole two bases before being brought home on an RBI double from Reyna-Ayala.

The Viks held the Spartans scoreless for another inning and closed the gap to within 3 runs heading into the fifth, where Blankenship connected for another double. From there, he stole third and scored on another RBI from Erickson.

Next, Garcia hit a single, stole his way to third and came home on an RBI single from Isaac Garza.

Perhaps the most exciting moment for the

Vikings was Ian Sissel's 2-run homer in the fifth, which scored Garza and put Siuslaw ahead, 6-5.

"The top of the fifth was a real game changer," said Shinn. "Pushing two runs across before Ian's homer — definitely got the men fired up."

After Marist managed to tie the game in the bottom of the inning, the Viks brought Garza to the mound for relief, with Garza holding Marist scoreless in the fifth.

In the sixth, Siuslaw's momentum continued as the Viks scored 3 more runs while holding Marist scoreless for the inning — and putting Siuslaw up 9-6.

Unfortunately, the Spartans struck back in

the bottom of the seventh inning with 5 runs to eventually nudge the Viks, 11-10.

**Softball**

On the softball side, the girls struggled to get on base in both games and were unable to score any runs against the Spartans. Both games were called early due to the 10-run rule, with the Spartans sweeping the double header 15-0 in both match-ups.

Both Siuslaw teams played yesterday at home against Junction City (after press deadlines) and will be back on the field Friday (April 30) for home doubleheaders against Cottage Grove.

First games are at 3 p.m.

**Track** from 1B

Ulrich finished first with a PR time of 2:03.38a, followed by Jensen in second place with a PR at 2:07.80a.

The Lady Viks also set new season records and personal bests in Friday's meet, with Brea Blankenship now leading

the 4A division in the 800 meters after finishing second with her season-record time of 2:24.92a.

In addition, Rylee Colton had a fantastic performance in the girls' 3000 meters, finishing first with a PR of 11:15.84a.

On the field, Andrea Osbon had another stellar week, winning both the

shot put and discus, with throws of 35-10 and a 103-07, respectively. Osbon also landed third in javelin with a throw of 97-01.

Tuesday, Siuslaw traveled to Cottage Grove (after press deadlines). The Viks' next meet is this Friday (April 30), when they host the Sky-Em League Showcase, begin-

ning at 4 p.m.

It was also made official this week that, in addition to hosting the Sky-Em League District meet, Siuslaw will host the 4A State Championships this season for the first time in the school's history.

Both will be held in May.

**Fishing** from 1B

on the Salmon River is typically January to April.

*NOTE:* Reminder, the Salmon River hatchery remains closed to walk in anglers. Anglers can use access points upstream and downstream of the hatchery to access those

traditional fishing locations.

*SILETZ RIVER: Winter steelhead*

Steelhead fishing on the Siletz River improved last week with the bump in river levels but has slowed down now with the low and clear conditions. The Siletz River remains open year-round for steelhead

fishing and provides opportunity through April for winter steelhead and then summer steelhead typically start to show up in decent numbers in May. Fish are now distributed throughout the river from the boat sections up

through the gorge. Mid-February to mid-March is typically the peak for Siletz winter steelheading.

The 4-mile bridge (aka Steel Bridge) in the Siletz gorge is open to motorized vehicles on the weekends only.

**Hiking** from 1B

registration is required.

The trip is limited to six participants. Reserve your spot by calling 541.888.5558 ext. 121.

• *Nature Journaling Hike*—April 30, 1 p.m.

Come for a walk in the woods and learn the best practices for starting a nature journal.

Discover how seeing a trail through pencil and pen can be one of the best ways to hike. This one-mile hike is of moderate difficulty.

We will meet at the South Slough Visitor Center.

The hike lasts about two hours. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes and bring plenty of water and snacks. Pencil,

paper and a clipboard will be provided for each participant.

This event is free; however, registration is required.

The trip is limited to six participants. Reserve your spot by calling 541-888-5558 ext. 121.

Your health and well-being are the Reserve's top priority. Among other things, participants will need to wear a mask at all times.

Additionally, a temperature check, using a no-touch digital forehead thermometer, will be performed at the beginning of the program.

Any participants with a temperature higher than 100.4° F/37.8° C can not participate.


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