

**Track** from 1B

right now.”  
 Both Lacouture and Hughes hit personal records (PRs) with their jumps at Friday’s meet, and they are at number 10 and 15 respectively on Siuslaw’s all-time list for the pole vault.

Also notable on the field was Skyler Loomis’ throw in the javelin, for which he earned first place with a 154-01, as well as his throw in the discus, which landed second at 124-02.

The Vikings also had several athletes place in the discus this week.

“Liam McClellan (124-00, PR) and Christian Newlan (121-09, PR) both had a pretty good toss in the discus,” said Johnson. “Again, they’re seniors, and it takes some years to sort of figure this event out, but they’re all kind of hitting their stride at the right time. And we’re blessed to have Max Perry, he’s one of the best throwing coaches I think anywhere.”

On the track, the boys also made great marks.

“[It was a] really great day for Chad Hughes,” said Johnson, “he just continues to get better and better. He had a great race in the 1500.”

Hughes placed fifth and hit a PR of 4:16.42a in the race.

“Probably one of the real

highlights to me was Sam Ulrich,” noted Johnson. “He’s a sophomore and didn’t have a freshman track season because of COVID, and he was able to get a 4:13.55a for the 1500. And some really quality senior boys — some of the best boys in the state — were in that race with him, so he ran great.”

Ulrich placed third in the 1500M and set a PR, but then went on to race in the 800M and finished second, setting another PR with his time of 2:00.02a.

The time outs Ulrich at number 10 all-time; he is also number 19 all-time for the 1500M.

The Lady Viks also had a great deal of success in the meet. On the field, Andrea Osbon placed second for all three throwing events, setting PRs in the discus (126-02) and the javelin (102-11).

“Andrea had the best throw of her life in the discus, which puts her at number six on our top 10 list,” said Johnson. “She’s got the second furthest throw in the state, so Andrea has been great.”

On the track, Brea Blankenship and Rylee Colton dominated in the 800 meters, finishing first and second respectively, and Colton setting a PR of 2:27.16a. Gracie Freudenthal finished third in the 100-meter hurdles (17.65a), and second in the

300-meter hurdles (51.55a), setting season records (SRs) for both.

This weekend, Siuslaw hosts the 4A district meet at home on Friday and Saturday (May 14-15). For the district meet, every team can enter three athletes per event, and one relay team.

Johnson and his colleagues went through special efforts to ensure that spectators would be able to attend as many events as possible this year.

“With COVID spectator limitations,” said Johnson, “I wanted to figure out a way to try to get as many parents in to see their kids compete as possible, so we’re doing something a little different. We’re selling tickets a la carte by the event.”

If spectators want to watch the 800M and the 3000M, for example, they would go to Hometown Ticketing (bit.ly/siuslawtickets) and they can choose either day.

“We’re hoping that people are going to come in five minutes before the scheduled start of the event, and then watch their kid, and then vacate so the next group of people can come in,” Johnson said. “We just want it to be this big revolving door of humanity and love. I think people understand we’re trying to get people in, and we can only have about 280 total people in

the facility in any given time because of the restrictions.”

Johnson’s hope is that spectators being able to plan around attending specific events will allow as many people as possible to rotate throughout the two-day event.

“If they needed to buy tickets for more than one event, they’re more than welcome to do that,” explained Johnson. “They can hang out in the field somewhere outside of the fence with a lawn chair, and they can watch the results live on their phone as they come up on the way to get into their next event, but I’m hoping that works out well.”

Assuming all goes well at district, the plan will be repeated for the state meet, also being held at the Hans Petersen Memorial Field on May 21-22.

As far as competing in the state meet, “The top two people in each event and the top two relay teams in each event qualify for state,” explained Johnson. “There are automatic qualifying standards posted on the state meet page, they’re pretty hard to hit, but they can qualify that way.”

Tickets for both events can be purchased at bit.ly/siuslawtickets, with district events beginning on Friday, May 14 and Saturday, May 15, at 11 a.m. each day.

**Baseball** from 1B

with a double and a single. Clay Kramer caught the next batter’s pop fly in center field, but the Pirates still picked up a run after their player tagged up and headed home.

After walking a batter, Marshfield hit a double for 2 RBIs before Siuslaw shut them down on a put-out throw from Victor Reyna-Ayala to Henry Rankin at first base —ending the inning with Marshfield on top, 3-1.

In the second inning, Kramer hit a single, and was followed by Chayton James, who bunted to first base. Blankenship then hit a double for an RBI, sending

Kramer home. Garcia’s pop fly found a Pirate’s glove, but Beau Erickson’s single also earned him an RBI for sending Blankenship home.

When the Vikings’ time at bat ended, they had tied the game 3-3.

At the bottom of the second, Reyna-Ayala immediately fielded an assist from third base to Rankin at first for a put out. Garza struck the next batter out, but walked the following batter, who was able to steal second and third base. The Pirates then hit a single for an RBI but were promptly quelled by Kramer catching another pop fly in the outfield to end the inning 3-4.

The next two innings went quickly on both sides, with the Vikings hitting well, but

being tagged out or caught as pop flies — and neither team scored in the third or fourth.

In the top of the fifth inning, the Vikings were again tagged out at first, and struck out twice, but when the Pirates were up, they took back some momentum. The Viks only allowed them a double and two singles, but it was enough to pick up 2 more runs and bring the score to 3-6.

In the sixth, Rankin hit a double, but Marshfield dealt two strikeouts just after, and a pop fly caught ended their at-bat.

After being struck out once, the Pirates were able to score 1 run following a single and a triple, prompting a pitch change from Garza to Blankenship.

Rankin and Reyna-Ayala each caught a pop fly to end the inning 3-7 with the Pirates in the lead.

At the top of the seventh inning, the Viks would need to score 4 runs to tie or 5 to win.

Garcia picked up a double, and following a single from Erickson, stole home. The Pirates walked Ian Sissel who, along with Erickson, stole second and third base, with Erickson eventually stealing home.

Unfortunately, the Vikings were unable to score after that point, ended the game 5-7 after a hard fight.

The Viks will finish the season on the road this Saturday (May 15) at Junction City for a doubleheader beginning at 2 p.m.

**Softball** from 1B

They answered in kind on defense in the bottom of the second inning, with another fast play out at first from Overton to Blake.

The Lady Viks caught two more pop flies in succession after that to end the second inning, thanks to Hayden Muller in the outfield.

Siuslaw returned to bat in the top of the third, but again only had three batters up that inning, one striking out and two sending pop flies straight into Pirate gloves.

On defense, the Vikings gave up 2 runs early in the bottom of the third inning after a triple and a double, before two more pop flies made their way to Muller’s mitt. Blake had their final put out for the inning at first base, assisted by Shappell, as the Pirates added more to an already comfortable 8-1 lead.

In the top of the fourth inning, Garcia-Galvan started the Vikings off with a double, followed by a single from Manues. Shappell then hit another single for an RBI, sending Garcia-Galvan home. Unfortunately,

the Viks sacrificed Manues at the same time. Two more pop flies caught by the Pirates ended the inning, bringing the score to 8-2.

Despite the disparity in score, the Lady Viks were not giving up. Kristin Wall started off the inning hitting a single, although she was tagged out at second base following another single from Adri Edwards. After Edwards stole second base, she was then sent home by a double for an RBI by Muller.

Then, in the highlight moment of the game, Overton hit a home run with Muller on base, bringing Siuslaw 2

more runs.

On defense, the Vikings struggled in the bottom of the fifth inning. They picked up their first out straightaway, tagging out a batter who attempted to steal second, but allowed several more Pirate batters up before getting the final two outs of the inning, which ended the inning in favor of Marshfield, who went on to win it, 14-5. Siuslaw lost the second game in five innings, 12-2.

Their final games for the season are this Saturday at Junction City in a doubleheader beginning at noon.

**Fishing** from 1B

Fishing on the Yaquina/Big Elk will re-open on May 22 for trout fishing.

COOS RIVER BASIN: Bottomfish

Boat and bank anglers (on the jetty) are still catching rockfish and lingcod inside lower Coos Bay. Smaller jigs

with a twister tail or 1-ounce jiggling spoons have been working to catch rockfish.

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