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Viks XC victorious at Northwest Classic

Siuslaw boys and girls cross country teams both take first



Siuslaw boys and girls swept the team titles at the Northwest Classic on Sept. 18 at the Lane Community College campus in Eugene. The boys team included (from left): Dylan Jensen, Talan Ross, Jacob Blankenship, Sam Ulrich, Chad Hughes, Brayden Linton and Kyle Hughes. The Siuslaw girls team included (from left): Rylee Colton, Jane Lacouture, Addison McNeill, Macy McNeill and Corduroy Holbrook. Top girl finisher was Senior Rylee Colton (left). Right, Sophomores Talan Ross and Dylan Jensen jockey for position as they complete the course. Check out individual results in today's Scoreboard on Page B2.



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SPORTS CALENDAR

Siuslaw and Mapleton
All events subject to change

September 25

• SHS Cross Country — Nike Portland XC at Fairview — 11:35 a.m.

September 27

• SHS Soccer at Junction City — 6:30 p.m.

September 28

• SHS Volleyball at Elmira — 6:45 p.m.

September 29

• SHS Soccer at Elmira — 6:30 p.m.

September 30

• MHS Volleyball at Alsea — 6 p.m.
• SHS Volleyball vs Junction City — 6:45 p.m.

Vikings drop two to open Sky-Em

JV Picks up 7-5 win versus Marshfield

BY ZAC BURTT/SIUSLAW NEWS

The Siuslaw Viking soccer team opened Sky-Em League play last week and lost two games to Marist and Marshfield.

On Sept. 20, the first night of league play for Siuslaw, the Vikings traveled to Eugene and fell 9-1 to Marist.

After falling behind 0-3 to the Spartans,

senior Jason Garcia was fouled. He was granted a free kick and, remarkably, scored from 40 feet out. The ball hit the bottom of the crossbar and bounced straight down into the goal.

Coach Londi Tomaro said, "We gained some momentum from that goal, but unfortunately did not score on any of our attempts."

Though the final result wasn't what the Vikings had hoped, Tomaro was pleased by the 20 saves made by Siuslaw goaltenders.

Then, on Sept. 22, Marshfield, from Coos Bay, came to town to face the Vikings.

"The varsity team played to a 2-8 loss against the Marshfield Pirates," Tomaro said. "The team started to settle into the game and play a passing game. However, Marshfield got up by a few goals and we lost a bit of our focus."

When that has happened for Siuslaw, the tendency of the midfield players is to drop back to help the defense.

"But this leaves the opposing midfield players unmarked in the middle of the field and creates more need for defense, because

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Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

September 25

3:32 a.m. / 6.0 9:12 a.m. / 2.3
3:10 p.m. / 6.8 10:01 p.m. / 0.6

September 26

4:21 a.m. / 5.6 9:45 a.m. / 2.9
3:43 p.m. / 6.6 10:47 p.m. / 0.9

September 27

5:18 a.m. / 5.2 10:25 a.m. / 3.4
4:22 p.m. / 6.3 11:43 p.m. / 1.1

September 28

6:30 a.m. / 5.0 1:19 a.m. / 3.8
5:13 p.m. / 6.0

September 29

7:52 a.m. / 5.0 12:48 a.m. / 1.2
6:23 p.m. / 6.0 12:39 p.m. / 4.0

September 30

9:03 a.m. / 5.2 1:59 a.m. / 1.1
7:40 p.m. / 6.0 2:07 p.m. / 3.9



Mapleton Sophomore Kylee Carson digs the ball back to the opposing team.

Mountain West and Sky-Em Volleyball in full swing

Mapleton loses two; Siuslaw opens with league win at Marist

BY ZAC BURTT

Cap 1: Mapleton Sophomore Kylee Carson digs the ball back to the opposing team.

Cap 2: Mapleton Coach Molly Dooley brings the Sailors together for a strategy session.

Yoncalla d Mapleton 25-15, 25-14, 25-11

Alseam d Mapleton 25-11, 25-13, 25-16

The Mapleton High School volleyball team lost two hard fought matches last week.

The Sailors traveled to Yoncalla on Sept. 18 and lost in three games. Freshman Morgan Milbrett had 2 aces and 1 kill.

Three nights later, Mapleton faced another Mountain West foe, Alsea, and also fell in three games.

The Sailors showed amazing resiliency by continuing to fight regardless of the score. Senior Opal Burruss had 3 kills and 1 ace and her teammate Milbrett equaled those numbers by also getting 3 kills and an ace.

The Sailors have had a difficult season, with opponents cancelling matches at least once a week since Mountain West play started. The two losses put Mapleton at 0-3 in league play and 2-9 overall.

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Time Out

By Coach Lloyd Little
Retired teacher, coach & game official

With more than 55 years as an athlete, coach, parent and spectator, Lloyd Little shares what he's learned about sports from his multiple points of view.

Weather or Not

When I went to tune into the Viking football game against Sisters on Sept. 17, the game was not in progress. I soon learned the game was moved to another field due to air quality.

I have coached, watched and listened to over 300 Viking football games and, to my knowledge and memory, this was the first time weather delayed the start of a game. The pandemic,

however, cancelled more sports events last year and it continues to this year, more than weather has done in the history of sports.

Of all the sports, football is played in the most severe weather conditions. In one memorable moment, the Vikings were denied a play-off victory against St. Helens when running back David Geers was supposedly stopped short of the goal line no one could see because of the mud. Many high schools have installed artificial turf so mud is no

longer a factor for the officials to see where the ball advanced. Also, most play-off games are played on artificial turf because non-turf fields can be torn up after the regular season.

Rain is not the only reason a field may be muddy.

In 1969, we played a game at Rainier High School. The day before the game, a water pipe under their field broke. The water turned their entire field into a muddy mess. To try and have the field playable, the Rainier public works had sand delivered

and dumped onto the field with dump trucks. However, there was only enough time and sand for half the field. So we played on wet, soaked, hardened sand for 50 yards. The other 50 yards was mud so deep it was like slogging through a swamp. Why did they not move the game to a different field? It was their homecoming.

Fog played a part in the Vikings loss to Pleasant Hill in 1974. The fog limited the passing game as the receivers had a difficult time seeing the ball. Eventually, a

fog pick off by Pleasant Hill resorted to players running to try and tackle a player in and out of their vision due to the thick fog at Autzen Stadium.

NFL players are no longer subjected to the icy conditions of the ice bowl when the Green Bay Packers defeated the Dallas Cowboys in sub-zero weather conditions. Players on both teams played with frost bitten fingers and toes.

My football playing days

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