

# Woahink Lake Cross Country Invitational Results

## Siuslaw High School Girls Team

1. North Medford 43
2. Philomath 51
- 3. Siuslaw 75**
4. Roseburg 89
5. Newport 142
6. Myrtle Point 152
7. North Bend 161
8. Cottage Grove 165

**Winner – Adele Beckstead (9th grade)  
Philomath 20:04.70**

## Siuslaw Runners

- 2nd Rylee Colton (12th) 20:05.10
- 9th Addison McNeill (9th) 21:29.90
- 16th Jane Lacouture (10th) 22:09.80
- 26th Macy McNeill (9th) 23:09. 90
- 33rd Maya Wells (9th) 23:33.70
- 34th Corduroy Holbrook (10th) 23:36. 50

## Siuslaw High School Boys Team

- 1. Siuslaw 62**
2. Nampa 78
3. Philomath 85
4. Roseburg 88
5. Cottage Grove 102
6. Newport 123
7. North Medford 158
8. North Bend 201

**Winner – Chad Hughes (12th grade)  
Siuslaw 17:00.50**

## Siuslaw Runners

- 3rd Kyle Hughes (11th) 17:19.20
- 17th Dylan Jensen (10th) 18:27.50
- 21st Jacob Blankenship (11th) 18:34.60
- 22nd Talan Ross (11th) 18:38.80
- 24th Brayden Linton (10th) 18:53.20

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an outstanding job tonight too.

“Zoe’s accuracy was really on and she did a fabulous job of moving the ball around,” said Blake. “She also plays right front and had 4 kills along with many assists.”

After struggling a bit recently, the win against Junction City was a well needed righting of the ship just in time for the second

half of Sky-Em League play to begin on Oct. 7.

“I was really proud of them for regrouping, working on some of our weaknesses and coming out with a well-earned win tonight,” the coach said.

Junction City Tournament

Siuslaw d Woodburn 25-14, 25-6

Siuslaw d Tillamook 25-23, 25-14

Siuslaw d Klamath Union 26-24, 25-9

Championship Game – Siuslaw d Junction City 22-25, 25-5, 15-12

“Today was a good day for Viking Volleyball,” said an excited Coach Blake.

The Vikings kept rolling on Saturday, Oct. 2, when the volleyball team swept through four teams, only losing one set all day to take the Gold Bracket at the Junction City Tournament.

“It was a great day and the girls played so focused

from start to finish,” said Blake. “We only dropped one set all day and that was in the championship game. This was an exciting week for Siuslaw sports.”

The excitement continued Tuesday, Oct 5, after press deadlines, when the Vikings faced first-place Cottage Grove. They play next on Thursday, Oct. 7, to start the second half of league play with a home game against Marist at 6:45 p.m.



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team, in the first quarter.

Before the quarter ended, momentum switched in the home team’s direction when the Challengers were driving and in the red zone, threatening to take a two-touchdown lead. CC fumbled, Siuslaw junior Ian Sissel scooped up the ball and took an 87-yard fumble recovery to the CC 10-yard line.

Forty-five seconds into the second quarter, senior Camp Lacouture scored his first touchdown of the game, this one a rush, and followed that by running in the conversion to put Siuslaw up one, 8-7.

The Challengers answered, twice, with back-to-back drives ending with long touchdown passes from Keith Reed to Brody Sample to go up 20-8, the Vikings’ biggest deficit of the game.

Siuslaw chipped away at the lead before halftime when senior Beau Erickson hit classmate Isaac Garza with a 15-yard touchdown pass. SHS followed that with a Lacouture conversion to make it 20-16 at the

break.

Garza had another solid game, receiving with six catches for 59 yards.

Though down, the Vikings went into the locker room with little doubt that victory was still in their reach.

“There was never a point in the game that we thought we were going to lose,” said senior lineman Avery Hart. “Sure, we were a little frustrated, but we still knew we were going to win.”

Less than three minutes into the second half, the Siuslaw coaches got sneaky and called for a halfback pass. Lacouture took a handoff from Erickson and surprised their opponents and everyone in attendance by throwing a 22-yard touchdown to fellow senior Braydon Thornton. Sissel ran in the conversion and the Vikings went up 24-20.

With the touchdown pass, Lacouture has now checked almost every box this season on the list of ways to score in a football game. He has thrown, ran and caught touchdowns. Also, the team’s place kicker, Lacouture has even scored with his feet by

kicking in extra points. He has also scored numerous 2-point conversions.

Thornton had another stellar game receiving, along with excelling on defense and special teams. He finished with 8 catches for 116 yards.

The Vikings’ celebration was short lived. The Challengers scored the game’s next two touchdowns, one a 2-yard run and the other a long 35-yard pass, to retake the lead and then go up 10 going into the final frame, 34-24.

Even down 10 late, the Vikings still had complete confidence in their ability to end the night as the game’s winner and didn’t even consider attempting to overcome a 10-point deficit as a “comeback.”

“There was never really a doubt that a win was still there for us to grab,” said Lacouture. “We are still growing as a young football team. Being down 10 could really be a smack in the face that could cause us to lose control of the game. What I noticed, even though it was the first time we’ve trailed this season, we were all still locked in.

We knew we could create strong steady drives and that we could put together defensive stops. To be honest it didn’t feel like a comeback because, in our minds, we were never out of it.”

The Vikings’ confidence showed when they put together a solid drive that ended when quarterback Erickson went around the end from 10 yards out for six points and Thornton ran in the conversion for two more. This closed the gap for Siuslaw and made it 34-32 with 6:42 to go in the game.

Erickson had a great day on the ground, rushing for 59 yards to go with his 17/28 and 210 yards passing, with 2 touchdowns through the air.

Momentum continued to go back and forth between the two teams until Siuslaw made two huge plays in defense.

First, Hart broke through CC’s offensive line to crush Challenger quarterback Reed for the sack and a huge loss of yardage. Then, after the Challengers were able to temporarily regain the momentum, Thornton

intercepted a pass from Reed at the Viking 10-yard line, keeping the lead within reach for Siuslaw.

“I feel like those two plays, along with Sissel’s fumble recovery, really got us fired up,” said Hart. “After my sack and Braydon’s pick, we were hyped and really felt Cascade Christian could not play with us.”

After the interception, the Vikings put together a solid drive, culminating with a dramatic 38-yard touchdown pass from Erickson to Lacouture with just 37 seconds left on the clock to regain the lead 38-34.

The touchdown reception by Lacouture completed the rare single game “Touchdown Trifecta” for the senior running back, scoring all three possible ways on offense in one game. Lacouture’s stat line for the game is one to remember: 1 for 1 passing for 22 yards and a touchdown, 3 receptions for 50 yards and a touchdown and 28 rushes for 144 yards and a touchdown.

CC made it interesting and were able to drive

down to the Viking 17-yard line with one play and a second left. The Siuslaw defense, again, stepped up when it needed to and stopped a rush by quarterback Reed on the 6-yard line as time expired to secure the win for SHS.

This win marks the halfway point in the regular season for the Vikings, with league foe La Pine (2-2) coming to town this week for a 7 p.m. kickoff on Friday, Oct. 8. The win moves SHS up to #4 in the OSAA 3A computer rankings. La Pine, who is ranked 11th, beat Pleasant Hill on Oct. 1 42-6 and will provide another challenge for Siuslaw.

In other action, Junction City won at Sisters, 27-18. South Umpqua continued to look like the team to beat in 3A, crushing St. Mary’s 55-6. Harrisburg got their first win of the season over Gervais 26-12 and Reedsport lost to a close one to Bandon, 14-7.

Tickets for Friday’s game must be purchased online and can be found at [www.siuslaw.k12.or.us/osiuslaw-high-school/page/siuslaw-on-line-ticketing](http://www.siuslaw.k12.or.us/osiuslaw-high-school/page/siuslaw-on-line-ticketing).



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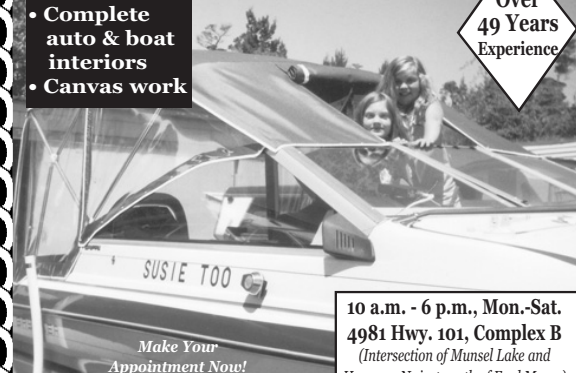
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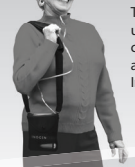


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