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Siuslaw says 'sayonara' to soccer season



The Siuslaw soccer team honored its seniors (left, first seven players) Dante Galli, Jerrel Brumley, Maisie Jones, Cassandra Dietrich, Kayden Lane, Imanol Pelayo and Jason Garcia. (Photo by Cameron Jagoe/Siuslaw Photos)

Viking Senior Night concludes year of improvement

BY ZAC BURTT/SIUSLAW NEWS

The Siuslaw Vikings soccer team finished its season last week. It was a season filled with challenges for the young program, as the varsity team only won one game. However, the future is bright for SHS as Coach Londi Tomaro continues to build the program from the ground up.

On Monday, Oct. 18, the Vikings hosted the Elmira Falcons for senior night. Seven players, in their final year of high school, were honored for their contributions to the Siuslaw soccer program, not just this year but for their entire high school careers.

The following seniors were honored: defenders Jerrel Brumley and Cassandra Dietrich, forward Massie Jones, goalkeeper/midfielder Kayden Lane, midfielder/forward Imanol Pelayo, midfielder Jason Garcia and forward/goalkeeper Dante Galli.

Tomaro said a few words about each seniors' accomplishments and their teammates presented them with flowers. Siuslaw also honored the five seniors on the Elmira squad by giving them flowers of their own.

On a perfect fall night for soccer, the Vikings got on the board first against the Falcons as sophomore Dylan Jensen scored in the first half. Jensen also had two other shots on goal in the first half. Freshman Chuck Nelson and sophomore Brayden Linton also got off shots before the halftime break. It was 1-0 Siuslaw at the half.

The second half was a different story than the first. While Elmira only got three shots on goal, regrettably for Siuslaw, all three went in. Two of those goals were during chaotic play in the goal box and the other on a breakaway.

The Vikings got off a remarkable seven shots on goal in the second half. Freshmen Nelson and Ray Brito Xilot had two each. Sophomore Braxton Hulet, along with Linton and Jensen, had the others.

SHS did eventually score on a beautiful outside shot by Brito Xilot. Junior Noel Hernandez assisted on that and the Vikings' previous goal.

The game ended with a 3-2 Elmira victory.

"The team maintained at-

tacking pressure throughout the game," said Tomaro "They continued to press until the very last minute. It was a disappointing result, but overall, it was a fun and competitive game."

Siuslaw's final game of the season was on Wednesday, Oct 20, at Cottage Grove. The Lions are the top team in the Sky-Em and #12 team in the 4A division.

In the first half, the Vikings held the Lions to two goals. Sophomore goalkeeper Derrick Vanduch made 12 saves and midfielder Garcia had one shot. In the second half, Vanduch made nine saves in goal and Cottage Grove managed to score an additional four goals. Garcia also had a shot on goal in the second half.

The final score was Cottage Grove 8, Siuslaw 0.

In only its second season of varsity play, and third season of existence, the Siuslaw soccer program is on the rise. Many experienced players return next year.

"Despite the loss, we have definitely improved and grown as a team throughout the season — both defensively and on the attack," said Tomaro. "We are creating passing sequences and being creative moving the ball up the field. In the backfield, our defenders are more effective in shutting down our opponents' attacks

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Viking volleyball look towards post season

SHS finishes near top of Marshfield Tournament, drops close one to JC

BY ZAC BURTT/SIUSLAW NEWS

The Siuslaw Viking volleyball team wrapped up the Sky-Em League season this week. On Oct. 16, SHS took second place in a tournament in Coos Bay then lost a close league match at Junction City on Tuesday, Oct. 19.

Siuslaw traveled to Coos Bay for a tournament hosted by the Marshfield Tigers last Saturday.

The tournament started with pool play. Siuslaw swept all three opponents in their pool, beating Myrtle Point, Cottage Grove and Brookings, all 2-0.

Next, all the teams that advanced, including Siuslaw, were seeded into a bracket. Siuslaw received a first round bye then faced Sky-Em League foe Junction City. The Viks beat the Tigers 2-1.

In the semifinals, the Vikings faced another familiar team in tournament host Marshfield. They took care of the Pirates in two straight sets.

Marshfield Tournament — Championship Game North Bend d Siuslaw 25-21, 32-30, 15-11

For the final, Siuslaw's opponent was the #3 ranked team in the 5A division, North Bend. The Vikings fought hard against the Bulldogs but had to settle for second place as they went down, in three sets. North Bend has but one loss this year, to Churchill.

"I don't think they were expecting us to be able to run with them like we did," said Viking Coach Kari Blake. "Our girls certainly made North Bend earn their win. The girls played

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Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

October 23

2:36 a.m. / 6.2 8:05 a.m. / 2.7
1:54 p.m. / 7.4 8:50 p.m. / 0.0

October 24

3:19 a.m. / 6.0 8:37 a.m. / 3.2
2:22 p.m. / 7.2 9:28 p.m. / 0.2

October 25

4:05 a.m. / 5.8 9:12 a.m. / 3.6
2:55 p.m. / 6.9 10:11 p.m. / 0.5

October 26

4:59 a.m. / 5.6 9:54 a.m. / 3.9
3:33 p.m. / 6.5 11:01 p.m. / 0.8

October 27

6:03 a.m. / 5.4 10:50 a.m. / 4.1
4:24 p.m. / 6.2 11:59 p.m. / 1.0

October 28

7:11 a.m. / 5.4 12:10 p.m. / 4.2
5:33 p.m. / 6.0

October 29

8:12 a.m. / 5.7 1:04 a.m. / 1.1
6:55 p.m. / 5.8 1:37 p.m. / 3.9

October 30

9:00 a.m. / 6.0 2:06 a.m. / 1.1
8:12 p.m. / 5.9 2:47 p.m. / 3.4

October 31

9:39 a.m. / 6.4 3:01 a.m. / 1.0
9:20 p.m. / 6.1 3:43 p.m. / 2.6

November 1

10:14 a.m. / 7.0 3:48 a.m. / 0.9
10:20 p.m. / 6.4 4:31 p.m. / 1.6

Remembering one of Mapleton's best football seasons



(Above) The 1964 Mapleton Sailors had a record of 7-2. (Right) Lynn Hood, guard on the 1964 MHS football team, stops by the Siuslaw News to reminisce.



1964 Sailors took down the Vikings twice in one year

BY ZAC BURTT/SIUSLAW NEWS

Coming into the 1964 season, most high school football prognosticators in Oregon expected reigning co-champions Siuslaw and Newport to again battle for the top spot in the eight-team

Coast League. Newport was a perennially strong team and Siuslaw returned maybe the best running back in the state, Tooley Emery. In fact, no one can remember if or when Mapleton had ever won the Coast League and its automatic berth in the A-2 state playoffs.

That spot typically would go to Siuslaw, Newport or Reedsport and a win against the Vikings was usually enough to call the Sailor season successful.

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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.

Enough is enough

It is 1975 and I am sitting in the stands watching as powerhouse Crane, of 8-man football lore, is leading Arlington 76-6 late in the third quarter when he mercifully substitutes his second string players. They go on to score three more times. After the last score shows 98-6, before the extra point try, the Crane coach runs in his first team to ensure they score the two

point conversion for 100 points.

Later that same year, my Spray Eagle football team is playing at Heppner. Before the game, I talked with their head coach. He told me he had 14 freshmen, 3 sophomores and a junior on his team of 18 players. On my team were 2 seniors, 7 juniors, 2 sophomores and 2 freshmen. The first quarter ended with my team ahead 27-0. The final score was 27-0. After the first quarter I put my two youngest players in the backfield and only called running plays.

I did this because I still remember being on the losing end of several lopsided scores while playing at Warrenton High School. Not just football, but basketball as well.

When it has been established who is the better team, it is time to rotate younger players for experience and avoid those so called rebuilding years.

When I coached the Siuslaw JV Girls Basketball team my first year, I inherited a team of inexperienced players. I heard that the JV team of a year earlier only lost

one game. I had nine sophomores on my first team. Eight played as freshmen. That is to say, they were on the team. They told me the coach of the past season only played six players and they were all sophomores. My team had zero court time. We won but one game, but I rotated all players the entire year.

Experience counts only if you give your players a chance to play.

When the Siuslaw JV football team, coached by me, went 35-1 in the late 1980s, I formed three distinct teams

to play. My starters were the best 11 players. I used a combination of the best fresh and sophomore players. I also had a team of only sophomores and a team of only freshmen.

In games, I would use several combinations depending on the strength of the opponent. When Brookings showed up to play, they brought with them several juniors to augment their team. This put me in a dilemma. Even though we led at halftime, the juniors of

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