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because they overlap and contain better.”
 The Viking soccer team is known for its resiliency. The athletes showed each team they met this year that they will not give up, even when it appears all hope is lost.
 “This season was a tough one,” said Tomaro. “It was a building season for us and although we didn’t come away with (many) wins,

we did see what we need to work on as individuals and as a team to continue to build and improve our program. We were able to identify and isolate several areas that we can strengthen to create stronger players and a more competitive game. One of the things we are most proud of as coaches is that our teams played hard and didn’t give up in any of our games, regardless of the score or differences in the skill level and tactical approach.”

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Brookings ran over my freshmen rotation. I informed our AD the use of juniors was against league rules. Inform Brookings or I will be limited to playing only my best 11 in the second half. Brookings sat their juniors and I got to play all my players in the second half.
 As I listened to the Pleasant Hill vs. Siuslaw football game last week, I kept shak-

ing my head. Here we were playing a 3A, winless team on their home field, and we just kept pouring it on. It was clear that we could throw the ball every time to keep scoring, but why? We were allowed to play down a level this year due to past years of low turnout and a lack of success on the field. Now we pour it on?
 When does the record book become more important than being fair and ethical? This could have been a situation to provide younger

players game experience.
 Maybe we could have saved some of those touchdowns to be needed in a future game.
 I am happy for the Viking football success, but I also would like them to have sportsmanship as well.
 Coach Sam Johnson is bringing Siuslaw football back to respectability. This could have been a game to show compassion as well.
 Sometimes there are games when we put our foot on the gas instead of letting


up. But there are ways to keep the score respectable for the losing team. I can be certain the coach on the losing side is not hoping you keep scoring and scoring.
 When the game with Heppner was over, the Heppner coach came to me and thanked me. He knew — and I knew and everybody watching knew — we could have run up the score. Even the officials told me after the game my decision to let up the gas was honorable. That I will always remember.

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the 3 bracket games back to back to back with no rest between. To say I am proud of the grit these girls have is an understatement.”
 In the championship game, freshman Mylee Blake and junior Desi Tupua led the Vikings with 9 kills each. Tupua had 8 blocks and freshman Rhianna Lane had 4.
Junction City d Siuslaw
15-25, 16-25, 25-14,

25-23, 15-9


On Oct. 19, in a game with huge implications in the Sky-Em League standings, the Junction City Tigers took care of the Vikings three sets to two.
 In a game played in Junction City, initially Siuslaw came out looking like the better team. They took the first two sets in somewhat dominant fashion, 25-15 and 25-16.
 It was a different story for the final three sets as Junction City took the last

three sets, 25-14, 25-23 and 15-9, to win the match 3-2.

Statistical leaders for the match were Tupua with 12 kills, 10 blocks and 7 aces. Mylee had 11 kills and 4 blocks. Sophomore Meika Shappell had 41 digs and senior Hayden Muller had 40.
 The loss put SHS in a three-way tie for second place in the Sky-Em League with Junction City and Marshfield.

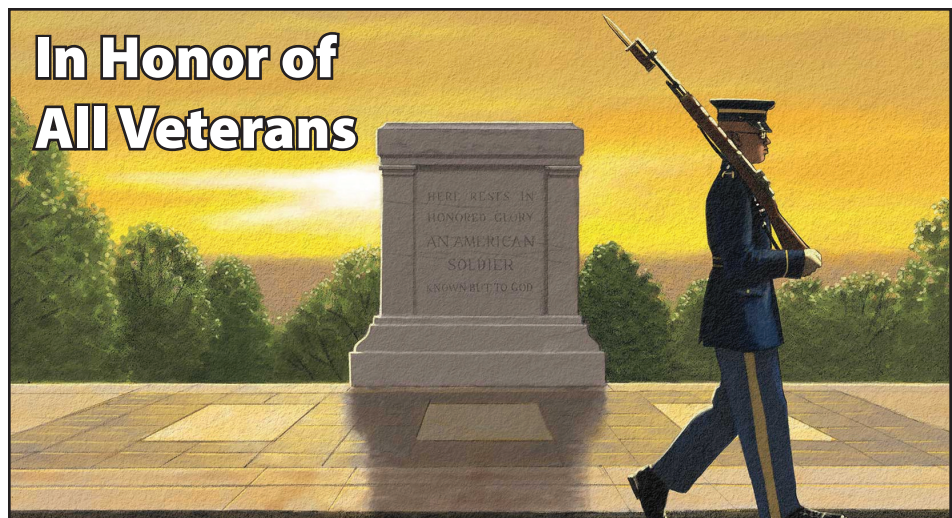
On Thursday, Oct. 21, after press deadlines, the Vikings traveled to Cottage Grove for a game with huge implications for deciding Siuslaw’s postseason fate. A Siuslaw win Thursday will throw the league into a three-way tie for first place with Siuslaw, Cottage Grove and the winner of the Marshfield-Junction City match. The Vikings would then wait to hear who they would face in the first round of the OSAA 4A state playoffs, which start on Oct. 30.

Sixteen teams make the 4A state playoffs and even with a loss on Oct. 21, the Vikings odds are good to get one of those slots. SHS’s next game will be announced after Thursday’s game. Look for coverage in the Oct. 27 edition of the Siuslaw News.

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