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SPORTS CALENDAR

Siuslaw and Mapleton
All events subject to change

November 19/20

- SHS Football — OSAA 3A State Playoff Semifinal — Opponent/Date/Time TBA



Jason Garcia, senior, soccer

Desi Tupua, junior, volleyball

Hayden Muller, senior, volleyball

Chad Hughes, senior, cross country

Sam Ulrich, junior, cross country

Kyle Hughes, junior, cross country

Rylee Colton, senior, cross country

Corduoy Holbrook, sophomore, cross country

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Siuslaw athletes accumulate All-League awards

Sky-Em All-League teams are announced for soccer, cross country and volleyball

BY ZAC BURTT/SIUSLAW NEWS

The Sky-Em League announced its all-league honors for three sports last week and, after one of the most successful fall sports seasons for

Siuslaw in recent memory, it is no surprise that numerous Siuslaw Viking athletes were included.

From the Viking soccer team, senior Jason Garcia was named first team all-league

from the midfielder position. This is the second consecutive year Garcia has been selected to the Sky-Em first team.

Siuslaw Soccer Coach Londi Tomaro is glad to see her team's co-captain receive the

much deserved attention. "As a coach, it is nice to see skilled and impactful players be recognized and I can't think of someone more de-

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Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

November 13

7:58 a.m. / 6.8 1:12 a.m. / 0.8
7:44 p.m. / 6.0 2:09 p.m. / 2.5

November 14

8:42 a.m. / 7.1 2:09 a.m. / 1.1
8:52 p.m. / 6.0 3:07 p.m. / 1.8

November 15

9:19 a.m. / 7.4 2:58 a.m. / 1.4
9:51 p.m. / 6.0 3:54 p.m. / 1.1

November 16

9:53 a.m. / 7.7 3:41 a.m. / 1.8
10:41 p.m. / 6.2 4:34 p.m. / 0.5

November 17

10:23 a.m. / 7.8 4:20 a.m. / 2.2
11:26 p.m. / 6.3 5:11 p.m. / 0.1

November 18

10:52 a.m. / 7.9 4:56 a.m. / 2.5
5:45 p.m. / -0.2

November 19

12:08 a.m. / 6.3 5:30 a.m. / 2.9
11:21 p.m. / 7.9 6:19 p.m. / -0.4

November 20

12:48 a.m. / 6.3 6:04 a.m. / 3.2
11:50 a.m. / 7.8 6:53 p.m. / -0.4

November 21

1:27 a.m. / 6.3 6:38 a.m. / 3.5
12:19 p.m. / 7.7 7:28 p.m. / -0.3

Johnson moves up the all-time top 10

SHS cross country, track coach moves up all-time state championship list

BY ZAC BURTT/SIUSLAW NEWS



PHOTO BY CAMERON JAGOE/SIUSLAW PHOTOS
Chris Johnson coaches both track and field and cross country for Siuslaw.

When Viking cross country/track and field coach Chris Johnson celebrated his double state championship victories at Lane Community College on Nov. 10, his focus was on just two things, leading his two cross country teams to the top of the 4A pack. He accomplished both those goals. At the same time, he solidified his spot on the short list of the greatest coaches, of any sport, in Oregon high school sports history.

The two titles bring Johnson's total to 16 state championships won as a head coach of an OSAA sanctioned sport. Those 16 titles include nine for girls cross country, six for boys cross country and one for boys track and field — and doesn't include the championship he won as an assistant for the Siuslaw track team.

The two wins on Saturday give Johnson sole possession of the No. 4 spot on the list of all-time victories for an Oregon high school head coach.

"I don't like to put a bunch of pressure on kids by keeping track of numbers like these," said Johnson. "I'd be lying if I said it wasn't on my mind though recently, because people keep bringing it up."

Before the state meet, Johnson shared the No. 4 spot with three other coaches: Steve Sheehy of Union, Bob Latham of Bend and Ron Smith of Henley and Lost River, all three of which have 14 titles and are also cross country and/or track and field coaches like Johnson.

With one more state title, Johnson will move into a three-way tie for second most of all time. The number one spot will be a bit harder to reach. That sport is held by current Jesuit coach Tom Rothenberger, who has a remarkable 26 state titles in his long and storied career; 14 for girls cross country, six for boys cross country and three each for boys and girls track and field.

With all the young talent that can be found on the trail and track for Siuslaw, it is only a matter of time before Johnson's remarkable total gets even larger.

B&G Club basketball season starts soon

Coaches needed for youth teams

Boys & Girls Club of Western Lane County is looking forward to a great basketball season with the community's help.

Youth basketball players of western Lane County will soon have a chance to take their skills to the court.

Registration for boys and girls in kindergarten through sixth grade basketball begins on Monday, Nov. 15, and goes through Friday, Dec. 10. The season runs Jan. 10 through Feb. 25.

Register at the B&G Club administration building at 1501 Airport Road or at

the B&G Club Elementary Program site at Siuslaw Elementary, 2221 Oak St. Cost is \$40 for members, \$65 for non-members and free for children whose parents are active duty military.

In order for the youth to play basketball, they will need coaches. The B&G Club of Western Lane County needs help from adult volunteers willing to help kids learn the love of the game, fundamentals, teamwork, sportsmanship and all the skills that come with being on a sports team.

For questions about registration or coaching, contact Sam Gauderman at 541-999-8079. For more information, visit bgcwc.org.



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.

Underdog or Favorite?

When Oregon or any other Power 5 football program plays a team from a lower division, they are generally overwhelming favorites to win the game. These games are played at the home of the Power 5 team. The crowds are cheering for their team to win — and they usually win. The opponent is rewarded with a guaranteed

sum of money for their athletic department. This money helps them provide other sports opportunities for their student/athletes.

When the March Madness bracket comes out for the NCAA basketball tournament, the number one seed is paired with a number 16 seed. Until 2018, when 16th seed UMBC beat number one seed Virginia, no 16th seeded team had ever won an NCAA tournament game. Upsets are exciting unless it is your team being upset.

In 1968, I was the quarterback for Warrenton High

School. With less than one minute remaining I threw an interception while trying to score while trailing Scappoose 24-20. Unlike Siuslaw's Ian Sissel's decision to fall on the ball following his interception against Junction City, their defender elected to run with his interception and fumbled the ball back to our team. Two plays later, I threw a touchdown pass to secure a 26-24 upset of Scappoose. Much like Braydon Thornton's catch and score amidst Junction City defenders in the fourth quarter comeback, my receiver battled

three Scappoose defenders to get the football and score.

Until I watched the game field I, thought I had thrown a perfect pass to a wide open receiver to win the game. However, I was playing without my much needed glasses that were broken in the first quarter. All the players were blurry as I released the ball. Our upset of Scappoose in 1968 was repeated at their field in 1969. In that game, we held on as Scappoose failed to score with a first and goal from the eight yard line with less than one minute remaining. In 1969, we also upset the

Seaside Seagulls on their Homecoming Game. Both Scappoose and Seaside were three times our size.

The role of underdog carries far less stress than the favorite in most sporting events. If you are the favorite, then you are expected to win.

That being said, congratulations to Siuslaw High School on being the number one seed in the 3A football play-offs. With the number one ranking, the Vikings will be favored in all their remaining games. There

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