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2019 MASTER SCHEDULE

<b>THURSDAY, SEPT. 5</b> <b>CLASS 1A DISTRICT 2</b> North Lake vs. Oakridge
<b>FRIDAY, SEPT. 6</b> <b>CLASS 5A DISTRICT 2</b> Marshfield at North Bend Redmond at St. Helens Ridgeview at Crook County Klamath Union at Eagle Point Springfield at North Eugene Churchill at Thurston Crater at Wilsonville Ashland at Willamette <b>CLASS 4A DISTRICT 4</b> Siuslaw at Elmira Cottage Grove at Cascade Marist Catholic at Sweet Home Philomath at Junction City <b>CLASS 3A DISTRICT 2</b> Santiam Christian at Dayton Yreka at South Umpqua St. Mary's at Amity Douglas at La Pine Hidden Valley at Sutherlin Harrisburg at Taft Gold Beach at Brookings-Harbor <b>CLASS 2A DISTRICT 4</b> Glide at Bandon Oakland at Coquille Neah-Kah-Nie at Reedsport Nestucca at Toledo <b>CLASS 1A DISTRICT 2</b> Waldport at Myrtle Point Days Creek at North Douglas Chiloquin at Glendale Virginia City at Hosanna Christian Riddle at Mapleton
<b>SATURDAY, SEPT. 7</b> <b>CLASS 3A DISTRICT 2</b> Salem Academy at Pleasant Hill <b>CLASS 1A DISTRICT 2</b> Bonanza at Camas Valley
<b>FRIDAY, SEPT. 13</b> <b>CLASS 5A DISTRICT 2</b> North Bend at North Eugene Willamette at Crater Redmond at Eagle Point Ridgeview at South Eugene Wilsonville at Churchill Springfield at Ashland <b>CLASS 4A DISTRICT 4</b> Gladstone at Marshfield Marist Catholic at Seaside Elmira at North Valley Junction City at Woodburn Crook County at Cottage Grove <b>CLASS 3A DISTRICT 2</b> Brookings-Harbor at Bandon Siuslaw at Philomath Pleasant Hill at Hidden Valley South Umpqua at Dayton Lost River at St. Mary's Douglas at Santiam Christian Taft at Sutherlin Harrisburg at Blanchet Catholic <b>CLASS 2A DISTRICT 4</b> Reedsport at Oakland Coquille at Glide

Illinois Valley at Gold Beach Toledo at Knappa <b>CLASS 1A DISTRICT 2</b> Elkton at Myrtle Point Days Creek at Prospect Charter Hosanna Christian at North Douglas Glendale at Mohawk Oakridge at Bonanza Butte Falls at North Lake Camas Valley at Falls City Riddle at Perrydale Chiloquin at Mapleton
<b>SATURDAY, SEPT. 14</b> <b>CLASS 1A DISTRICT 2</b> Triad at Yoncalla
<b>FRIDAY, SEPT. 20</b> <b>CLASS 5A DISTRICT 2</b> South Eugene at North Bend Willamette at Churchill North Eugene at Redmond Ashland at Ridgeview Eagle Point at Springfield Thurston at Crater <b>CLASS 4A DISTRICT 4</b> Marshfield at Klamath Union Banks at Marist Catholic Junction City at Tillamook Cottage Grove at Stayton Elmira vs. Baker <b>CLASS 3A DISTRICT 2</b> Newport at Siuslaw Rogue River at Brookings-Harbor Dayton at Pleasant Hill Corbett at South Umpqua La Pine at Burns Cascade Christian at Harrisburg Regis at St. Mary's Sutherlin at Douglas Scio at Santiam Christian <b>CLASS 2A DISTRICT 4</b> Bandon at Oakland Jefferson at Coquille Glide at Reedsport Monroe at Toledo <b>CLASS 1A DISTRICT 2</b> Myrtle Point at Prospect Mohawk at Days Creek South Wasco County at Gilchrist Falls City at Hosanna Christian Glendale at Perrydale North Douglas at Bonanza Butte Falls at Oakridge North Lake at Waldport Chiloquin at Riddle
<b>SATURDAY, SEPT. 21</b> <b>CLASS 2A DISTRICT 4</b> Gold Beach vs. Heppner <b>CLASS 1A DISTRICT 2</b> Yoncalla at Camas Valley Crane at Triad
<b>FRIDAY, SEPT. 27</b> <b>CLASS 5A DISTRICT 2</b> Crater at North Bend Ashland at Redmond Churchill at Ridgeview Eagle Point at Thurston Willamette at North Eugene Springfield at South Eugene

<b>CLASS 4A DISTRICT 4</b> Marshfield at Cottage Grove Elmira at Marist Catholic North Valley at Junction City <b>CLASS 3A DISTRICT 2</b> St. Mary's at Gold Beach Brookings-Harbor at Lakeview South Umpqua at Sutherlin Douglas at Hartsburg Pleasant Hill at Cascade Christian La Pine at Rogue River Santiam Christian at Blanchet Catholic Salem Academy at Hidden Valley <b>CLASS 2A DISTRICT 4</b> Coquille at Amity Creswell at Bandon Illinois Valley at Reedsport Toledo at Central Linn <b>CLASS 1A DISTRICT 2</b> Camas Valley at Days Creek Riddle at Glendale Bonanza at Prospect Triad at Hosanna Christian North Lake at Chiloquin
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<b>SATURDAY, OCT. 5</b> <b>CLASS 4A DISTRICT 4</b> Ontario at Marshfield <b>CLASS 1A DISTRICT 2</b> Butte Falls at Camas Valley
<b>THURSDAY, OCT. 10</b> <b>CLASS 5A DISTRICT 2</b>

North Bend at Springfield North Eugene at Churchill Crater at South Eugene <b>CLASS 2A DISTRICT 4</b> Toledo at Gold Beach Bandon at Illinois Valley
<b>FRIDAY, OCT. 11</b> <b>CLASS 5A DISTRICT 2</b> Redmond at Thurston Ridgeview at Willamette Eagle Point at Ashland <b>CLASS 4A DISTRICT 4</b> Junction City at Marshfield Cottage Grove at Elmira Mazama at Marist Catholic <b>CLASS 3A DISTRICT 2</b> Douglas at Brookings-Harbor Siuslaw at Santiam Christian South Umpqua at Cascade Christian St. Mary's at Hidden Valley La Pine at Pleasant Hill Sutherlin at Harrisburg <b>CLASS 2A DISTRICT 4</b> Reedsport at Coquille <b>CLASS 1A DISTRICT 2</b> Myrtle Point at Days Creek Butte Falls at Glendale Camas Valley at Riddle Prospect at Hosanna Christian North Lake at Bonanza Chiloquin at Triad
<b>FRIDAY, OCT. 18</b> <b>CLASS 5A DISTRICT 2</b> North Bend at Redmond Springfield at Ridgeview Thurston at Willamette Eagle Point at Churchill South Eugene at North Eugene Ashland at Crater <b>CLASS 4A DISTRICT 4</b> Marshfield at Elmira Junction City at Marist Catholic La Grande at Cottage Grove <b>CLASS 3A DISTRICT 2</b> Pleasant Hill at Siuslaw Brookings-Harbor at South Medford Harrisburg at La Pine Santiam Christian at Sutherlin South Umpqua at Hidden Valley Cascade Christian at Douglas <b>CLASS 2A DISTRICT 4</b> Bandon at Toledo Gold Beach at Reedsport Coquille at Lakeview <b>CLASS 1A DISTRICT 2</b> Camas Valley at Myrtle Point Days Creek at Glendale Prospect at North Lake Hosanna Christian at Chiloquin
<b>SATURDAY, OCT. 19</b> <b>CLASS 1A DISTRICT 2</b> Bonanza at Triad Riddle at Butte Falls
<b>FRIDAY, OCT. 25</b> <b>CLASS 5A DISTRICT 2</b> Ridgeview at North Bend Willamette at Redmond Springfield at Thurston Crater at Eagle Point Ashland at North Eugene Churchill at South Eugene

<b>CLASS 4A DISTRICT 4</b> Marist Catholic at Marshfield Cottage Grove at Junction City Elmira at Klamath Union <b>CLASS 3A DISTRICT 2</b> La Pine at Siuslaw Cascade Christian at Brookings-Harbor Sutherlin at Pleasant Hill Harrisburg at Santiam Christian South Umpqua at St. Mary's Hidden Valley at Douglas <b>CLASS 2A DISTRICT 4</b> Reedsport at Bandon Gold Beach at Coquille Toledo at Glide <b>CLASS 1A DISTRICT 2</b> Myrtle Point at Riddle Days Creek at Butte Falls Bonanza at Hosanna Christian Triad at North Lake
<b>SATURDAY, OCT. 26</b> <b>CLASS 1A DISTRICT 2</b> Glendale at Camas Valley Prospect Charter at Chiloquin
<b>FRIDAY, NOV. 1</b> <b>CLASS 5A DISTRICT 2</b> North Bend at Willamette Redmond at Springfield Thurston at Ridgeview North Eugene at Eagle Point Churchill at Crater South Eugene at Ashland <b>CLASS 4A DISTRICT 4</b> Class 4A Play-in Round <b>CLASS 3A DISTRICT 2</b> Siuslaw at Sutherlin Brookings-Harbor at Hidden Valley Santiam Christian at La Pine Pleasant Hill at Harrisburg Douglas at South Umpqua St. Mary's at Cascade Christian <b>CLASS 2A DISTRICT 4</b> Bandon at Gold Beach Coquille at Toledo Rogue River at Reedsport <b>CLASS 1A DISTRICT 2</b> Crossover Games
<b>PLAYOFFS</b> <b>NOVEMBER 8-9</b> Class 5A First Round Class 4A First Round Class 3A First Round Class 2A First Round Class 1A First Round <b>NOVEMBER 15-16</b> Class 5A Quarterfinals Class 4A Quarterfinals Class 3A Quarterfinals Class 2A Quarterfinals Class 1A Quarterfinals <b>NOVEMBER 22-23</b> Class 5A Semifinals Class 4A Semifinals Class 3A Semifinals Class 2A Semifinals Class 1A Semifinals <b>NOVEMBER 30</b> Class 5A Championship Class 4A Championship Class 3A Championship Class 2A Championship Class 1A Championship

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**RADIO LISTING**

Radio stations on the South Coast will air all or some of the football games of seven South Coast high school teams this fall. Five schools have dedicated radio stations and three others share air time on one station.

Most have relatively small range and can't be heard on the entire South Coast, especially the two in Curry County. KMHS, K-Light, KSHR and KGBR have live streaming on the Internet in addition to being on Tuned-In radio.

Here are the stations, as they appear on the radio dial.

**KGBR (92.7 FM):** Broadcasts all Gold Beach football games. Livestreaming at [www.kgbr.com](http://www.kgbr.com).

**KURY (95.3 FM):** Broadcasts all Brookings-Harbor football and basketball games and a mix of baseball and softball games.

**KSHR (97.3 FM):** Broadcasts a mix of Bandon, Coquille and Myrtle Point games in football and basketball seasons. Live streaming at [kshr.com](http://kshr.com). Football Schedule: Sept. 6: Oakland at Coquille. Sept. 13: Elkton at Myrtle Point. Sept. 20: Jefferson at Coquille. Sept. 27: Creswell at Bandon. Oct. 4: Coquille at Bandon. Oct. 11: Reedsport at Coquille. Oct. 18: Camas Valley at Myrtle Point. Oct. 25: Reedsport at Bandon.

**K-Light (98.7 FM):** Broadcasts all North Bend football games. Live streaming at [www.light-houseradio.com](http://www.light-houseradio.com).

**KMHS Pirate Radio (105.1 FM):** Broadcasts all Marshfield football games, as well as volleyball, basketball and baseball or softball the rest of the year and a coaches show each Monday morning at 7 a.m. at 91.3 FM. Livestreaming at <http://kmhsradio.cbd9.net>.

**KCSJ (106.9 FM):** Broadcasts all Siuslaw football, basketball and baseball games.

**Ducks and Beavers**

University of Oregon games can be heard in Coos County on KWRO (630 AM and 100.3 FM) and in Florence on KCST (106.9 FM). Other major stations include KUGN in Eugene (590 AM), KXL in Portland (750 AM) and KQEN in Roseburg (1240 AM).

Oregon State University games can be heard in the Bay Area on KBBR (1340 AM) and in Florence on KCFM (1250 AM and 104.1 FM). The Beavers also can be heard on KKXN (840 AM) and KLZS (1450 AM) in Eugene, on KEX (1190 AM and 102.3 FM) and KPOJ (620 AM) in Portland, and KSKR (1490 AM) in Roseburg.

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ON THE COVER

North Bend receiver Ethan Ingram reels in a pass during a preseason practice. The Bulldogs open the season against Marshfield on Friday at Vic Adams Field. Photo by Ed Glazar, The World.



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MARSHFIELD

# Pirates rely on new players to guide ship



## Marshfield at a glance

**Head Coach:** John Lemmons (third season)

**League:** Class 4A District 4

**2018 Record:** 9-2 (first District 4)

**Assistant Coaches:** Ben Martin, Floyd Montiel, Greg Mulkey, James Johnson, Kyle Brown, Max Thompson, Tyler Mulkey

**Returning Starters:** Offense 2, Defense 1.



**Coach John Lemmons**



**Josiah Niblett**



**Noah Niblett**



**Dom Montiel**

**Key Players:** Josiah Niblett, sr, RB/LB; Arturo Ledesma, sr, K/P; Tandy Martin, sr, WR/DL; Liam Webster, sr, WR/DB; Alvarro Guillen Ruiz, sr, OL/DL; Robert Fisher, sr, OL/DL; Miles Calhoun, sr, OL/DL; Traver Matthews, sr, TE/DL; Henley Cleveland, sr, OL/DL; Joey Ward, sr, WR/DB; Marcos Rosales, sr, WR/DB; Noah Niblett, jr, WR/DB; Shaun Skinner, jr, OL/DL; Pierce Davidson, soph, WR/DL; Dom Montiel, soph, QB/DB; Ezra Waterman, soph, RB/LB; Hayden Murphy, soph, OL/DL, DJ Daugherty, soph, WR/DB.

**2019 Schedule**

- Sept. 6 @ North Bend
- Sept. 13 Gladstone
- Sept. 20 @ Klamath Union
- Sept. 27 @ Cottage Grove
- Oct. 5 Ontario
- Oct. 11 Junction City
- Oct. 18 @ Elmira
- Oct. 25 Marist Catholic



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Assistant coach James Johnson goes over a play with the Pirate offense during a practice at Marshfield High School on Aug. 29. Marshfield starts the season Friday at North Bend.

**ZACH SILVA**  
The World

COOS BAY — While the Marshfield football team zips around at practice in purple and gold, this group of players is especially green.

Replacing 19 of 22 starters from last year’s team that went to the state semifinals, the Pirates are looking to fill holes across the roster. But despite the departure of players who were named to 11 positions on the all-state team, there are still high expectations for this current group.

“Our goal, and I feel confident, well I shouldn’t sound too confident, I feel if everything goes right and our kids play hard and we execute and play well, I think we can be playing Marist here for a league title last game of the season,” said Marshfield head coach John Lemmons.

The Pirates have won back-to-back league titles — the Far West League in 2017 and last year in the Sky-Em League — and to get back to that level again it starts with familiar faces anchoring the team to success.

Senior Josiah Niblett is the team’s only returning starter on offense and one of two defensive starters returning from last year — the other defensive returner is his brother, junior Noah



Marshfield players run drills as they prepare for their season opener Friday at North Bend High School.

Niblett (to read more about the Niblett brothers, see Page 5). A season ago Josiah was named to second team all-state on defense and honorable mention all-state on offense. Senior kicker and punter Arturo Ledesma was named honorable mention in both positions on the all-state team; the only

other returning Marshfield player named to the team.

The rest of the roster is full of unknown quantities. Including at quarterback. Stepping into the role is sophomore Dom Montiel. Starting as the junior varsity quarterback a year ago, Montiel was able to play in a pair of blowouts — against Elmira and Junction City — last season for his first taste of football at the varsity level.

“There were a lot of butterflies coming out of the locker room over there when coach told me I was going in. Because, I mean, varsity is just completely different than JV, just the atmosphere and everything. It’s a whole different story,” said Montiel. “I’m just ready to go. I’ve been excited, I’ve been waiting for this for a long time. I’m just ready to perform.”

The 6-foot-2 sophomore has been around Marshfield football his whole life and first walked the sidelines as a ball boy for the Pirates. Sounding more like a savvy veteran than a first-time varsity starter, Montiel feels comfortable in his new role.

“Just looking to not to do too much. Just letting the other guys make plays. Josiah, get him the ball. Noah, really good. I’ve got good receivers, good running backs, I don’t need to be the star. Just get them the ball,” said



The Pirates run blocking drills in practice.

Montiel. “Just do my job.” And that is exactly what Lemmons is looking for.

“He’s a competitor. And I’m sure it’s going to be a big moment for him but I feel confident that he’s going to be able to step up to the challenge and do a good job for us,” said Lemmons. “But he’s a sophomore and there’s definitely a learning curve. The speed of the game increases quite rapidly.”

With the quarterback position set, players up and down the roster are also looking to cement themselves as essential parts of the team. A group of seniors getting their first starting experience on varsity includes Tandy Martin at receiver and safety and Liam Webster at receiver and linebacker.

“The biggest thing we gained with playing with this last senior class is that they were always pushing us. And I think that really did improve us and I think we just have to follow what they did,” said Webster. “Follow their competition level and just compete and keep working. And just build off that success and keep that feeling you have when you get success and keep trying to strive for that.”

The offensive line also includes three seniors starting for the first time — center Alvarro Guillen-Ruiz, guard Robert Fisher and tackle Miles Calhoun. Also up front are junior guard Shaun Skinner and sophomore tackle Hayden Murphy. Two more sophomores, Ezra Waterman and DJ Daugherty, fill the H back role.

Across the defense, Lemmons is relying on new faces to step up. In the team’s first test of the year in the

jamboree against Siuslaw, Pleasant Hill and Bandon, the starters gave up just one touchdown while they made teams uncomfortable and applied pressure.

“I thought the defense did a good job. Had a few coverage breakdowns, but I thought overall the kids played real hard and flew around and flew to the ball. Just did a good job,” said Lemmons.

The defensive front includes seniors Fisher and Traver Matthews at end and Skinner and senior Henley Cleveland at tackle.

Sophomore Pierce Davidson, one of the receivers, also will see time up front, while Waterman joins Josiah Niblett and Webster at linebacker.

Seniors Marcos Rosales and Joey Ward will be in the backfield along with Noah Niblett, Martin and Daugherty.

“I believe the whole team is going to shine in some way. Definitely everyone is stepping it up,” said Rosales. “Our young kids are going to have to step it up and show them what we’ve got. Everyone just has to step it up.”

With high hopes for the season, the Pirates are thrown right into the fire with their first nonleague games of the season against a talented North Bend side and a Gladstone team that, like Marshfield, made the state semifinals last season.

“Our first two nonleague games are really tough games,” said Lemmons. “North Bend is battle tested, got a lot of returning varsity players that are returning and playing since they were freshman so they’re big, they’re fast and they are very well coached. It’s going to be a good test for us.”



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Josiah Niblett, left, and his brother, Noah, were key contributors on the gridiron in Marshfield High School's march to the state semifinals last year and are set to start their season Sept. 6 at North Bend.

# Sibling success will spur Pirates

**ZACH SILVA**  
The World

On Friday nights in the fall at Marshfield's Pete Susick Stadium, there is one name to get familiar with: Niblett.

"(Last year) the guy up as announcer would be like, 'There's Niblett on the tackle, oh and there's Niblett on the tackle.' And my mom would be like, 'Sometimes when they keep saying that I get embarrassed. Is someone else going to get a tackle?' We're just doing our job," said senior Josiah Niblett.

Both Josiah and his brother Noah, a junior, played important roles on last year's team that made a run to the state semifinals. At the center of an especially talented group of seniors, the 5-foot-10 200 pound Josiah made his presence felt with force at both running back and linebacker. Noah, at 5-11 and 170 pounds, did his damage to teams at slot receiver and defensive back.

Because they are the only returning all-league players on offense or defense for the Pirates

(Arturo Ledesma also returns after being named first-team kicker and punter), all eyes are on the Niblett siblings heading into the new season.

"They're definitely our impact players. They play all over the field. There's not many times when they come off the field and we have high expectations for them and expect a lot from them," said head coach John Lemmons. "We expect them to be leaders by example in how they practice, how they play and how they carry themselves around."

Josiah and Noah are the latest football stars in a family full of them. On both sides of their family, stories are swapped about their dad who briefly played in college or of uncles who were stars of their teams. There is a long tradition of football success for a family with deep roots in the area.

"I guess you would say football is in our family," said Anne Niblett, mother of Josiah and Noah. "My father was a Marshfield grad and he and my mom had their first date at a Marshfield football game. Our family and this land goes back

thousands of years because my boys are tribal members and of course the Coquille Indians are from this place."

Before these Niblett brothers were running the show in Coos Bay, their football journey started with being linemen in Wyoming. Very in shape linemen at that.

"The conditioning was way more serious. They had you doing like high school level conditioning at that level. They used to make us do up-downs for like 20 minutes," said Josiah who was in fifth grade at the time while Noah was in fourth.

Playing for their first time on a team together, they had varied success that came from their ability to work hard and general athleticism. Their football careers picked up steam once they moved to the Coos Bay area about seven years ago.

Once in the area, Josiah was moved to his dream position of running back where he started to excel. Noah was spread throughout the offense but kept away, for the most part, from his most desired position of quarterback.

Instead, he became essential to the offense in the slot and all over the field. Each on their own teams, they were back together on JV during Josiah's sophomore year where the duo wreaked havoc on their opponents.

"They put me as running back and Josiah led block for me and I scored a touchdown," said Noah. "That's what my mom always likes seeing, him blocking me and me running it in."

"I always told them, you don't let anybody hurt your brother. You take that as an insult, nobody gets past you and hurts your brother," said Anne Niblett. "And so, I remember him blocking for Noah and Noah running in for a touchdown ... That's my favorite, when they are supporting each other on the field."

To get to that level on the field, it started with work off the field. Since Josiah's freshman year, nearly every morning the boys can be found before school in the weight room working out. The goal of those sessions was always preparing for when the fateful day

came when they were both on varsity.

It came a year earlier than expected when Noah received playing time last season as a sophomore. With a year under their belt and paired with belief in their abilities from their coaches and teammates, this is the season the Niblett siblings have been working for.

"My mom always talks about how she cannot wait until Josiah is a senior and I'm a junior and we play high school together," said Noah. "It's all been training for this year. Me and Josiah on the team."

And from their mom's perspective, she is most certainly proud. Proud of their hard work, proud of their leadership and proud of their success.

And proud that they are doing it together.

"So it's kind of like what happens out there is reflected in our life, too, or maybe our life is reflected on the field," said Anne Niblett. "You can't count on everyone else but you can count on your brother."

# Excited for my first South Coast Civil War

While talking to a group of Marshfield football coaches, I was asked a question: are you ready for the Civil War?



**ZACH SILVA**

To my Eugene-native brain, this question didn't seem to make much sense coming at the end of August. I mean, I'm always ready for the Ducks and Beavers to play but now seems like a weird time to be focused on a game that comes after Thanksgiving. But UO and OSU were not the topic of this question. No, he meant the more important Civil War to this area: Marshfield vs. North Bend.

There is something special about a good high school rivalry. Having gone to Marist (sorry), we just didn't have many rivals. Certainly lots of schools disliked us — and still do! — but there was not one school that warranted a real mutual disdain. There was a run when Elmira was a solid foe and same with Sisters there for a few years. And then I just had a personal vendetta against Summit. But for as heated as those games may have been, there was some-

thing missing. There was no deep history or mutual dislike that stretched back.

But the last two years while working at the Cottage Grove Sentinel I had the chance to cover a Douglas County rivalry between North Douglas and Elkton. Now this is a real rivalry.

Seemingly everyone in each of these small towns knows everyone in the other town. There are plenty of former students of each school sitting in the stands watching their kids or grandkids participate in this same rivalry that they played in. Everyone has a story about their favorite game or moment when they bested that other school.

When these two schools face off, regardless of the sport, the stands are full and the atmosphere is charged. That is the place to be on that day. North Douglas, seeped in its tradition and the fact that it was recently a Class 2A school, has had the recent upper hand. But the Elks, looking to get out of the shadow of their big brother, have found recent success and made the rivalry, well, a rivalry.

But for all the interest and joy that I took in covering North Douglas and Elkton, the towns are still separated by 20 miles and both schools are small. So what happens when the

schools are even closer to each other and the towns are bigger? Then you get Marshfield-North Bend.

"Marshfield-North Bend is just a legacy," explained North Bend senior Cory Livingston. "When you play in that game, no matter what team you are on, you're always looking forward to that game to see who is the best in town."

In the four weeks since I have moved to the area, students, coaches and some especially excited fans from both schools

have talked to me, unprompted, about this game. It is not just a game but is the game. A game wrapped in history, it is one date that is circled on calendars for players of both sides.

This Friday, the next chapter of this rivalry is written. Though it is a nonleague contest, it has all the excitement of a league championship. And it helps that both teams have high aspirations coming into the season.

"North Bend has had a good run. (Head Coach)

Gary Prince has done a good job and they've had a lot of really athletic kids. And they're going to be really good this year," said Marshfield head coach John Lemmons.

Despite Marshfield's recent run of success, North Bend has won nine of the last 10 meetings between the teams. And the Bulls are looking for more

of the same this year.

"It's not going to be a good game for them," said North Bend senior Divenson Willis. "I have full confidence that we're going to take it to the house. It's going to be fun!"

While I don't know who is going to win this latest edition of this game, I'm ready for my first Civil War.

Good Luck!

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COQUILLE

# Red Devils primed for another playoff run



## Coquille at a glance

**Head Coach:** David Thomason (11th season)  
**League:** Class 2A District 4  
**2018 Record:** 7-3 (first District 4)  
**Assistant Coaches:** Jake Cochran, Kent Rilatos, Les McGuire.  
**Returning Starters:** Offense 8, Defense 9.



Coach David Thomason

Ean Smith



Caiden Yates

Zach Kissinger

**Key Players:** Caiden Yates, sr, RB/LB; Ean Smith, sr, RB/LB; Zach Kissinger, sr, OL/DL; Garett Hyatt, sr, OL/DL; Renzai Martin, sr, OL/DL; Caleb Prince, sr, OL/DL; Dylan Arredondo, sr, OL/DL; Tucker Godfrey, sr, RB/DB; Jace Haagen, jr, QB/DB; Brayden Clayburn, jr, TE/LB; Garrett Gardner, jr, SE/DB; Gunner Yates, soph, RB/DB; Patrick Adams, soph, OL/DL; Grady Arriola, soph, OL/DL.

**2019 Schedule**

- Sept. 6 Oakland
  - Sept. 13 @ Glide
  - Sept. 20 Jefferson
  - Sept. 27 @ Amity
  - Oct. 4 @ Bandon
  - Oct. 11 Reedsport
  - Oct. 18 Lakeview\*
  - Oct. 25 Gold Beach
  - Nov. 1 @ Toledo
- \*At North Medford High School



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Coquille players attack a blocking sled during an Aug. 27 practice at Coquille High School. The team starts its season at home Friday against Oakland.

JOHN GUNTHER  
The World

COQUILLE — For a number of years, Coquille has had one of the most prolific offenses in the state, with the Red Devils using their wing-T scheme to run around or through opposing defenses seemingly at will.

Coquille has benefited from an efficient line and a string of outstanding backs — a recipe that appears in place again this fall.

“Oh my, the backfield is going to be crazy,” Coquille coach David Thomason said.

On one memorable night last year, Caiden Yates set what was believed to be the school’s single-season rushing record in the same game that Ean Smith broke the single-game mark.

They are both back this fall, now seniors, and sophomore Gunner Yates might turn out to be the best of the bunch.

“We are looking at Ean or Caiden interchangeably at fullback or halfback,” Thomason said. “And getting Gunner the ball with any space is going to be unreal.”

Gunner Yates is one of the fastest kids in the state, something the Red Devils displayed occasionally last fall, though he made his bigger impact on defense as an all-league pick.



The Red Devils line up to run down tackling rings during a preseason practice.

Caiden Yates was the offensive and defensive player of the year for the Sunset Conference and a first-team all-state linebacker and second-team running back, but he is more than happy to share the carries in Coquille’s offense.

“It takes the weight off my shoulders,” he said, adding, “I like blocking for my little brother.”

In the Wing-T, backs be-

come blockers when they don’t have the ball, helping what should be another strong line for Coquille.

The Red Devils return several pieces of the line, and this year the group could collectively be the biggest in recent years.

Zach Kissinger, the biggest of the bunch at 6-foot-5 and about 300 pounds, moves from center to right tackle this year, while Garett Hyatt moves into the center spot, with the two all-league linemen essentially switching places. Fellow senior Renzai Martin also returns, with senior Caleb Prince and sophomore Patrick Adams filling the other two spots.

“I think we filled in the spots pretty good,” Kissinger said.

The two offensive groups — the backfield and line — have mutual respect and appreciation for each other.

“(The line) is definitely an important part,” Kissinger said. “But I also think our backs are a big part of why we’re good. They’re great players. I think they’re the best running backs in the state.”

Smith said the running backs thrive because of the guys up front.

“If the line does what it’s supposed to, we have lanes to run for days,” he said. “The line makes us look good.”

“I have confidence in them. I have faith in everybody out here.”

Coquille also has the luxury of a returning quarterback in junior Jace Haagen. “Having Jace with a year under his belt is phenomenal,” Smith said. “We’re already way ahead of the game.”

“He’s a good leader.”

The Red Devils don’t throw the ball a lot, but when they do, Haagen’s targets including returning split end Garrett Gardner and tight end Brayden Clayburn, both juniors.

Coquille also returns the bulk of a defense that only gave up more than three touchdowns twice in 10 contests last year and three times allowed just one score.

The linebacking corps includes returning starters Caiden Yates, fellow all-league first-teamer Smith and Clayburn (a second-team all-league pick). And all the defensive backs got starting experience, too, including Gunner Yates, a first-team all-league pick, and Haagen at the cornerback spots and senior Tucker Godfrey and Gardner at safety.

Kissinger was a first-team pick on the defensive line and will be joined up front by Hyatt, Martin and two newcomers to the primary rotation — senior Dylan Arredondo and sophomore Grady Arriola.

Just like on offense, they will take up a lot of space on defense with their size.

“They eat up blocks,”

Smith said. “It makes us linebackers look good.”

That’s just fine with Kissinger.

“We might not make all the plays in the backfield, but we make them possible,” he said.

All the pieces are in place for Coquille to extend its run of recent success, which has included a few league titles and playoff appearances when the Red Devils didn’t come out on top of the standings.

Last year ended on a down note, with a first-round playoff loss, made worse only because the defeat to Lost River came at home.

That defeat still eats at the players.

“That was very frustrating,” Kissinger said. “I’m definitely ready to get past the first round.”

“We didn’t play as a team,” Caiden Yates said, adding that the Red Devils looked past the Raiders. “We won’t be so cocky this year.”

Smith said he’s been waiting for this season ever since that loss.

“We let that one get away from us,” he said. “It was definitely a feeling we don’t want to have again.”

It’s not just the players who feel that way.

“We’ve got some things to prove,” Thomason said. “We know we’re better than we were last year, and we want everyone else to know, too.”



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BANDON

# Tigers aim for better playoff finish



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JOHN GUNTHER  
The World

BANDON — In Aaron Freitag’s first two years as head coach, Bandon’s football team reached the playoffs but lost in the first round on the road.

Freitag hopes his third team can get over that hump, ideally with a home game in the postseason.

After losing just a couple of key seniors last fall, he has reason for his optimism.

“I don’t know the last time Bandon hosted a play-off game,” he said. “We’ve been taking small steps every year.”

If the Tigers can make that next step in what should be a tough Sunset Conference, this could be the year Bandon is home for the postseason.

“We’ve got the talent,” said senior quarterback Braydon Freitag, the coach’s son, adding that the Tigers just need the commitment and attention to detail to get over the hump.

“Mentality is a big part of it. We have to have the will to win. The work ethic has to be there every practice, and self-discipline. Those things are what matters.”

Freitag is in his fourth year as the starting quarterback, invaluable experience.

“He stays calm under pressure and he knows the whole playbook, which is real helpful,” junior running back Wyatt Dyer said. “He doesn’t make stupid mistakes.”

The Tigers need to fill a hole at running back in their three-back rotation, but Dyer returns along with Reef Berry, who started as a freshman last year. Bandon also got a boost with the addition of a pair of transfers from Pacific High School, including Sean White, who likely will take the starting fullback role.

Senior Coby Smith returns at tight end, along with sophomore Coper Lang, who had an outstand-



The Tigers run plays during a preseason practice. The team starts its season Friday at home against Glide.

ing freshman year.

While Braydon Freitag likes his receiving weapons, he said moving the ball on the ground will be a key for the Tigers, who want to have a balanced attack.

“Last year, we weren’t terrible,” he said. “It’s only going to get better this year.”

That’s in large part to what should be a greatly improved line.

“We are going to have the best line that we’ve had,” Aaron Freitag said. “We won’t be starting freshmen anymore.”

That’s something Bandon has done the past several years.

Junior Brynn Green was a first-team all-league pick last year and junior Brendan Smith and sophomore Johnny Helms also return up front. Sophomore Hunter Pullman moves into the center position and junior Zach Lester fills out the line.

“Everyone is bigger and stronger,” Helms said of the group up front. “We’re going to be better.”

And that will help make the offense more dynamic, he said.

“Our offense could be good. Our skill players are very good. They have a lot of potential.”

While Bandon’s offense should be better, the defense already was outstanding and should be great again after giving up fewer than 17 points a game last year.

“I love defense,” Aaron Freitag said. “You can’t be on defense all the time and win football games, but I love when we are on defense.”

The Tigers return eight starters on defense and add in White at linebacker and Kross Miller, the other transfer from Pacific, at defensive back.

Green, Smith and Helms return up front and Dyer and Lang are back at linebacker. Freitag, Smith and Berry return to the defensive backfield.

“Our defense was phenomenal last year,” Braydon Freitag said. “We didn’t give

up a lot of points.”

The Tigers also had a knack for coming up with big stops.

“Big time players make big plays when it matters,” he said.

Aaron Freitag isn’t just excited about the talented players, but the number of players.

The Tigers have close to 40 kids out this fall, enough for depth at every position, which leads to competition in practice, a great thing.

“It’s kind of crazy how much we’ve grown,” Dyer said. “I remember when we barely had enough kids to go offense versus defense in practice.”

“Last year was awesome. This year, it’s going to push us even harder. It makes us better.”



## Bandon at a glance

**Head Coach:** Aaron Freitag (third season)

**League:** Class 2A District 4

**2017 Record:** 6-4 (second District 4)

**Assistant Coaches:** Derrick Watjen, Jordan Sammons, Steve Martin Sr., Bill McNeil, Wil Lazano, Justin Flores.

**Returning Starters:** Offense 8, Defense 8.



**Coach Aaron Freitag**



**Braydon Freitag**



**Wyatt Dyer**



**Johnny Helms**

**Key players:** Braydon Freitag, sr, QB/S; Coby Smith, sr, TE/DB; Wyatt Dyer, jr, RB/LB; Brynn Green, jr, OL/DL; Brendan Smith, jr, OL/DL; Sean White, jr, RB/LB; Kross Miller, jr, WR/DB; Zach Lester, jr, OL/DL; Johnny Helms, soph, OL/DL; Reef Berry, soph, RB/DB; Cooper Lang, soph, TE/LB; Hunter Pullman, soph, OL/DL.

### 2019 Schedule

- Sept. 6 Glide
- Sept. 13 Brookings-Harbor\*
- Sept. 20 @ Oakland
- Sept. 27 Creswell
- Oct. 4 Coquille
- Oct. 10 @ Illinois Valley
- Oct. 18 @ Toledo
- Oct. 25 Reedsport
- Nov. 1 @ Gold Beach

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MYRTLE POINT

Bobcats seek improvement under new coach



Myrtle Point at a glance

**Head Coach:** Ryan Miller (first season)

**League:** Class 1A District 2 (8-man)

**2018 Record:** 1-8 (sixth District 2 West)

**Assistant Coaches:** Eric Kenyon, Nicholas Klotzbach, Sam Clark, Ray Petrie, Isaac Warner.

**Returning Starters:** Offense: 6, Defense: 6



**Coach Ryan Miller**      **Caleb Brickey**



**Nate Little**      **Mike Huff**

**Key Players:** Will Bryant, sr, RB/LB; Tyler Beyer-Smith, sr, TE/DL; Cyrus Kenyon, sr, OL; Nate Little, jr, QB/DB; Caleb Brickey, jr, OL/DL; Mike Huff, jr, OL; Casper Weeks, jr, TE/DL; Enrique Camacho, jr, RB/LB; Jason Bates, fr, OL/DL; Troy Warner, fr, RB/DB; Jacob Koser, fr, TE/LB.

**2019 Schedule**

- Sept. 6 Waldport
- Sept. 13 Elkton
- Sept. 20 @ Prospect
- Sept. 28 @ Butte Falls
- Oct. 4 Glendale
- Oct. 11 Days Creek
- Oct. 18 Camas Valley
- Oct. 25 @ Riddle
- Nov. 1 TBA (District 2 Crossover)



Assistant coach Sam Clark illustrates a point for the Myrtle Point players during a preseason practice.

**JOHN GUNTHER**  
The World

MYRTLE POINT — At his last coaching stop, Ryan Miller was teaching Russian villagers the game in rural Alaska on fields that were more gravel than grass and anything but regulation in size.

“We coached guys that had never played football,” he said. “It was a lot of challenges.”

But it was also a lot of fun.

Miller’s new challenge is trying to rebuild Myrtle Point’s program as the Bobcats enter their second year of a special eight-man exemption that was granted last fall to a number of struggling Class 2A schools.

So far, so good.

One of his biggest goals entering the season was to have enough players (at least 16) to be able to go offense against defense with a full eight on both sides. The Bobcats met that number and were hoping for a few more after school started.

He’s also thrilled about three freshmen who were among the most committed to weight lifting during the



Nate Little runs a pitch play as the Bobcats practice at Myrtle Point High School on Aug. 27.

summer.

“We want guys who are very dedicated at a young age,” he said.

Miller arrived in Myrtle Point as a new science teacher before last school year. He started showing up to help out however he could at practices during the middle of the season and was hired before this year, giving the Bobcats a head coach who also is a teacher for the first time in a number of years.

“Having a coach inside the school to recruit makes a big difference,” he said.

He’s had the summer to get ready for this season after getting his first taste of eight-man last fall.

“Defensively, it’s a whole new scheme,” he said. “It’s a whole new set. It’s an even number of players. It throws off your symmetry.”

Fortunately, he also has experienced coaches from last year to help out, including Sam Clark, who grew up playing the eight-man game in Powers.

Eric Kenyon, Ray Petrie and Nicholas Klotzbach also are back as assistants, giving the team stability there.

“I love the coaches,” Mike Huff said. “They keep us in

check. They make sure we learn.”

Myrtle Point also returns a number of players from last year’s team, though they won’t necessarily be in the same spots on the field.

“We don’t have any positions (decided),” Miller said the first week of practice. “It’s a clean slate.”

Tyler Beyer-Smith, for example, was the quarterback last year, but will be a tight end this season.

Nate Little moves from running back to quarterback.

“I’ve never played QB,” he said. “I like it. I feel like I’m a little more in control — a little more responsible.”

All the players who are back at least have the benefit of having played one season of eight-man, which is a huge adjustment from the 11-man game they grew up with.

“Last year was a hard one,” Little said. “It’s a different game. Now we know what to expect.”

“It’s fun, a lot more running around.”

With fewer players spread over the same size field, the eight-man game thrives on athleticism.

“We have a lot of athletic

kids,” said Caleb Brickey, the team’s center, and like Little, part of a dynamic junior class that makes up much of the core of the team. “That will help.”

Little said the team as a whole has shown a better work ethic.

That started near the end of the school year, when Miller helped the kids develop workout and dietary plans to get ready for this fall, Huff added.

“The team has worked to get stronger,” he said.

The Bobcats knew they needed to improve in that area.

“The teams we played last year were a lot faster and stronger,” Little said, adding that the Bobcats aim to match that athleticism this fall.

Miller is excited about the players he has to work with.

They include Beyer-Smith and fellow seniors Will Byrant, a fullback and linebacker, and Cyrus Kenyon, a guard on the offensive line.

The big junior group includes Brickey and Huff on the line, Little at quarterback and cornerback, Casper Weeks at tight end and defensive end, and Enrique Camacho at running back and defensive back.

And Little is especially excited about the potential of freshmen Jason Bates on the line, Troy Warner at running back and defensive back, and Jacob Koser in the offensive backfield and at linebacker.

Myrtle Point only won one game last year and didn’t win any the year before dropping down to eight-man, but the players are optimistic for this fall, given their increased number and athleticism.

“I’m excited,” Little said. “I have high hopes we will do better.”

A big part of that will be attitude and confidence.

“We need to work on our winning mentality,” Brickey said.

Like the players, the coach is excited about the potential.

“We’ve won one game the last two years,” Miller said. “We have nowhere to go but up.”

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CLASS 6A

1. Lake Oswego (15)	174
2. Jesuit (1)	141
3. Central Catholic (2)	112
4. Sheldon	99
5. West Linn	94
6. Tualatin	90
6. Tigard	90
8. Clackamas	70
9. West Salem	22
10. Lakeridge	21

**Others receiving significant votes:** Sunset 19.

CLASS 5A

1. Thurston (13)	151
2. Wilsonville	115
3. Churchill (1)	106
4. Silverton	99
5. West Albany (1)	85
6. Lebanon (1)	81
7. Crater	45
8. Pendleton	40
9. Scappoose	33
10. North Bend	32

**Others receiving significant votes:** Crescent Valley 30, Parkrose 21.

CLASS 4A

1. Banks (9)	129
2. Gladstone (3)	114
3. Mazama (1)	97
4. Marist Catholic (1)	77
5. La Grande	74
6. Marshfield	73
7. Seaside	55
8. Cascade	23
9. Cottage Grove	17
9. Woodburn	17

**Others receiving significant votes:** Estacada 15, Sweet Home 13, Baker 12, North Marion 10.

CLASS 3A

1. Rainier (7)	105
2. Clatskanie (1)	81
3. Cascade Christian (1)	79
4. Amity (2)	74
5. Vale	64
6. Santiam Christian	47
7. Madras	25
8. Burns	23
8. Nyssa	23
10. St. Mary's	19

**Others receiving significant votes:** Scio 16, Dayton 14, Blanchet Catholic 12.

CLASS 2A

1. Kennedy (11)	133
2. Santiam (1)	99
3. Monroe (2)	95
4. Heppner (1)	70
5. Lost River	66
6. Coquille	64
7. Knappa	53
8. Sheridan	47
9. Warrenton	31
10. Toledo	19
10. Lakeview	19

**Others receiving significant votes:** Bandon 17, Vernonia 16, Grant Union 14

CLASS 1A (EIGHT MAN)


1. Dufur (14)	181
2. St. Paul (4)	161
3. Hosanna Christian	125
4. Crane (1)	91
5. Camas Valley	80
6. Adrian/Jordan Valley	66
7. Wallowa	60
8. Falls City	37
9. Lowell	36
10. Imbler	35

**Others receiving significant votes:** Elgin 25, Triad 24, North Douglas 22


CLASS 1A (SIX MAN)

1. Joseph (5)	35
2. S. Wasco County (1)	17
3. Echo (1)	16
4. McKenzie	15
5. Harper (1)	13

**Others receiving significant votes:** Eddyville 10.



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# North Bend adjusts to life in Class 5A

**ZACH SILVA**  
The World

**NORTH BEND** — The Bulldogs were at an unprecedented point in the school’s athletic history.

It was 2018 and North Bend had won 10 state titles in the last five years. Up to that point in the history of the school, championships had not been easy to come by. North Bend won one single title in the 20th century — wrestling in 1979. There was a brief run of success from 2005 to 2011 and now titles were no longer an exception but the rule. The school was up to 18 blue OSAA championship trophies in the awards case.

But then the news came: North Bend was moving to the 5A classification. The great success that had come with the help of being one of the biggest schools in Class 4A was now going to be tested as North Bend became one of the smallest schools in 5A.

“Well, of course everyone in North Bend thought it was the worst thing in the world,” said North Bend athletic director Mike Forrester.

The decision from the Oregon School Activities Association came at the start of the 2017 school year and despite appeals from the school, the Bulldogs were headed to the unknown of a new league and a new classification.

“The fear is we’ve been really competitive at the 4A level in a lot of different sports,” said Forrester. “We had a number of people come and say, ‘You know, we’re not going to win in anything.’ And of course that wasn’t right but that’s the fear that people have.”

After a year in Class 5A, and one state title to show for it, North Bend is ready to compete.

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The quickest worry for the change to Class 5A was the level of competition. And while that was the first thing to come to mind for most, for Forrester there was a more pressing issue: travel. Before the move, the North Bend teams still had to travel far. But the two-hour treks to Brookings-Harbor and South Umpqua were made at least somewhat easier when paired with trips across town to Marshfield or up the coast to Siu-slaw.

With the move into the Midwestern League, suddenly, the closest league opponent was now located in Eugene with the farthest league opponent located in Ashland (Redmond for football). The time on the bus for each team was slated to increase and as the miles went up, so, too, did the travel budget which was an additional \$80,000 this past year.

Part of the upgrades from last year included getting laptops to go along with WiFi that was added on the school’s charter bus so that students can get work



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The Bulldogs gather before a series of hurry up plays during practice on Aug. 29 at North Bend High School. North Bend plays its first game of the season at home against Marshfield on Friday.

done while they are missing time in the classroom.

“One of the things we kind of prided ourselves on is not only are we successful athletically but our students are great in the classroom,” said Forrester. “I think there are a lot of schools that might maintain a decent GPA but their kids are not taking the toughest classes. But there are a lot of kids that are not only taking classes to get high school credit but college credit, too.”

Despite more time away from the classroom, all 23 of North Bend’s OSAA-recognized programs finished with an average GPA of 3.0 or higher. This fact makes Forrester especially proud of not only the student-athletes at the school but proud of all those who play a role in their academic success.

“The teachers in our school have been great. I think if our teachers just said, ‘Well, tough luck,’ you know, I think our kids would be in trouble,” said Forrester. “And I think our coaches are great about making sure our kids are staying on stuff. And our coaches understand that we have student-athletes not athletic students. Our coaches are on top of kids’ grades. We’re not perfect but we try to be.”

With the academics and travel in check, then there was the actual competition itself. At 697 students, North Bend entered Class 5A as one of the smallest schools in the classification. Willamette High School, at 1,253 stu-



JOHN GUNTHER, THE WORLD

North Bend poses with its track and field championship trophy at Mount Hood Community College in May. The state title was North Bend’s first after moving up to Class 5A.

dents, is now a league opponent.

“I think a lot of people, whether the community, the school or the state, probably didn’t think we would fare as well moving up,” said North Bend head football coach Gary Prince. “But our kids, again, they played beyond their abilities a little bit, worked hard and had a lot of success.”

For Prince, and all the coaches at the school, there were two significant challenges facing the teams of the Midwestern League: not having years of research on the team and not having as many players as their opponents.

After establishing a history, game plan and understanding against teams in Class 4A, sud-

denly everything was new at the next level. Every scouting report started from scratch. And then, in a sport like football, Prince noted that they were now going against teams that had 22 different starters on the roster. These two factors changed how North Bend saw how their games were going to be played.

“If we’re going to compete, then we’re not going to win simply because we have more athletes and we’re bigger, stronger and faster anymore. It’s going to require more work,” said Forrester.

The on-field success for the Bulldogs last year ran the gamut. The football team was able to show winning was possible at

this level with a 7-3 season. For Prince’s team, this continued run of success that has now reached Class 5A all comes down with only worrying about what they can control.

“We’re just trying to play good football. I always tell the kids, you know, we’re going to win and lose with the kids we have,” he said. “We won’t worry too much about the kids who aren’t here and that’s what it is. Just hard work.”

But other fall sports struggled as the boys soccer, girls soccer and volleyball teams combined for one league win. The swim teams continued to show the strength they had in Class 4A, each winning state trophies. Basketball, baseball and softball trended toward .500 finishes — Forrester’s girls basketball team and the softball team reached the playoffs — before the year was capped off with a boys state track and field title.

That crown was the 19th state title in school history and made it seven years in a row for North Bend claiming a championship. Despite the jump to the higher level, the Bulldogs seem to be doing all right.

“We’re not going to win as many state titles at the 5A level but when we have the athletes, we have coaches that are leading our teams and going to help us be successful. I think we will be able to compete in a lot of sports,” said Forrester. “It may not be every single year like it has been at the 4A level but we’re going to be fine.”


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NORTH BEND

# Bulldogs aim to return to the top



## North Bend at a glance

**Head Coach:** Gary Prince (ninth season)  
**League:** Class 5A District 2  
**2018 Record:** 7-3 (third District 2 North)  
**Assistant Coaches:** Brad McKechnie, Brandon O'Neill, Garrett Holmes, Jasper Sawyer, Roger Iparraguirre, Corey Goll, Anthony McDonald, Joe Bollig III, Joe Christensen, Mike Spalding.  
**Returning Starters:** Offense 4, Defense 6.  
**Key Players:** Divenson Willis, sr, RB/LB; Garrison Mateski, sr, WR/LB; Cory Livingston, sr, OL/DL; Bridger Holmes, sr, WR/LB; Kai Reasor, sr, OL/DL; Coel Stark, sr, RB/LB; John Burgmeier, sr, WR/DB; Anthony Derrick, sr, OL/DL; Ian Spalding, jr, QB/LB; Coleman Compton, jr, WR/DB; Jacob Hannah, jr, OL/DL; Kobe Johnson, jr, OL/DL; Jake Posey, jr, RB/DB; Trevor Henderson, soph, OL/DL; Maddux Mateski, soph, WR/DB.



**2019 Schedule**  
■ Sept. 6 Marshfield  
■ Sept. 13 @ North Eugene  
■ Sept. 20 South Eugene  
■ Sept. 27 Crater  
■ Oct. 4 Thurston  
■ Oct. 10 @ Springfield  
■ Oct. 18 @ Redmond  
■ Oct. 25 Ridgeview  
■ Nov. 1 @ Willamette

**ZACH SILVA**  
The World

NORTH BEND — Lots of teams would be pleased with a 7-3 season. It was another winning season and a trip to the playoffs all while playing as one of the smallest teams in the 5A classification last fall. But despite all that, early playoff exits aren't tolerated with the North Bend football team.

"We obviously want to play (at the state championship) in Hillsboro and that's the goal every year. (Last year) I think we had a shot and we all knew we had a good shot and I think we all knew we didn't show and compete," said junior running back Jake Posey.

Talking about last season with this group comes with an air of disappointment. After a taste of the latest iteration of the Midwestern League, they are ready for more. Because for a school that has made it to the playoffs every season but one since 2002, winning is ingrained into this program.

"I feel like everybody is going as hard as they can right now because last year we got disappointed," said senior lineman Cory Livingston. "We're always taught second place or lower — you don't get nothing for that. I'm thinking of the movie 'Talladega Nights,' 'If you ain't first, you're last.' So always try to be first, be the champions."

Lots of teams like to talk about the idea of winning a championship. But for the Bulldogs this dream became a reality in 2016 when the team claimed the title. This current group of seniors were freshmen on that team and after seeing that it is possible in North Bend, it has become a motivating factor in the pursuit of getting another ring.

"My goal — our goal — is to get state and I feel we have a good opportunity to do that," said senior Divenson Willis. "Last year there were stupid losses that we had. We know we can beat the teams that we played, it's just, OK, how do we get there? How do we compete? We all know we can compete, we have the guys for it, it's just getting that mindset going."

This goal-oriented approach to the season is seen at all levels of the team. From the new faces to the senior captains and especially to the head coach. Entering his 18th season at North Bend, and ninth season as head coach, Gary Prince has been part of the



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The North Bend Bulldogs run offensive drills during a preseason practice at North Bend High School.



North Bend's Divenson Willis runs a drill during practice at North Bend High School.

most successful stretch in the school's football history. And he is determined to continue this positive trend.

"Our goal is always the same, and maybe it's unrealistic, but we always work toward this goal: to play for a state championship," said Prince. "And I know that's easy to say, hard to do but

we don't want to be content with a .500 season. We don't want to be content with a seven-win season. We want to get in the playoffs and achieve our fullest potential."

In order to play at that level this season, the Bulldogs will be leaning on a large group of returning players. Leading the charge

is Willis, a physical running back who is coming off a season of over 1,300 yards rushing and 18 touchdowns. He will be joined in the backfield by the speedy Posey, part of North Bend's state champion 4x100 relay team last spring, and senior Coel Stark.

At quarterback North Bend started camp in the midst of a competition between juniors Coleman Compton and Ian Spalding. For the opening Civil War, Spalding will start under center with Compton in the slot as a receiver. He is joined as receiving targets by brothers Garrison and Maddux Mateski and Bridger Holmes.

A group entering fall camp as an unknown was the offensive line. But now heading into the season, this group has generated some buzz around the team.

"Honestly, I feel like the linemen have really stepped up," said Willis. "There are guys that, 'Whoa! Hey, how are you doing that?' I just feel like there are guys that have really stepped up and I can't wait to play with them because there are many guys out that I didn't expect to do as good as they are doing now."

Livingston, a two-year returning starter on the line, will be joined by sophomore Trevor Henderson and senior Kai Reasor at tackle and juniors Jake

Hannah and Kobe Johnson at guard. Hannah is a returning starter and Johnson placed in the shot put at the state track meet.

On the other side of the ball, Prince says simplicity is the name of the game.

"Just getting the kids prepared, understanding their roles and just playing a sound defense. Not giving kids too much to think about, just react," said Prince. "Kids flying to the ball, not just standing around watching, making plays. That's what we're trying to do."

On defense, the team will be relying on the likes of Livingston, Hannah, Johnson and senior Anthony Derrick on the line. Willis, Stark, Spalding and Garrison Mateski anchor the group of linebackers with Compton out at safety and Posey and senior John Bergmeier at the cornerback slots.

This group that has a number of returners has Prince excited about where they are entering the season.

"Just this week alone in practice, it kind of feels like we're ahead of the game from last year which is nice. You don't always get that," he said. "Some years like last year it's a slow start to get everything in in a timely fashion and not overwhelm kids. I kind of feel like we've been able to push beyond that a little bit."

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REEDSPORT

# Offensive line anchors Brave’s hopes

**ZACH SILVA**  
The World

REEDSPORT — It’s hard to miss the Reedsport offensive linemen. It is not just because the team’s starting unit is, on average, 6-foot-2 and 240 pounds but because the roster seems to be chock full of linemen.

“It feels like almost half the team is made up of offensive linemen,” said second-year head coach Boe Pickett. “I’m just looking at that like, ‘Oh yeah, let’s go.’”

For Pickett and the Brave this is great news after last season’s linemen, and team as a whole, limped their way to the end of the 2-7 season. Reedsport finished last year with 24 players on the roster, half of which were freshmen. Since then, Pickett has been recruiting across campus looking for athletes, former football players and anyone else who is ready to put on the red and black.

While teams across the state and in Reedsport’s league are struggling for numbers, entering the season the Brave’s roster is healthy with over 30 players on the team and the possibility of a few more joining. With a full cast ready to go, the engine that will make the team go is that big group up front. Returning from injury after missing all of last season will be senior guard Jacob Chaney, who has seen the team go through some struggles in this position.

“For me, the last football game I played in, a bunch of guys were hurt. We were playing in the state playoffs and on my left and right, had a kid that was about 5-5 and a kid that was about 5-6,” recalled Chaney. “To have this, I’m just like, this is awesome. I have people there that are willing and able to block with me.”

Chaney was forced to miss all of the 2018 season after tearing his labrum during basketball in the winter of that same year. Injured during a practice,



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Reedsport’s Miguel Velazquez hits a blocking pad during practice Aug. 28 at Reedsport High School. The Brave start their season at home on Friday against Neah-Kah-Nie.

he continued to play not only for the rest of that practice but also for the forthcoming baseball season, in which he was the team’s second pitcher. The tear was to his pitching arm.

Now with two healthy arms, Chaney, is ready to be in the heart of the action.

“I’m ready to put the pads on, that’s what I’m ready for. I know the game of football, I’m ready to hit. So whenever we put the pads on that’s when I’m going to be jittering. I’m excited, it’s been two years,” he said.

Joining Chaney on the line will be the likes of seniors Chris Reed and Kahnor Pickett, sophomore Mason Gallo-Rochon and transfer Phillip Taylor.

“Basically, the line last year fell apart a little bit just because it was a lack of practice that we could get live. We could only do a certain amount because of injuries and player num-

bers at line where this year we have all that so we can kind of build the energy,” said Kahnor Pickett. “We can be the moving wall destroying people and letting our running backs do what they do behind us.”

Behind that offensive line will be Kaileb Pickett at quarterback and Miguel Velasquez and returning starter Alex Carson at running back. The offense will be assisted by Tyler Thornton, who was at Marshfield last fall, at receiver with tight end Javier Analco, who also puts time in at punter and kicker.

On the defensive side of the ball, the team will be anchored again by the play of the line. The plan is for at least two linemen who won’t be starting on offense, to start on defense. Filling out the rest of the defense will be Ethan Logo at corner, Thornton at safety and Derek Johnson, Carson and Kahnor Pickett at linebacker.

But the biggest change

for the defense is with play calling. While head coach Pickett was often calling offensive and defensive plays a season ago, help has come in the form of assistant coach Bill Shaw. For the last 10 years Shaw has been head coach of the eight-man team at Elkton High School. Prior to that he spent a decade with standard 11-man teams.

“I forgot what it was like to have cover over the top of your defense,” Shaw said of the difference between 11-man and eight-man. “It’s so hard to put a safety in in an eight-man scheme. You’ve got to funnel them in the middle of the field. I’m excited to give this a go.”

Feeling at home on the defensive side, Shaw is excited to apply pressure and make opposing teams uncomfortable. Just as he did at Elkton, he is looking to take risks in order to create chances to get sacks or interceptions and force fumbles. But to do that, he

is looking for players with a certain mindset.

“People use crazy words but defense is about violent contact, you’re either going to hit or be hit. It’s your choice. Either someone is going to come at you or you’re going to fly up in there and do something,” said Shaw. “And so you know, it takes a strong mentality to put your nose in there and risk seeing a flash of light.”

After finishing 2-7 and winless in league, there are varied expectations across the team. While some players have realistic-seeming hopes of getting back to .500, head coach Boe Pickett has higher aspirations.

“We’re shooting for league, that’s the goal. We’re shooting for league and we’re shooting to go into playoffs and go deep,” he said. “I told the kids on the very first day, expect to play until late November. That’s our goal, to play until Thanksgiving, that’s the goal every season.”



## Reedsport at a glance

**Head Coach:** Bob Pickett (second season)

**League:** Class 2A District 4

**2018 Record:** 2-7 (fifth District 4)

**Assistant Coaches:** Bill Shaw, Mario Celis

**Returning Starters:** Offense 6, Defense 5.



**Coach Bob Pickett**



**Jacob Chaney**



**Javier Analco**



**Kahnor Pickett**

**Key Players:** Miguel Velazquez, soph, RB/LB; Alex Carson, jr, WR/LB; Jacob Chaney, sr, OL/DE; Javier Analco, sr, TE/DL; Tyler Thornton, sr, WR/DB; Kahnor Pickett, sr, OL/LB; Kaileb Pickett, soph, QB; Derek Johnson, soph, WR/LB; Chris Reed, sr, OL/DL; Ethan Logo, sr, DB; Mason Gallo-Rochon, soph, OL/DL.

### 2019 Schedule

- Sept. 6 Neah-Kah-Nie
- Sept. 13 @ Oakland
- Sept. 20 Glide
- Sept. 27 Illinois Valley
- Oct. 4 Toledo
- Oct. 11 @ Coquille
- Oct. 18 Gold Beach
- Oct. 25 @ Bandon
- Nov. 1 Rogue River

## 2019 REGULAR DISTRICTS

Here are the regular districts for regular team sports (volleyball, basketball and, in the larger classifications, baseball, softball and track and field) in Oregon for the 2019-20 school year.

### CLASS 6A

**Portland Interscholastic League:** Benson Techmen, Cleveland Warriors, Franklin Lightning, Grant Generals, Jefferson Democrats, Lincoln Cardinals, Madison Senators, Roosevelt Roughriders, Wilson Trojans.

**Metro League:** Aloha Warriors, Beaverton Beavers, Jesuit Crusaders, Mountainside Mavericks, Southridge Skyhawks, Sunset Apollos, Westview Wildcats.

**Pacific Conference:** Century Jaguars, Forest Grove Vikings, Glencoe Crimson Tide, Liberty Falcons, McMinnville Grizzlies, Newberg Tigers, Sherwood Bowmen.

**Mount Hood Conference:** Barlow Bruins, Centennial Eagles, Central Catholic Rams, Clackamas Cavaliers, David Douglas Scots, Gresham Gophers, Reynolds Raiders, Sandy Pioneers.

**Three Rivers League:** Canby Cougars, Lake Oswego Lakers, Lakeridge Pacers, Oregon City Pioneers, St. Mary’s Blues, Tigard Tigers, Tualatin Timberwolves, West Linn Lions.

**Mountain Valley Conference:** Bend Lava Bears, McKay Scots, McNary Celtics, Mountain View Cougars, South Salem Saxons, Sprague Olympians, Summit Storm, West Salem Titans.

**Southwest Conference:** Grants Pass Cavemen, North Medford Black Tornado, Roseburg Indians, Sheldon Irish, South Eugene Axe, South Medford Panthers.

### CLASS 5A

**Northwest Conference:** Hillsboro Spartans, La Salle Prep Falcons, Milwaukie Mustangs, Parkrose Broncos, Putnam Kingsmen, Scappoose Indians, St. Helens Lions, Wilsonville Wildcats.

**Midwestern League:** Ashland Grizzlies, Churchill Lancers, Crater Comets, Eagle Point Eagles, North Bend Bulldogs, North Eugene Highlanders, Springfield Millers, Thurston Colts, Willamette Wolverines.

**Mid-Willamette Conference:** Central Panthers, Corvallis Spartans, Crescent Valley Raiders, Dallas Dragons, Lebanon Warriors, North Salem Vikings, Silverton Foxes, South Albany Rebels, West Albany Bulldogs.

**Intermountain Conference:** Crook County Cowboys, Hood River Valley Eagles, Pendleton Buckaroos, Redmond Panthers, Ridgeview Ravens, The Dalles Riverhawks.

### CLASS 4A

**Cowapa League:** Astoria Fishermen, Banks Braves, Seaside Seagulls, Tillamook Cheesemakers, Valley Catholic Valiants.

**Tri-Valley Conference:** Corbett Cardinals, Estacada Rangers, Gladstone Gladiators, Madras White Buffaloes, Molalla Indians, North Huskies.

**Oregon West Conference:** Cascade Cougars, Newport Cubs, Philomath Warriors, Sisters Outlaws, Stayton Eagles, Sweet Home Huskies, Woodburn Bulldogs.

**Sky-Em League:** Cottage Grove Lions, Elmira Falcons, Junction City Tigers, Marist Catholic Spartans, Marshfield Pirates, Siuslaw Vikings.

**Skyline Conference:** Henley Hornets, Hidden Valley Mustangs,

Klamath Union Pelicans, Mazama Vikings, North Valley Knights, Phoenix Pirates.

**Greater Oregon League:** Baker Bulldogs, La Grande Tigers, McLoughlin Pioneers, Ontario Tigers.

### CLASS 3A

**Lewis & Clark League:** Catlin Gabel Eagles, De La Salle North Catholic Knights, Horizon Christian Hawks, Oregon Episcopal Aardvarks, Portland Adventist Academy Cougars, Riverdale Mavericks, Westside Christian Eagles.

**PacWest Conference:** Amity Warriors, Blanchet Catholic Cavaliers, Dayton Pirates, Salem Academy Crusaders, Scio Loggers, Yamhill-Carlton Tigers.

**Coastal Range League:** Clatskanie Tigers, Rainier Columbians, Taft Tigers, Warrenton Warriors, Willamina Bulldogs.

**Mountain Valley Conference:** Creswell Bulldogs, Harrisburg Eagles, La Pine Hawks, Pleasant Hill Billies, Santiam Christian Eagles.

**Far West League:** Brookings-Harbor Bruins, Cascade Christian Challengers, Douglas Trojans, South Umpqua Lancers, St. Mary’s Crusaders, Sutherlin Bulldogs.

**Eastern Oregon League:** Burns Hilanders, Irrigon Knights, Nyssa Bulldogs, Riverisde Pirates, Umatilla Vikings, Vale Vikings.

### CLASS 2A

**Northwest League:** Columbia Christian Knights, Faith Bible Falcons, Gaston Greyhounds, Knappa Loggers, Mannahouse Christian Academy Lions, Neah-Kah-Nie Pirates, Nestucca Bobcats, Portland Christian Royals, Vernonia Loggers.

**Tri-River Conference:** Chemawa Braves, Colton Vikings,

Culver Bulldogs, Delphian Dragons, Gervais Cougars, Kennedy Trojans, Santiam Wolverines, Sheridan Spartans, Westside Christian Pioneers.

**Central Valley Conference:** Central Linn Cobras, East Linn Christian Academy Eagles, Jefferson Lions, Lowell Devils, Monroe Dragons, Oakland Oakers, Oakridge Warriors, Regis Rams.

**Sunset Conference:** Bandon Tigers, Coquille Red Devils, Gold Beach Panthers, Myrtle Point Bobcats, Reedsport Brave, Toledo Boomers, Waldport Irish.

**Southern Cascade League:** Bonanza Antlers, Butte Falls Loggers, Canyonville Academy Pilots, Glide Wildcats, Illinois Valley Cougars, Lakeview Honkers, Lost River Raiders, Rogue River Chieftains.

**Blue Mountain Conference:** Enterprise Outlaws, Grant Union Prospectors, Heppner Mustangs, Pilot Rock Rockets, Stanfield Tigers, Union Bobcats, Weston-McEwen TigerScots.

### CLASS 1A

**The Valley 10 League:** Country Christian Cougars, Damascus Christian Eagles, Grand View Christian Academy Eagles, Life Christian Lions, North Clackamas Christian Saints, Open Door Christian Academy Huskies, Portland Wadlorf Wolfpack, Southwest Christian Wildcats, Spring Mountain Christian Academy Navigators, St. Stephens Academy Archers, Trinity Academy, Valor Christian Knights.

**Casco League:** C.S. Lewis Academy Watchmen, Crosshill Christian Eagles, Falls City Mountaineers, Jewell Blue Jays, Livingstone Adventist Academy Lions, Oregon School for the Deaf Panthers, Perrydale Pirates, St. Paul Buckaroos,

Veritas Vanguard, Willamette Valley Christian Warriors.

**Mountain West League:** Alsea Wolverines, Crow Cougars, Eddyville Eagles, Kings Valley Eagles, Mapleton Sailors, McKenzie Eagles, Mohawk Mustangs, Oak Hill Falcons, Siletz Valley Warriors, Triangle Lake Lakers.

**Skyline League:** Camas Valley Hornets, Days Creek Wolves, Elkton Elks, Glendale Pirates, Milo Adventist Academy Mustangs, New Hope Christian Warriors, North Douglas Warriors, Pacific Pirates, Powers Cruisers, Riddle Irish, Umpqua Valley Christian Monarchs, Yoncalla Eagles.

**Mountain Valley League:** Cascades Academy Steelhead, Central Christian Tigers, Chiloquin Panthers, Gilchrist Grizzlies, Hossanna Christian Lions, North Lake Cowboys, Paisley Broncos, Prospect Cougars, Rogue Valley Adventist Academy Red Tail Hawks, Triad Timberwolves, Trinity Lutheran Saints.

**Big Sky League:** Arlington Honkers, Condon Blue Devils, Dufur Rangers, Echo Cougars, Horizon Christian Hawks, Ione Cardinals, Mitchell Loggers, Sherman Huskies, South Wasco County Redsides, Spray Eagles, Wheeler Falcons.

**Old Oregon League:** Cove Leopards, Elgin Huskies, Griswold Grizzlies, Imbler Panthers, Joseph Eagles, Nixyaawii Golden Eagles, Pine Eagle Senators, Powder Valley Badgers, Wallowa Cougars.

**High Desert League:** Adrian Antelopes, Burnt River Bulls, Crane Mustangs, Dayville Tigers, Four Rivers Falcons, Harper Hornets, Huntington Locomotives, Jordan Valley Mustangs, Long Creek Mountaineers, Monument Tigers, Prairie City Panthers, Ukiah Cougars.

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GOLD BEACH

Panthers aim to build for the future

JOHN GUNTHER  
The World

GOLD BEACH — There’s a good chance it’s going to be a long season in Gold Beach in terms of success on the field.

But for the Panthers, just having a team makes this season great after there was a very real chance there wouldn’t be enough players.

“I’m just glad we have a team,” said senior Landen Timeus, who at times was one of just five or six players at summer workouts.

Even on the morning of the first day of practice, veteran coach Kevin Swift wasn’t sure there would be enough players to safely field a team. After a day, he thought Gold Beach would be able to have an eight-man team playing an independent schedule. After another day, as more and more players showed up, he was confident the Panthers could play a regular season, which was great news for the returners.

“I’m excited we get to play,” said sophomore quarterback Trenton Storns. “When we started talking about not having a team, we talked about moving.”

But Storns, Timeus and several others kept coming to workouts, hoping enough kids would show up when practice started.

“We just wanted to play,” said senior center Ethan Carpenter.

Swift, who has led the Panthers to numerous championship games, including a pair of state titles, is a realist about Gold Beach’s chances, given the low number of players on the squad (21) and how many of them have never played high school football before (eight are freshmen,



JOHN GUNTHER, THE WORLD

Gold Beach quarterback Trenton Storns drops back to pass during a preseason drill.

several others are first-year players).

“It’s going to be a long, frustrating year for me,” Swift said, adding that while he is highly competitive, wins and losses aren’t necessarily the most important thing.

“I’ve got to accept the results,” he said, adding that he gets to work with the kids “and have a positive impact on their lives.”

Swift often talks about the value of football in helping students become better adults through all the life lessons they learn through the sport.

“They really are good kids,” he said. “I have an opportunity to impact young kids’ lives. (People say) kids don’t deal with adversity well. Guess what, they are going to learn.”

Swift praised his fellow coaches — Chris Clark, Chip Bradley and Michael Becker — for their work with him.

“I have a great coaching staff,” he said. “They are good coaches, but more

important, they are great human beings.”

The staff will be committed to helping the Panthers learn the game, play hard and get better, all while trying to maintain the program.

“Coach Clark said it best: ‘Let’s have fun,’” Swift said. “It’s got to be fun. The results are going to be what they are. Let’s have fun and help kids grow.”

Though the number of players, especially veterans, is relatively small, Swift does have a number of talented and experienced athletes to build the team around.

Storns had a strong freshman campaign at quarterback last fall and Timeus was one of the team’s running backs. Cameron Hagood and Tristan May return at receiver and Carpenter, Nuf Laurino and Max Bradley all started on the offensive line and are back.

On the other side of the ball, Joey Greer started at defensive end and Aus-

tin Morris at linebacker. Timeus, May, Hagood and Dylan Edwards all started in the defensive backfield.

Darrin Bright is also back this year after missing last season with injury. Junior Josh Rodriguez is the only other player back from last year’s squad.

The veterans are trying to work with the newcomers, including all the freshmen, encouraging them along the way.

“We have to watch out for the younger guys — keep them from getting discouraged,” Timeus said.

Even though he is a senior, Timeus was a first-year player last year, and said it was a great experience even though the Panthers only picked up one win.

And he said though a lot of the players are new, they have potential.

“We’ve got a lot of young talent,” he said. “We’ve got a lot of speed.”

The Panthers will have a balanced offense of sorts, employing the veer that

Swift has run throughout his tenure while also taking advantage of Storns’ arm — last year he had success in a number of games.

“He’s extremely talented for how young he is,” Timeus said.

“He’s a smart kid,” added Carpenter. “That’s what you need.”

Storns said it was fun to open up the offense last fall.

“You could tell it was different for Swift,” he said. “It broadened our horizons.”

But don’t expect Gold Beach to abandon the veer.

Timeus, Edwards and Rodriguez will be the featured running backs.

The line is smaller than a lot of years, but working to get better, Carpenter said.

“We’re going to fight through it, see what we can do,” he said.

The defense was a weakness at times last year, but the players are committed to getting better.

“If we work hard and get our stuff together, it could be pretty good,” Hagood said. “I think we’re going to stick with fundamentals.”

“I think it will be a lot better,” added Carpenter.

Still, the team is realistic in its expectations.

“It might be a rough year — we don’t know,” Hagood said. “As long as we’re out here keeping the program alive, that’s the most important thing.”

Essentially, that’s the bottom line for the team this year, regardless of record, having a team for the school and the football-hungry community.

“Like Swift says when the alumni comes back to practice, it sucks if we lose, it would suck even more if there was no score (because there was no team),” he said.



Gold Beach  
at a glance

**Head Coach:** Kevin Swift (19th season)

**League:** Class 2A District 4

**2018 Record:** 1-7 (fourth District 4)

**Assistant Coaches:** Chip Bradley, Chris Clark, Michael Becker

**Returning Starters:** Offense 7, Defense 6



**Coach**  
Kevin Swift



**Ethan**  
Carpenter



**Landen**  
Timeus



**Cameron**  
Hagood

**Key Players:** Ethan Carpenter, sr, OL/DL; Landen Timeus, sr, RB/LB; Cameron Hagood, sr, WR/DB; Joey Greer, sr, TE/DE; Dylan Edwards, sr, RB/DB; Nuf Laurino, jr, OL/DL; Max Bradley, jr, OL/DL; Darrin Bright, jr, WR/DB; Austin Morris, jr, LB; Trenton Storns, soph, QB; Tristin May, soph, WR/DB;

2019 Schedule

- Sept. 6 @ Brookings-Harbor
- Sept. 13 Illinois Valley
- Sept. 21 vs. Heppner\*
- Sept. 27 St. Mary’s
- Oct. 4 @ Lost River
- Oct. 10 Toledo
- Oct. 18 @ Reedsport
- Oct. 25 @ Coquille
- Nov. 1 Bandon

\*Game at Summit High School.

2018 PLAYOFF RESULTS

CLASS 6A  
First Round

Lake Oswego 42, North Medford 6  
Oregon City 60, Grants Pass 35  
Tualatin 49, Mountain View 20  
Central Catholic 42, Lincoln 28  
Tigard 54, Aloha 12  
Barlow 28, Beaverton 24  
Reynolds 35, South Medford 28  
Jesuit 56, Grant 7  
Sheldon 42, Centennial 6  
Sherwood 42, Sandy 14  
Lakeridge 56, McNary 33  
West Linn 70, McMinnville 35  
Liberty 65, Roosevelt 26  
Sunset 40, Bend 7  
West Salem 57, Southridge 28  
Clackamas 48, Newberg 0  
**Second Round**  
Lake Oswego 49, Oregon City 14  
Central Catholic 28, Tualatin 21, OT  
Tigard 45, Barlow 20  
Jesuit 45, Reynolds 7  
Sheldon 44, Sherwood 28  
West Linn 55, Lakeridge 20  
Liberty 51, Sunset 44  
**Quarterfinals**  
Lake Oswego 35, Central Catholic 24  
Jesuit 23, Tigard 22  
Sheldon 38, West Linn 26  
Clackamas 59, Liberty 21  
**Semifinals**  
Lake Oswego 24, Jesuit 14  
Sheldon 35, Clackamas 14  
**Championship**  
Lake Oswego 34, Sheldon 27

CLASS 5A  
First Round

Wilsonville 54, Ridgeview 20  
Crater 47, Lebanon 41  
West Albany 45, La Salle Prep 7  
Silverton 50, Parkrose 26  
Pendleton 27, Crescent Valley 14  
Scappoose 20, North Bend 14  
Thurston 28, Forest Grove 0  
Churchill 56, Central 21

Quarterfinals

Wilsonville 78, Crater 45  
West Albany 20, Silverton 16  
Pendleton 21, Scappoose 14  
Thurston 49, Churchill 48  
**Semifinals**  
Wilsonville 28, West Albany 7  
Thurston 51, Pendleton 30  
**Championship**  
Thurston 30, Wilsonville 27

CLASS 4A  
First Round

Banks 49, Baker 13  
Marist Catholic 33, Sweet Home 15  
Mazama 30, Woodburn 21  
Marshfield 49, North Marion 16  
Seaside 50, Cascade 7  
Estacada 42, Ontario 19  
La Grande 31, Klamath Union 0  
Gladstone 37, Cottage Grove 25  
**Quarterfinals**  
Banks 28, Marist Catholic 14  
Marshfield 28, Mazama 23  
Seaside 44, Estacada 42, OT  
Gladstone 30, La Grande 27  
**Semifinals**  
Banks 21, Marshfield 14  
Seaside 23, Gladstone 19  
**Championship**  
Banks 31, Seaside 20

CLASS 3A  
First Round

Rainier 44, Madras 0  
Clatskanie 26, Santiam Christian 3  
Vale 49, Sutherlin 7  
Burns 28, Hidden Valley 21  
Cascade Christian 49, Harrisburg 13  
Scio 50, St. Mary’s 35  
Nyssa 28, Willamina 7  
Amity 52, Brookings-Harbor 6  
**Quarterfinals**  
Rainier 18, Clatskanie 7  
Vale 36, Burns 14  
Cascade Christian 57, Scio 8  
Amity 58, Nyssa 13

Semifinals

Rainier 40, Vale 13  
Cascade Christian 49, Amity 24  
**Championship**  
Rainier 44, Cascade Christian 14

CLASS 2A  
First Round

Monroe 49, Grant Union 0  
Lakeview 31, Jefferson 12  
Santiam 60, Toledo 0  
Glide 48, Knappa 42, OT  
Neah-Kah-Nie 22, Bandon 14  
Lost River 17, Coquille 8  
Kennedy 14, Heppner 0  
Sheridan 28, Warrenton 3  
**Quarterfinals**  
Monroe 48, Lakeview 7  
Santiam 42, Glide 8  
Lost River 21, Neah-Kah-Nie 0  
Kennedy 27, Sheridan 6  
**Semifinals**  
Santiam 44, Monroe 13  
Kennedy 23, Lost River 16  
**Championship**  
Kennedy 31, Santiam 20

CLASS 1A 8-MAN  
First Round

Dufur 62, Bonanza 7  
Camas Valley 40, Elkton 12  
Adrian/Jordan Valley 26, Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii 8  
Hosanna Christian 56, Riddle 30  
St. Paul 66, Elgin 30  
Crane 50, North Douglas 6  
Lowell 36, Imbler 24  
Wallowa 44, Falls City/Kings Valley 8  
**Quarterfinals**  
Dufur 64, Camas Valley 20  
Hosanna Christian 46, Adrian/Jordan Valley 36  
St. Paul 66, Crane 18  
Wallowa 62, Lowell 14  
**Semifinals**  
Dufur 46, Hosanna Christian 0  
St. Paul 46, Wallowa 16  
**Championship**  
Dufur 38, St. Paul 32.

2018 STANDINGS

CLASS 5A DISTRICT 2 NORTH

League	Over
W-L	W-L
Thurston	5-0 10-3
Ridgeview	4-1 7-3
North Bend	3-2 7-3
Willamette	2-3 2-7
Redmond	1-4 2-7
Springfield	0-5 2-7

CLASS 5A DISTRICT 2 SOUTH

League	Over
W-L	W-L
Churchill	5-0 9-2
Crater	4-1 7-4
South Eugene	3-2 5-4
Eagle Point	2-3 6-3
Ashland	1-4 4-5
North Eugene	0-5 2-7

**Postseason:** North Bend lost to Scappoose 20-14; Thurston beat Forest Grove 28-0, beat Churchill 49-48, beat Pendleton 51-30 and beat Wilsonville 30-27 in the championship game; Churchill beat Central 56-21 and lost to Thurston 49-48; Crater beat Lebanon 47-41 and lost to Wilsonville 78-45.

CLASS 4A DISTRICT 4 (SKY-EM LEAGUE)

League	Over
W-L	W-L
Marshfield	4-0 9-2
Marist Catholic	3-1 5-5
Cottage Grove	2-2 6-4
Elmira	1-3 4-4
Junction City	0-4 0-7
<b>Postseason:</b> Marshfield beat North Marin 49-16, beat Mazama 28-23 and lost to Banks 21-14 in semifinals; Marist	

Catholic beat Sweet Home 33-15 and lost to Banks 28-14; Cottage Grove beat Newport 32-24 in the play-in round and lost to Gladstone 37-25.

CLASS 3A DISTRICT 2 NORTH

League	Over
W-L	W-L
Santiam Christian	4-1 7-3
Sutherlin	4-1 7-3
Harrisburg	4-1 7-3
Pleasant Hill	2-3 3-6
La Pine	1-4 3-6
Siuslaw	0-5 0-8

CLASS 3A DISTRICT 2 SOUTH

League	Over
W-L	W-L
Cascade Christian	5-0 11-2
St. Mary’s	4-1 6-4
Hidden Valley	3-2 6-4
Brookings-Harbor	2-3 5-5
Douglas	1-4 1-8
South Umpqua	0-5 2-7

**Postseason:** Cascade Christian beat Harrisburg 49-13, beat Scio 57-8, beat Amity 49-24 and lost to rainier 44-14 in the championship game; Santiam Christian lost to Clatskanie 26-3; Sutherlin lost to Vale 49-7; Hidden Valley lost to Burns 28-21; St. Mary’s lost to Scio 50-35; Brookings-Harbor lost to Amity 52-6.

CLASS 2A DISTRICT 4 (SUNSET CONFERENCE)

League	Over
W-L	W-L
Coquille	4-0 7-3
Bandon	3-1 6-4
Toledo	2-2 5-5

Gold Beach	1-3	1-7
Reedsport	0-4	2-7

**Postseason:** Coquille lost to Lost River 17-8; Bandon lost to Neah-Kah-Nie 22-14; Toledo lost to Santiam 60-0

CLASS 1A DISTRICT 2 WEST

League	Over
W-L	W-L
Camas Valley	5-0 7-2
Riddle	4-1 7-3
Days Creek	3-2 5-4
Butte Falls	2-3 4-4
Glendale	1-4 2-7
Myrtle Point	0-5 1-8

CLASS 1A DISTRICT 2 EAST

League	Over
W-L	W-L
Hosanna Christian	5-0 9-1
Bonanza	4-1 6-4
Triad	3-2 3-5
Chiloquin	2-3 5-4
North Lake	1-4 1-6
Prospect	0-5 1-8

**Postseason:** Camas Valley beat Elkton 40-12 and lost to Dufur 64-20 in the quarterfinals; Hosanna Christian beat Riddle 56-30, beat Adrian 46-36 and lost to Dufur 46-0 in the semifinals; Bonanza lost to Dufur 62-7.

CLASS 1A DISTRICT 4

League	Over
W-L	W-L
McKenzie	5-0 6-2
Powers	4-1 5-3
Gilchrist	3-2 3-4
Eddyville	2-3 3-4
Jewell	1-5 1-5
Triangle Lake	1-5 1-6

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BROOKINGS-HARBOR

# Bruins look to take the next step

JOHN GUNTHER  
The World

BROOKINGS — Shaun Bavaro described the process of turning Brookings-Harbor’s football program around in terms of looking at every single aspect from equipment to attitude to system to community involvement. “We gutted everything we do,” he said. Bavaro expects his second year as head coach to be a successful one for a team that made the Class 3A playoffs last fall and returns nearly every key player.

“I’m excited for this year,” he said. “We’re a lot further ahead as a program in all phases. The kids have made huge strides. We’re pretty pumped about that.” The players share his excitement and optimism.

“We know we can do more,” Ethan Hooper said. “We know we can grow as a team.”

The Bruins got off to a fast start last year, winning five of their first six games, and finished fourth in the District 2 South Division, earning the one at-large playoff berth available for Class 3A before losing to Amity in the first round.

Getting to the playoffs was a big deal for a team that had struggled its final few years in the old Class 4A Far West League.

“It gave us a boost of morale for football in general,” Averi Winn said.

“It set a standard,” added Manny Zamora. “We made the playoffs. We want to get there again, but we don’t want to scrape in.”

Zamora added that the success of football carried on to nearly every program throughout the school year, with the Bruins finding success in just about every season.

Plus, it changed how other teams will view and approach their games with



JOHN GUNTHER, THE WORLD

A Brookings-Harbor defensive back intercepts a pass during a team drill in a preseason practice.

the Bruins this fall, said Josh Smith.

“It created a bullseye on our backs,” he said. “A lot of teams circled us as a win (on the schedule in the past).”

The Bruins also were a big hit in the Brookings community, where the players took pride in their accomplishments and the residents celebrated the program.

“Homecoming was the most people I’ve seen at a game,” Smith said.

The Bruins are working hard to make sure last year was just a start to a run of success.

Hooper said the team is focusing on mental toughness and discipline and taking advantage of the chance to be in the same system on both offense and defense two years in a row after a stretch of frequent coaching changes.

The team actually has a little smaller roster, but more players who want to work hard and put the

team first, the senior leaders said.

“This year, I’ve got guys to go to battle with,” Smith said. “It’s more working for the people beside me.”

And the Bruins have bunches of experience returning, which should naturally make the team better as those players are more experienced and bigger and stronger.

On offense, Winn and Smith return as starters on the line, along with fellow seniors Jesse Lutge and Jason Vanginderen and junior tight end Jacob McCollum.

“We have a pretty grown-up line — a lot of athletic pieces,” Hooper said.

Zamora was a starting receiver last year, but has been moved to the backfield this fall. That still leaves the Bruins with a talented and experienced receiving corps that Bavaro described as deep and tall. Juniors Derek Bonde, Oggie Badger and Jemoria Beas-

ley also started some last year at receiver.

Just who is distributing the ball to them hasn’t been determined, and that’s because Bavaro has a talented trio of quarterbacks to pick from, including last year’s starter junior Andrew Burger, Hooper and junior Logan Holler.

“Each of them brings something to the table that is better than the other two,” Bavaro said, adding that all might see playing time at the position — they will fill in other roles if they are not under center.

“We have all the pieces,” Zamora said. “It’s just a matter of putting everything in place.”

Most of the same players who started on offense last year also started on defense, including McCollum, Winn and Vanginderen on the line, with Holler, Zamora, Lutge, Badger and Burger behind them at linebacker and junior Peyton Armentrout at safety. Junior Kayson

Christensen also will be a key contributor in the defensive backfield.

“Our front six is really tough,” Zamora said.

The Bruins also have enough depth to give all those players a break on offense or defense so players with fresh legs can be in the game, which should make the team better.

“I look at our defense and I think I don’t want to play against them,” Smith said. “We’ve got a lot of good guys.”

The Bruins only had a few freshmen last year, but Bavaro said four of the sophomores will be key contributors — lineman Brad Russell and athletes Gavin Mills, Bradley Condracki and Jason DeShon as running backs or receivers and defensive backs.

Bavaro said as much as the experience, the leadership of the seniors will help the Bruins improve.

Since the season ended last year, the group met at least monthly to talk about how to make the program better.

“Ethan, Manny, Averi and Josh Smith, those guys have really changed the program,” he said. “Manny is the vocal leader. Hooper is the cerebral guy. Josh and Averi lead by example.”

Bavaro sees a difference in the whole team.

“Our biggest thing is growth — can we get better each day?” he said, adding that he is trying to preach the message in a way that students in today’s instant gratification society can relate to.

“Our slogan is win now,” Bavaro said. “What that means is making the right choice.”

“Did we do that as a player, as a student, as a coaching staff, as a whole program?”

Those things, the coach hopes, will help the Bruins take another step this year.



## Brookings-Harbor at a glance

**Head Coach:** Shaun Bavaro (second season)

**League:** Class 3A District 2

**2017 Record:** 5-5 (fourth District 2 South)

**Assistant Coaches:** Brent Deladurantey, Charlie Keady, James Sabin, Jesse Robinette, Junior Helm, Lonnie Nalls, Rusty White, Travis Wayant

**Returning Starters:** Offense 9, Defense 9



**Coach Shaun Bavaro**



**Manny Zamora**



**Ethan Hooper**



**Averi Winn**

**Key Players:** Manny Zamora, sr, RB/LB; Averi Winn, sr, OL/DL; Josh Smith, sr, OL/LB; Jason Vanginderern, sr, OL/DL; Jesse Lutge, sr, OL/DL; Derek Bonde, jr, WR/LB; Jacob McCollum, jr, TE/LB; Andrew Burger, jr, QB/WR/LB; Oggie Badger, jr, WR/LB; Logan Holler, jr, QB/LB; Peyton Armentrout, jr, RB/DB; Ethan Hooper, sr, QB/DB; Jemoria Beasley, jr, WR/DB; Jason DeShon, soph, DB/WR; Kayson Christensen, jr, WR/DB; Thomas Farley, jr, OL/DL; Gavin Mills, soph, RB/DB; Brad Russell, soph, OL/DL; Bradley Conduacki, soph, RB/DB.

# Schools honor past greats with Hall of Fame inductions

THE WORLD

State champions, female sports pioneers, community leaders and college athletes are among the people being honored this year with induction into their respective schools’ halls of fame.

The Coquille, North Bend and Marshfield ceremonies are coming up during football season. Siuslaw inducts its class each August.

Here is a quick look at the various people being inducted.

## Coquille

Coquille will hold its annual induction ceremony and banquet at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28, at the Coquille Community Building. Tickets are \$15 for individuals or \$20 for couples. A table for eight is \$100.

This year’s class includes: Jess Thurman, a 1952 graduate who played and mentored under legendary coach Spike Leslie and earned a full-ride scholarship for football at Linfield College.

Ron Stein, a 1962 graduate who was a four-sport athlete for the Red Devils and is the only boy in school history to be named to the all-tournament first team for the state basketball tournament twice, in 1961 when the Red Devils placed second and 1962, when they were third.

Katie Lytle, who graduated in 1971 before girls sports were sanctioned by the Oregon School Activities Association and was the school’s volleyball and field hockey players of the year and athlete of the year while also competing in basketball, softball and track and field.

Laura Gibson, who graduated in 1997, when she was the state champion in the high jump, and also was part of a champion relay in 1996. She has gone on to have a successful singing career.

Tsianina Means, a 1993 graduate who was a standout volleyball player and track athlete as well as a champion baton twirler and went on to earn Miss Coos County, become a dancer for the Portland Trail Blazers, win the Miss Fitness America competition in 1997, host an exercise show on the ESPN networks and become an actress.

Corky Daniels, this year’s George Johnson Booster of the Year, who died this summer and



JOHN GUNTHER, THE WORLD

North Bend’s cross country team celebrates its 2007 state title at Lane Community College in Eugene.

was Coquille’s police chief for a quarter century and provided medical support for years for Coquille’s high school and middle school football programs while rarely missing a basketball game.

And the 1962 Coquille boys basketball team that lost the state championship game at Central 64-62 in overtime. The squad coached by Paul Greig included Ben Wallace, Dave Wood, Tim Griffin, Pat Shely, Terry King, Stormey Floten, Don Dickey, Joe Stonecypher, Ed Mecalf, John Snider, Tom Leatherwood and manager Bill Hodge.

## Marshfield

Marshfield’s induction ceremony will take place on Saturday, Oct. 19, at The Mill Casino-Hotel. The event starts at 5 p.m. and tickets are \$50 per individual.

This year’s inductees include: Denny Baker, who graduated in 1956 and played on the 1954 and 1955 state champion football teams. He was a first-team all-state halfback and went on to play for the University of Oregon.

Tim Bullard, who graduated in 1957 and was a first-team all-state guard. He played on Marshfield’s 1955 and 1956 state champion teams and went on to play for the University of Washington, where he was part of the Huskies’ 1958 Rose Bowl club.

Bill Starnes, who graduated in 1960 and played basketball and baseball for the Pirates, but earned

his highest accolades in bowling. He went on to be a national champion and two-time All-American in that sport for the University of Oregon.

Bob Chiene, who graduated in 1971 and was the Midwestern League’s basketball MVP as a senior and played in the State-Metro all-star game. He also finished second in the state tennis tournament for the Pirates and went on to play that sport for Oregon and become women’s tennis coach at the University of the Pacific.

Karen Banks, who graduated in 1972 and competed before OSAA sanctioned sports. She was part of the state champion track team in 1972 and also played volleyball and basketball. She went on to compete in three national volleyball tournaments for the University of Oregon.

Farr’s Hardware, being inducted in a new category as outstanding booster and longtime athletic supporter for Marshfield athletics.

## North Bend

The Hall of Fame inductions again will be the same night as homecoming, this year on Oct. 25 when the Bulldogs host Ridgeview. The ceremony will be held before the game.

This year’s class includes: David Haasl, who graduated in 1956 and went on to graduate from Gonzaga University and have a long career with Boeing and then

as a consultant for clients including NASA and a number of government agencies. He also taught at the University of Washington. Haasl died in 2014.

Pat Craig, who graduated in 1990 and was a standout wrestler for the Bulldogs. He won both a state championship for North Bend and a Pac-10 title for the University of Oregon.

Rocky Murray, a 1991 graduate who was a stellar pitcher on a team that finished second in the state championships, falling to South Salem 7-4. Murray was the Midwestern League MVP and went on to pitch for Washington State University and get drafted by the Montreal Expos.

Denise (Green) Smith, a 2007 graduate who won eight individual state titles (four times in the backstroke) and four more titles as part of relays for North Bend’s swimming team. The Bulldogs won one state title and finished second two other times during her career. She went on to swim for Boise State University.

The 2006 and 2007 state champion boys cross country teams, which both included the group of Spenser Lynass, Trevor Berrian, Steven Garboden, Dan Flora, Sam Lynass, Zach Reichenberger and Travis Berrian. The 2007 team edged Marist by two points for the title with Spenser Lynass finishing second, Trevor Berrian third and Garboden fourth.

## Siuslaw

The Vikings held their annual inductions on Aug. 9.

This year’s class includes: Bruce Plaep, who graduated in 1972 and still holds the school record for the shot put (52 feet, 1 1/2 inches) and also set the record in the discus. He was an all-league defensive tackle on a football team that reached the state semifinals and the team’s MVP in basketball.

Scott Parker, a 1983 graduate who set a school record with 1,439 rushing yards and scored 21 touchdowns in 1981, when the Vikings shared the state title with South Umpqua. He finished his career with a school record 2,523 rushing yards and also was an all-conference baseball player.

Andy Rodet, a 1992 graduate who was the state triple jump champion in 1991 and the long jump champion in 1992. He placed third in the triple jump two other years at state and was the Vikings’ starting quarterback in football and an all-league defensive back.

Caley Nordahl, who graduated in 2001 and was a standout in volleyball, basketball and track and field. She graduated as the school record holder in the triple jump and the No. 2 ranked athlete in both the high jump and 400.

Raelyn Robinson, a 2011 graduate who was state cross country champion in 2009 and the state runner-up in 2010 and an integral part of teams that finished first at state in 2008 and 2010 and second in 2009. She also was a state champion in the 1,500 in track and field and at one time held school records for 800, 1,500 and 3,000 meters.

The 1996 and 1997 state champion 4x100-meter girls relay teams of Teola (Wilkins) Hinds, Kirsten (Daniel) Holden, McKenzie (McMullen) Kramer and Alisa (Worley) Long.

The 1996 boys 4x100-meter state champion team of Jeremy Long, Tristan Hartzell, David Richmond and Matt Pearson. The 1997 state champion 4x400 relay team of Jon Jensen, Pearson, Aaron Long and Richmond, which set a school record with its time of 3:24.25 and lifted the Vikings into a tie with La Salle for the team state title in the process.



SIUSLAW

Young Vikings looking to return to old ways

ZACH SILVA  
The World

FLORENCE — The essence of the Siuslaw football program can be distilled down to one quote: “It’s a very, very young group.”

While this quote is describing the young team — 19 of the team’s 32 players are underclassmen — it could just as easily be about the person who uttered that very quote: first-year head coach Sam Johnson.

A member of the Siuslaw class of 2014, the 23-year-old Johnson was given the keys to the program that went winless a season ago after the resignation of Chad Smith, who is now head coach at Cottage Grove.

“I would say most players in the state — in the world — have not had a coach this close to them in age,” said the fresh-faced Johnson, who bonds with his players over the game they love in addition to their favorite YouTubers. Looking more like a cool older brother than your typical football coach, Johnson sits in his office with his bare feet up on his desk after stepping out of his Birkenstocks.

“A lot of people told me to kind of hide from it and act a lot older than I am but that’s just not me. I’m really, really young at heart. And they’ll say pop culture references or stuff and it’s like, most of the other coaches are like, what are they talking about and I get it,” said Johnson who graduated from Northwest Christian University last December. “We’re different in a lot of areas but in a lot of areas we’re the same kid.”

Johnson got to know the Class 3A Special District 2 — the league the Vikings find themselves in after dropping from playing football in the 4A classification a year ago — as an assistant coach at Pleasant Hill. After assisting the Billies, Johnson was looking to head home and got a teaching position at the



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Camp Lacouture pulls down a pass during an Aug. 23 practice at Siuslaw High School.

high school and then the job of head football coach became available. Unsure if he was ready to take it, he consulted past teammates and current players before excitedly accepting.

“Siuslaw football is all I ever wanted to do from birth to 18. That’s it. So I kind of felt this pull to come home and not let someone run it into the ground,” said Johnson. “If someone is going to run it back into the ground, it’s gotta be one of our own. So hopefully I don’t do that. But I definitely felt a pull to come here.”

Surrounding Johnson is an experienced group of assistant coaches to balance out the first-time head coach. Johnson’s dad, Andy Johnson, has coached for more than 25 years, Bob Teter has coached for more than 20 years and Gerald Flemming brings more than 15 years of experience to the table.

With experience at his side, Johnson is looking to return to the days of coaching continuity at Siuslaw. While two coaches — Len Lutero and Tim Dodson — were the only two coaches in a 50-year span, Johnson enters as the third different head coach in as many years. During this coaching

carousel the Vikings have gone 3-21.

It was not long ago that Siuslaw football was synonymous with success. From 1994-2014, the Vikings missed the playoffs just four times; in the last four seasons the team has not reached the postseason. For Siuslaw, helping the program return to its former glory starts with being honest about the recent past.

“We just take last year as a learning experience and the stuff that we didn’t do good last year, make sure to work on it this year and get stronger,” said junior quarterback Elijah Blakenship. “Don’t worry about last year, it’s a new year. Everything can change.”

Last season the Vikings gave up more points than anyone else in Class 3A and Johnson is hoping that his team uses that as motivation.

“When you’re the top dog for a long time and then you have three off years, people like to rub it in a little bit,” said Johnson. “We fully expect to get back to the top of the mountain, whether it is this year or in 10 years and these kids will be the reason we did it. It’s not going to be me, it’s going to be these kids and the rest of

the coaches.”

The first step of the Siuslaw football reclamation project began this summer off the field. In July a team parent helped put together an obstacle course that took the team up and over walls, across monkey bars and on swinging pieces of wood. Later in the summer the team went to camp and, like teams across the state, the players have been hitting the weight room. What remains to be seen is what this iteration of Siuslaw will look like on the field.

There are just six seniors on the roster — Ricky Loza, Zach Stinger, Matthew Horillo, Dayson Foglio, David Spencer and Isaiah Jones — all of whom are offensive and defensive linemen. The rest of the upperclassmen are filled out by a group of seven juniors — Brody Libby, Elijah Blakenship, Hector Garcia, Skyler Loomis, Christian Newlan, Tyrone Krohn and Colin Leland. Playing a pivotal part of the season, if they are ready or not, is a group of 14 sophomores. But they believe they are ready.

“We’re flashy kids. We’re really excited to play and do as best we can. Not only encourage people around us

to do well but also do well ourselves. Do our jobs,” said sophomore Rhys Fleming on what defines his fellow sophomore teammates. “We like to look good as we do it and when we do that it makes us feel good.”

Despite the youth on the team, the Vikings have a surprising amount of returners: the team brings back 10 starters on offense and nine on defense. For the offense, the skill-position players are filled with players from the graduating class of 2022.

Fleming is at tight end with fellow sophomores Camp Lacouture and Braydon Thornton at receiver. A trio of juniors also helps the offense with Libby at receiver (who is under 5 foot 10 and weighs about 140 but is listed on the roster at 6-7 and 270 pounds), Blakenship at quarterback and Loomis at running back.

“It’s really just like, we have to step up now because we’re upper classmen. Because there aren’t a lot of seniors we have to take that leadership role on the team,” said Loomis.

The Vikings still have a run-first philosophy, as the team has traditionally done, as part of its DNA. But Johnson is equally excited about trying to get the ball outside to his playmakers as he is about running it right at the team’s opponents.

Johnson is looking to amp up the team’s aggression even more on defense. Depending on the tenacity of Libby in addition to help from Fleming and Thornton, the Vikings will be trying to strike early and often.

“We’re going to be aggressive. We’re not going to sit back. You know, a lot of the time we’re going to say you’ve got to beat us,” said Johnson. “We’re not going to let you pick us apart and we’re not going to sit four guys back and you’re going to have to figure out a way to get your quarterback to throw it when we’ve got a guy draped all over him.”



Siuslaw at a glance

**Head Coach:** Sam Johnson (first season)

**League:** Class 3A District 2

**2018 Record:** 0-8 (sixth District 2 North)

**Assistant Coaches:** Andy Johnson, Bob Teter, Dennis Davidson, Gerald Fleming, Jeff Gray, Nick Johnson, Tom Shinn.

**Returning Starters:** Offense 10, Defense 9.



Coach Sam Johnson



Elijah Blakenship



Rhys Fleming



Brayden Thornton

**Key Players:** Elijah Blakenship, jr, QB/S; Skyler Loomis, jr, RB/LB; Brody Libby, jr, WR/S; Camp Lacouture, soph, RB/LB; Braydon Thornton, soph, WR/CB; Rhys Fleming, soph, TE/LB; Ricky Loza, sr, OL/DL; Zach Stinger, sr, OL/DL; Matthew Horillo, sr, OL/DL; Dayson Foglio, sr, OL/DL; David Spencer, sr, OL/DL; Isaiah Jones, sr, OL/DL.

2019 Schedule

- Sept. 6 @ Elmira
  - Sept. 13 @ Philomath
  - Sept. 20 Newport
  - Sept. 28 McLoughlin\*
  - Oct. 4 Harrisburg
  - Oct. 11 @ Santiam Christian
  - Oct. 18 Pleasant Hill
  - Oct. 25 La Pine
  - Nov. 1 @ Sutherlin
- \*At Madras High School

2019 FOOTBALL SPECIAL DISTRICTS

Here is a list of the football-only special districts for 2019 in Oregon.

CLASS 6A

**District 1:** Franklin, Grant, Jefferson (Portland), Lincoln, Madison, Roosevelt.

**District 2:** Aloha, Beaverton, Jesuit, Mountainside, Southridge, Sunset, Westview.

**District 3:** Century, Glencoe, Liberty, McMinnville, Newberg, Sherwood.

**District 4:** Barlow, Centennial, Central Catholic, Clackamas, David Douglas, Gresham, Reynolds, Sandy.

**District 5:** Canby, Lake Oswego, Lakeridge, Oregon City, Tigard, Tualatin, West Linn.

**District 6:** Bend, McNary, Mountain View, South Salem, Sprague, Summit, West Salem.

**District 7:** Grants Pass, North Medford, Roseburg, Sheldon, South Medford.

CLASS 5A

**District 1 East:** Benson, Hood River Valley, La Salle Prep, Milwaukie, Parkrose, Pendleton, Putnam.

**District 1 West:** Cleveland, For-

est Grove, Hillsboro, Scappoose, St. Helens, Wilson, Wilsonville.

**District 2 North:** North Bend, Redmond, Ridgeview, Springfield, Thurston, Willamette.

**District 2 South:** Ashland, Churchill, Crater, Eagle Point, North Eugene, South Eugene.

**District 3:** Central, Corvallis, Crescent Valley, Dallas, Lebanon, McKay, North Salem, Silverton, South Albany, West Albany.

CLASS 4A

**District 1:** Astoria, Banks, Molalla, Seaside, Tillamook, Valley Catholic.

**District 2:** Crook County, Estacada, Gladstone, North Marion, The Dalles, Woodburn.

**District 3:** Cascade, Newport, Philomath, Sisters, Stayton, Sweet Home.

**District 4:** Cottage Grove, Elmira, Junction City, Marist Catholic, Marshfield.

**District 5:** Henley, Klamath Union, Mazama, North Valley, Phoenix.

**District 6:** Baker, La Grande, Ontario.

**Independent:** McLoughlin/

Griswold.

CLASS 3A

**District 1 East:** Blanchet Catholic, Corbett, Madras, Salem Academy, Scio, Yamhill-Carlton.

**District 1 West:** Amity, Clatskanie, Dayton, Rainier, Taft, Willamina.

**District 2 North:** Harrisburg, La Pine, Pleasant Hill, Santiam Christian, Siuslaw, Sutherlin.

**District 2 South:** Brookings-Harbor, Cascade Christian, Douglas, Hidden Valley, South Umpqua, St. Mary’s.

**District 3:** Burns, Irrigon, Nyssa, Umatilla, Vale.

CLASS 2A

**District 1:** Gaston, Knappa, Neah-Kah-Nie, Nestucca, Portland Christian, Vernonia, Warrenton.

**District 2:** Chemawa, Colton, Culver, Gervais, Kennedy, Santiam, Sheridan.

**District 3:** Central Linn, Creswell, Jefferson, Monroe, Oakland, Regis.

**District 4:** Bandon, Coquille, Gold Beach, Reedsport, Toledo.

**District 5:** Glide, Illinois Valley, Lakeview, Lost River, Rogue River.

**District 6:** Grant Union, Heppner, Riverside, Stanfield, Weston-McEwen.

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**District 5:** Dayville, Echo, Harper/Huntington, Joseph, Mitchell/Spray/Wheeler, Prairie City/Burnt River, Sherman/Condon, South Wasco County.

2019 PLAYOFF QUALIFICATIONS

**Class 6A:** Each of the seven leagues will advance three teams into the 32-team bracket. The 11 highest-ranked teams that aren’t already automatic qualifiers will fill out the bracket.

**Class 5A:** Six teams qualify to the playoffs from District 1 and five each from District 2 and District 3.

**Class 4A:** The top two teams from each league automatically advance to the round of 16. The eighth highest-ranked teams that are not automatically qualifiers advance into the play-in round to determine the other four teams in the bracket.

**Class 3A:** Six teams classify from District 1 and District 2 and three from District 3. The highest ranked team that is not an automatic qualifier is the 16th team for the playoffs.

**Class 2A:** Each of the six leagues gets two teams into the playoffs and the four highest-ranked teams that aren’t automatic qualifiers fill out the 16-team bracket.

**Class 1A:** Each of the three districts has four qualifiers — the top team from each division and the winners of No. 2 vs. No. 3 matchups — and the four highest-ranked teams that aren’t qualifiers make up the rest of the 16-team bracket.

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# Stadium Tour: Get out to see games in several towns this fall

## THE WORLD

Fridays in the fall are always special, and I think it’s fun to get out to the different stadiums.

For people who are fans of football in general and not necessarily attached to any one team, here’s a way to get to every stadium from Reedsport to Gold Beach. Sadly, it doesn’t include Powers, since the Cruisers didn’t have enough players to field a squad this fall.

Just for fun, it includes a game on Thursday and another on Saturday.

**Friday, Sept. 6:** Marshfield at North Bend. Need we say more? Too bad the Civil War is always the first week, but at least they are still able to play the rivalry game, which is great for the Bay Area.

**Friday, Sept. 13:** Brookings-Harbor at Bandon. The Cranberry Bowl is on Friday night instead of Saturday afternoon again. Hopefully with the visiting team from the region there will be a big crowd for what should be a good game.

**Friday, Sept. 20:** Glide at Reed-sport. The Brave are hoping to get back to the playoffs after missing out last year, and a nonleague win over the Wildcats would certainly help in the rankings. This is one of six home games and the first of three weeks in a row at Ruppe Field.

**Friday, Sept. 27:** Crater at North Bend. The Bulldogs have their final preseason tuneup against one of the top teams from the District 2 South Division. Crater won a

playoff game last year before losing in the quarterfinals.

**Friday, Oct. 4:** You have two picks, depending on big school or small school preferences. North Bend hosts defending Class 5A state champion Thurston to open the District 2 North league season. Meanwhile, Coquille visits Bandon in the Sunset Conference opener. Last year, that game determined the league title.

**Saturday, Oct. 5:** Ontario at Marshfield. The Tigers are coming all the way across the state to play the Pirates in a noon affair. Pete Susick Stadium sounds like a pleasant place to spend an early fall afternoon.

**Thursday, Oct. 10:** About half the teams in the state play Thursday

night this week, following the pattern back when everybody observed a statewide inservice day this Friday. It’s a chance to go down the coast and see Gold Beach host Toledo and celebrate the Panthers having a team. North Bend fans can head inland to see the Bulldogs face Springfield.

**Friday, Oct. 11:** Reedsport at Coquille. Depending on the outcomes of the previous week’s games (Reedsport opens league at home against Toledo), this game could be huge in the league’s play-off chase.

**Friday, Oct. 18:** Camas Valley at Myrtle Point. The Hornets have been one of the state’s better eight-man teams for years. This will be a good test of how far the Bobcats have come as they enter

their second season playing that style of ball.

**Friday, Oct 25:** Marist Catholic at Marshfield. The regular-season finale likely will determine the Sky-Em League title. It should be a big night at Pete Susick Stadium. North Bend hosts the Ridgeview squad that edged the Bulldogs out for second place last fall, but that game takes second fiddle to the Pirates and Spartans.

**Friday, Nov. 1:** TBA: North Bend finishes the regular season on the road and Marshfield hopes to not be in the Class 4A play-in round. Myrtle Point will be in the crossover round for its eight-man league. Bandon is at Gold Beach in the Sunset Conference or, with a bit longer drive, Coquille visits Toledo.



Gold Beach coach Kevin Swift talks with his players during a preseason practice. Swift and the players had to work to get enough players to ensure the school would have a team this fall.

# Legacy takes on extra meaning in Gold Beach

Legacy is a word that’s often used in sports.

It can mean so many different things.

In the pages of this section, you can find a story about the halls of fame for four different South Coast Schools, each this year honoring numerous athletes, teams and students who left legacies of one type or another.



JOHN GUNTHER

Some teams were state champions. Some individuals won titles or set school records. One North Bend graduate went on to become a consultant for a bunch of government agencies.

Also in the pages, you can read about eight high school teams that are looking to leave their own stamp this fall (unfortunately, Powers does not have its own team because the school’s enrollment has dropped to around 15 and only a few wanted to play).

North Bend is trying to adjust to Class 5A and find the success the Bulldogs had for years at or near the top of the Class 4A ranks.

Coquille is looking to extend a long run of trips to the playoffs, and to prove that last year wasn’t a fluke when the Red Devils failed to win a playoff game for the first time in recent years and, even worse, lost at home in the postseason.

Marshfield is trying to prove it can be one of the Class 4A best with hardly any of its main contributors back.

Bandon seeks a home play-off game, not just this year but in years to come. Siuslaw and Myrtle Point both are trying to build back up to levels of past success and roster size so they can return to their regular classifications for football.

Players at all those schools discussed the challenges and goals their teams have.

But legacy probably means more to the players at Gold Beach this year.

You can read about the Panthers on Page 12.

Gold Beach doesn’t have realistic expectations of reaching the postseason. But as close as Gold Beach came to not having a team — it wasn’t clear even on the first day or practice they would have enough kids — they are understandably happy just to know they will be playing on Fridays this fall.

“I’m definitely excited to have a team,” said senior Landen Timeus.

A number of the returning players desperately wanted to play, but they also wanted to keep the team going for the football-hungry town of Gold Beach.

“We were begging people to come out,” senior Cameron Haggood said. “We wanted to keep the program alive.

“It’s very important for the community. It’s a lot of spirit people have on Friday night. I don’t think anyone in town wants that spirit to die.”

It’s hard for the players to fathom the impact of no football on the city.

“We didn’t want to be the group that lost football,” sophomore quarterback Trenton Storns said. “What else are people to do on Friday night? When the lights are on, there’s a feeling to it.”

“The community would have probably flipped if we didn’t have football,” added senior center Ethan Carpenter.

While the players have their perspective, I found the thoughts of coach Kevin Swift particularly significant.

Swift has seen the lows and highs of Gold Beach football. His first year on the South Coast, back in the 1990s, was a struggle.

The Panthers didn’t win any games that year, but it was a different time for football. There were nearly 300 students in the

school and he had 52 players out for football on his varsity and junior varsity teams.

Now the school is about half its size and too many kids are not interested in football or sports in general.

Swift talked about how kids today don’t know football — they don’t watch on the weekends and just don’t understand the game as well. But more than that, kids are too attached to the screens of their phones and to computer gaming and don’t have the commitment to participate in any sports or activities.

Swift is in the second year of his second tenure as coach of the Panthers. In his first stretch, Gold Beach reached the title game five times and won twice.

Swift loves to win as much as any coach and hates to lose, but he sees the bigger picture.

“I am just really trying to keep a program alive for a community that lives and dies with the football program,” he said. “Quite frankly, having a football team is a bigger victory than any state title you can win.

“There’s nothing bigger for me to say than that Gold Beach has a football team this year. We’re going to play and our community is going to come down and watch us and they are going to be supportive no matter what.”

Swift’s time at Gold Beach has included the state titles and bunches of league titles, but he said this year will be special, too.

“My two proudest years as a coach were my two (winless) seasons when nobody quit on me,” he said.

“We are going to line up and play games and have fun and hopefully continue to get better ... continue to have a football program that started in 1956 in Gold Beach.”

That will be a huge legacy for the Gold Beach players, something they will look back on fondly at reunions years in the future.

# OSAA steps up rules on sportsmanship

JOHN GUNTHER  
The World

For years, the Oregon School Activities Association has encouraged schools to promote good sportsmanship by their fans and teams at sports events. Now it’s required.

OSAA has new sportsmanship regulations this year that require schools to address sportsmanship issues, and the new policy has teeth, including potentially stiff penalties for schools that don’t enforce the rules.

“This is the next step in the OSAA being more proactive,” Siuslaw athletic director Chris Johnson said.

The new rules follow legislation that made it through the Oregon House of Representatives and Senate this year, House Bill 3409, a bipartisan effort that made it through the legislature without any opposition.

The legislative actions came after incidents across the state, some more blatant than others involving bigotry or racial taunting of athletes and teams.

In an editorial piece written in June, OSAA Executive Director Peter Weber said girls basketball players from Parkrose High School were racially taunted by three fans during one road trip.

“Such behavior is repugnant and has no place in our schools and their related activities,” Weber wrote. “Our schools, ballfields, gyms and other venues are not an outlet for hatred and bigotry. This hatred and bigotry should not be tolerated anywhere.

“Even more troubling about this incident is that according to reports, none of the adults in attendance took measures to stop this harassing behavior.”

Weber said issues have been reported in several communities of racial slurs and taunts aimed at African-American, Latino and Native American students.

Johnson said it’s appropriate for the legislature to take action.

“There should be a level of decorum that could happen from common sense,” he said.

The new rules make it clear that all cheering, comments and actions at contests should be in direct support of a fan’s own team.

“Discriminating harassment and bullying behavior will not be tolerated,” the rule 3.3 in the

OSAA handbook states.

Schools are required to address issues that come up with fans, coaches or players. OSAA can issue penalties including fines, forfeits of contests or even suspension and ultimately expulsion of OSAA membership to schools that are in violation, especially if no action is taken.

“The (executive) Board may determine that no penalties are necessary when an incident has been handled appropriately and in a timely fashion by the school and/or district,” the OSAA rule reads.

Like Johnson, North Bend athletic director Mike Forrester is a fan of the increased emphasis on sportsmanship.

“I think it’s a great thing,” Forrester said of the new rule. “No. 1, I think it forces the schools to be proactive. But now, we can actually go (to a fan) and say, ‘Hey, that’s not nice, and if it continues we are going to have to talk about you being here and if we don’t there is going to be something that happens to our school.’”

North Bend has always had its stadium announcer read a sportsmanship message before basketball and football games. Now the school also has added a message on the programs that are handed out at games “that helps people understand that we are not going to harass officials and we are going to be positive with members of the other team,” Forrester said.

Forrester also addressed the issue with his coaches.

“We talked about the bill and I’ve asked the coaches to be proactive and have conversations at their parent meetings about sportsmanship and about how everybody should be able to come to the game and enjoy themselves, whether it be an athlete, an official or parent, and not at the expense of somebody else.”

Johnson pointed out that it’s not just the athletes impacted by taunting. Across the state and in nearly every sport, officials associations are having problems with low numbers in part because of rude behavior from fans.

“In the old days, it was OK to scream and yell at an official, but it’s not OK anymore,” Johnson said. “We are not retaining officials and recruiting officials at the levels we need to maintain solvency.”

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