

# Columbians sink Warriors

## Strange and Fruht combine for 34 in Fishermen win

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**Rainier 35, Warrenton 30**  
WARRENTON — The Warrenton Warriors ran out of points, then ran out of time Tuesday night at home, as Rainier held on for a 35-30 win over the Warriors in a Lewis & Clark League boys basketball game.

Warrenton held a 30-28 lead with 4:50 left, before the Columbians answered with back-to-back scores by Jeff Tripp and Daniel Rea to grab a 32-30 lead with 2:10 left.

From there, the Columbians made just enough free throws (3-of-8) in the final 31 seconds to hold off the Warriors.

The teams were tied 15-15 at halftime, as Brock Johnson highlighted Warrenton's first half with a pair of 3-pointers.

Teammate Kory Thomas had two 3-pointers midway through the second half, the second following back-to-back scores by Christian Holt to help the Warriors to their 30-28 lead.

Colton Verhoef led Rainier with nine points, while Johnson had 12 for the Warriors.

**Astoria 54, Molalla 41**  
MOLALLA — A slow start turned into a big second quarter for the Astoria boys basketball team Tuesday night at Molalla, as the Fishermen overcame an early 12-8 deficit to score a 54-41 win over the Indians.

Kyle Strange (18 points) and Morgan Fruht (16) combined for 34 points to lead Astoria, which outscored Molalla 19-7 in the second period to take a 27-19 half-time advantage.

Derek Jarrett added eight points for the Fishermen, who improve to 6-7 overall, and will close out the nonleague schedule at home vs. Yamhill-Carlton Friday, before opening the league season with home games vs. Banks and Tillamook next week.



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Players fight for a rebound during Warrenton's game against Rainier.



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Warrenton's Anthony Cochran, No. 23, tries to shoot while defended by Rainier's Daniel Rea, No. 11, and Jeff Tripp, No. 20, during their basketball game Tuesday.

**Seaside 75, Estacada 52**  
ESTACADA — Seaside's "Jaxson & Jackson" combined for 39 points Tuesday night, leading the Gulls to a 75-52 nonleague win at Estacada.

Jaxson Smith scored 25 points and Jackson Januik added 14 for the Gulls, who

went on a 10-0 run to close the first half to pull away.

Trenten Meyer added 10 points, while Hunter Thompson and Austin Eagon scored eight apiece for the Gulls.

**Knappa 65, Vernonia 38**  
KNAPPA — Knappa bounced back from an unex-



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Warrenton's Brock Johnson, No. 2, goes up for a shot in the first half.

pected loss at Delphian last week, with a 65-38 win over Vernonia Tuesday night at home.

Knappa outscored the visitors 37-14 over the second and third quarters to take control.

Tyson Burnard scored 22 points, and Dakota Severson

and Justin Dragoo added 10 points each for Knappa, with Dragoo pulling down 10 rebounds.

Knappa plays at Gaston Friday.

**C.S. Lewis 40, Jewell 19**  
JEWELL — Jewell's Tristan Silva scored eight points

and teammate Ben Stahly added six, but C.S. Lewis jumped out to a 22-6 halftime lead, on its way to a 40-19 win over the Blue Jays Tuesday night in Casco League boys basketball action.

Kollin Raudsepp of C.S. Lewis led all scorers with 12 points.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL



JOSHUA BESSEX — The Daily Astorian  
Warrenton's Sierra Lyons, No. 5, fights for the ball against Rainier's Desirae Hansen, No. 40, in the second half of their basketball game Tuesday.



JOSHUA BESSEX — The Daily Astorian  
Warrenton's Krista Morrill, No. 12, loses control of the ball against Rainier's Brandy Thurston, No. 5, Tuesday.

## Lady Warriors scramble, can't overcome Columbians

**Rainier 39, Warrenton 22**  
WARRENTON — With both teams playing a little short-handed, Rainier overcame a rough first half from the field to score a 39-22 win at Warrenton Tuesday night, in Lewis & Clark League girls basketball action.

While the Lady Warriors are still without Romana King and Sophia Thomas, Rainier lost leading scorer Jenny Westlund before the game started, when the senior guard re-aggravated a knee injury during pregame warmups.

Warrenton had 15 turnovers in the first half, while the Lady Columbians struggled from the field (7-of-29), but still led

15-6 at halftime.

Rainier took control in the third quarter, outscoring Warrenton 18-5, highlighted by a three-point play from 5-foot-10 freshman Desirae Hansen and a 3-pointer from sophomore Haley Schimmel.

Landree Miethle led Warrenton with nine points, all in the fourth period.

**Astoria 49, Molalla 43**  
Tied 40-40 at the end of regulation, Astoria outscored Molalla 9-3 in overtime for a 49-43 win over the Indians Tuesday night, in a nonleague girls basketball game at the Brick House.

Molalla battled back from a

26-22 deficit after three quarters, outscoring Astoria 18-14 in the fourth to send the game to overtime.

The Lady Fishermen had three players in double figures, led by Chloe Hunt with 12 points, to go with seven rebounds, six steals and three assists.

Teammates Taylor Mickle and Kaylee Mitchell had 11 points apiece, with Mickle dishing out four assists. Mitchell had three of Astoria's 16 steals.

The Fishermen were 12-for-31 at the free throw line, and 18-of-55 from the field.

**Seaside 66, Estacada 39**  
ESTACADA — The Sea-

side Lady Gulls continued their romp through the non-league schedule, with a 66-39 win at Estacada Tuesday night.

Maddi Utti scored 21 points to lead Seaside, with teammate Haylee Dundas adding 16. Sydney Villegas scored 12 for the Gulls, who held a slim 27-24 lead at halftime, before erupting for a 29-4 third quarter to put the game away.

Seaside "played fairly consistently in the first on offense and defense, but in the third quarter we came out and played great defense and that set up our offense," said Gulls' coach Wally Hamer. "We scored 29 points in that quarter

to break the game open. Sydney Villegas played great defense and Haylee Dundas shot lights out in the quarter. Maddi Utti had a great all-around game. Paige Ideue had a good game off the bench as well as Brittany West."

**Vernonia 55, Knappa 41**  
KNAPPA — A balanced scoring attack helped Vernonia post a 55-41 win at Knappa Tuesday night, in a key Northwest League girls basketball showdown.

First-place Vernonia (11-2 overall) got 12 points apiece from Julia Fletcher and Paige Smith, and 11 points from Lisa Paje in the victory. Team-

mates Marketa Veselkova and Meghan Sullivan added eight points each (Veselkova left with an ankle injury in the second quarter).

Knappa still put up a strong effort against No. 4-ranked Vernonia, as the home team trailed just 26-22 at halftime.

"It's the best I've seen my girls play in a while," said Knappa coach Marie Green. "Vernonia wasn't superbig, but they were quick."

Shailei Wright had 10 points, six steals, five rebounds and three assists to lead Knappa. Kacie Cameron and Chloe Little added seven points apiece, and Stacey Aho scored six points with 10 rebounds.

## SCOREBOARD

**PREP SCHEDULE**  
**TODAY**  
Wrestling — Astoria/Banks at Seaside, 5:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY**  
Boys Basketball — Ilwaco at North Beach, 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY**  
Girls Basketball — Astoria at

Yamhill-Carlton, 7 p.m.; North Marion at Seaside, 7:15 p.m.; Warrenton at Clatskanie, 6 p.m.; Knappa at Gaston, 6 p.m.; Rainier at Ilwaco, 5:45 p.m.

**Boys Basketball** — Yamhill-Carlton at Astoria, 7 p.m.; North Marion at Seaside, 5:30 p.m.; Warrenton at Clatskanie, 7:45 p.m.; Knappa at Gaston, 7:45 p.m.; Rainier at Ilwaco, 7:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY**  
Girls Basketball — Nestucca at Knappa, 4:30 p.m.  
Boys Basketball — Nestucca at Knappa, 6:15 p.m.

**Monday, Jan. 19**  
Girls Basketball — Warrenton at Portland Christian, 4 p.m.  
Boys Basketball — Warrenton at Portland Christian, 5:45 p.m.