

Tigers get win in return to Astoria

By GARY HENLEY
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Three 3-pointers in the final minute-and-a-half was not enough to save the Astoria boys basketball team Friday night, as Yamhill-Carlton escaped the Brick House with a 48-41 win over the Fishermen.

The Tigers — who swept last year's Cowapa League series with Astoria — weathered a second-half comeback by the Fishermen in Friday's non-league encounter.

Astoria posted a quick 4-0 lead before Yamhill's Zach Rhodes got hot and knocked down four jump shots in the first half, giving the Tigers a 19-14 halftime lead.

Astoria's Derek Jarrett opened the second half with a 3-pointer, sparking the Fishermen on a 12-7 run to tie the game at 26-26 late in the third period.

The Tigers answered with a 7-0 run, and Yamhill held a 5- to 10-point lead the remainder of the game.

Rhodes would add 11 points in the second half to finish with a game-high 21.

Morgan Fruith scored 11 and Jarrett added 10 for the Fishermen, who were 17-of-61 from the field.

Astoria opens Cowapa League play this week, hosting Banks Tuesday and Tillamook Friday.

Seaside 71, North Marion 65

SEASIDE — North Marion battled to force overtime, and that's where Seaside won it — eventually — scoring a 71-65 victory over the Huskies in double overtime.

Seaside's Jackson Januik scored 22 points, which included a 3-pointer in the second overtime to key the win.

Jaxson Smith added 17 and Hunter Thompson added 14 for the Gulls, who built a 42-35 through three quarters, before North Marion rallied to tie the game at the end of regulation on a tough two-point shot by Kerry Cook.

Cook led all scorers with 29 points, before fouling out late in the second overtime.

North Marion came into the game with a No. 4 ranking, and 11-2 overall.

Seaside opens league play Tuesday at home vs. Scappoose.

Clatskanie 63, Warrenton 28

CLATSKANIE — Clatskanie's Cooper Starkel, German George and Codi Blodgett combined to score 42 points in a 63-28 win over Warrenton Friday night, in a Lewis & Clark League boys basketball game.

Starkel led the way with 21, while Brock Johnson scored 18 to lead the Warriors, who trailed 14-5 after one quarter.

Knappa 45, Nestucca 37

KNAPPA — After a brief detour, the Knappa Loggers are right back where they're supposed to be — on a three-game win streak and back to being the team to beat in Northwest League boys basketball.

The Loggers completed two wins in two days with a 45-37 victory over Nestucca Saturday afternoon at home, less than 24 hours after a road win over Gaston.

In Saturday's victory, Knappa overcame a rough night from the field (10-for-33, 3-for-14 on 3-pointers), but still held a commanding 24-16 halftime lead.

With 16 points, Tyson Burnard was the only Logger in double figures, and had help defensively from Justin Drago (16 rebounds, five blocks, five steals).



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Astoria's Kyle Strange, No. 2, dives for the ball and collides with Yamhill-Carlton's Tanner Myrick, No. 11, Friday.

Andy Miller added seven points for Knappa, which plays at City Christian Tuesday.

Knappa 50, Gaston 27

GASTON — Knappa's dominant defensive effort in the second half led to a 50-27 Logger victory Friday night over Gaston.

Knappa held a 26-20 halftime lead, then held the Greyhounds to just seven points in the second half, with three of Gaston's points coming on a banked-in 3-pointer.

Tyson Burnard led the offense with 18 points, while Justin Drago added 16 points to go with 10 rebounds, five steals and four blocks.

Rainier 46, Ilwaco 39

ILWACO, Wash. — Their second game in two days was rough on Ilwaco, which fell short in a Pacific 2B League game Friday night at home.

Rainier (Wash.) outscored the Fishermen 17-11 in a key third quarter, helping the Mountaineers to a 46-39 win over Ilwaco, which had played North Beach Thursday.

Kenneth Sheldon led Ilwaco with 12 points and seven rebounds, while teammate Nick Griffit chipped in nine points and eight boards.

Oakville 49, Naselle 33

OAKVILLE, Wash. — Naselle outscored Oakville 20-13 over the second and third quarters, but the Acorns won the first and fourth quarters (36-13), and the game, 49-33, Friday night in Oakville.

Matt Carter scored eight points and teammate Tony Lopez added seven for Naselle,

which trailed 22-4 after the first period. Ray Lopez scored 28 for Oakville.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Astoria 53,

Yamhill-Carlton 42

YAMHILL — A 24-point outburst in the second quarter helped the Astoria girls basketball team to a 53-42 win over Yamhill-Carlton Friday night, in a nonleague contest at Yamhill.

Astoria's big quarter opened up a 33-22 halftime lead, on its way to the win.

Offensively, Chloe Hunt (21 points) and Taylor Mickle (16) led the Lady Fishermen, who improved to 7-7 overall, while the Tigers drop to 1-13.

Astoria struggled from the field (17-of-65, 0-for-11 from the 3-point line), and made 19-of-33 free throw attempts.

Hunt also pulled down 13 of Astoria's 47 rebounds, and had four steals, along with Alexis Wallace. Kaylee Mitchell and Mykka Abrahams had seven rebounds each, for the Lady Fish, who open the Cowapa League season with home games against Banks and Tillamook.

Seaside 52, North Marion 35

SEASIDE — Seaside had three players in double figures and closed out the nonleague schedule with a 52-35 win over North Marion Friday.

Maddi Utti had 18 points, Sydney Villegas scored 14 and Haylee Dundas added 10 for the Gulls, who will head into the Cowapa League season as the favorites to defend their league title.

"Brittany West came off the

bench and had a great game with her defense and calm on offense," said Seaside coach Wally Hamer, whose team is rated 10th in the latest OSAA rankings. "Maddi Utti had a good game as well as Sydney Villegas and Haylee Dundas," he added, saying he was "proud of our girls this preseason. We played the best teams around and never lost our focus. We could have played better at times, but now we have a great chance the next 10 games to show what we have learned and make a difference in the Cowapa League."

The Gulls had 17 team steals in Friday's win, led by Whitney Westerholm and Utti with five apiece. Utti also dished out five assists.

Clatskanie 61, Warrenton 37

CLATSKANIE — Warrenton held a 15-12 lead after one quarter, before Clatskanie rallied in the second period on its way to a 61-37 win over the Warriors Friday in a Lewis & Clark League girls basketball game.

Landree Mieth scored 15 points to lead Warrenton, while Maisy Horness had 23 points and Rachel Haas added 20 for the Tigers.

Knappa 64, Nestucca 23

KNAPPA — The first quarter was all Knappa needed Saturday, in a Northwest League girls basketball game against Nestucca.

The Lady Loggers held a 23-0 lead after one period, on their way to an easy 64-23 win over the Bobcats.

Knappa finished with four players in double figures — Kaitlyn Landwehr and Shailei Wright with 13 points each, followed by Chloe Little (11) and Kacie Cameron (10).

Cameron and Wright combined for nine of Knappa's 19 steals, while Wright added seven rebounds and four assists.

Knappa led 36-10 at halftime.

Knappa 33, Gaston 18

GASTON — Knappa held Gaston to just six points in the first half, on its way to a 33-18 win over the Greyhounds Friday.

Knappa's Kaitlyn Landwehr had a game-high 12 points to go with nine steals and five rebounds. Stacey Aho grabbed nine rebounds, McKailyn Rogers had four steals, and Shailei Wright dished out four assists before fouling out.

Ilwaco 56, Rainier 10

ILWACO, Wash. — Jasmine Coffin and Makenzie Kaech both outscored Rainier (Wash.) by themselves Friday night, as they led Ilwaco to another easy victory, 56-10 over Rainier.

Coffin and Kaech scored 15 points apiece, helping the Lady Fishermen to their 10th straight win.



AP Photo/Ted S. Warren
Seattle Seahawks' Ricardo Lockette celebrates after during overtime of the NFL football NFC Championship game against the Green Bay Packers Sunday in Seattle. The Seahawks won 28-22 to advance to Super Bowl XLIX.

Seahawks, Patriots head to Super Bowl

By HOWARD FENDRICHAP

Pro Football Writer

For Russell Wilson's Seattle Seahawks to become the first team in a decade to win consecutive Super Bowls, they'll have to beat the most recent group to do it, Tom Brady's New England Patriots.

In an enticing matchup pitting the defending champions against the dominant NFL franchise of the 2000s, the NFC's Seahawks (14-4) will face the AFC's Patriots (14-4) in the title game at Glendale, Arizona, in two weeks.

New England reached its eighth Super Bowl, equaling the Dallas Cowboys and Pittsburgh Steelers for most in league history. It's the sixth time quarterback Brady and coach Bill Belichick made it in the past 14 years; they won trophies after the 2001, 2003 and 2004 seasons.

But they lost in their past two appearances, after the 2007 and 2011 seasons, both times against Eli Manning and the New York Giants.

Some Las Vegas sports books had the Seahawks — heading to the franchise's third Super Bowl — as 1-point favorites, while others made the game a pick 'em.

A year ago, Seattle beat Peyton Manning and the Denver Broncos 43-8 in the big game. In nearly a half-centu-

ry of Super Bowls — this will be the 49th — there's never been so long a stretch without a repeat champion.

But with coach Pete Carroll, Belichick's predecessor with the Patriots, and general manager John Schneider in charge, Seattle has the makings of a dynasty, thanks to cool-as-can-be Wilson, cornerback Richard Sherman and the first defense since the 1985-86 Chicago Bears to give up the fewest points and fewest yards two seasons in a row.

Among the on-field story lines that will be discussed and dissected from now until Feb. 1:

- how Seattle's defense will try to control Brady, impossible-to-tackle tight end Rob Gronkowski and the rest of New England's versatile offense;

- whether Sherman, who has an interception in both of Seattle's playoff games this season, is OK after injuring his left elbow late Sunday;

- whether Wilson and his unheralded receivers, shut down for most of Sunday, will be able to bounce back against noted defensive mind Belichick and New England's own shutdown cornerback, Darrelle Revis, and former Seahawks defensive back Brandon Browner; what wrinkles might Belichick and Carroll and their staffs dream up.

Warriors find winning ways at Oregon Wrestling Classic

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REDMOND — Warrenton's Colton Walker, Rogue Bergeron, Michael Suppa and Justice Watson were a combined 17-0 in the Oregon Wrestling Classic, held Friday and Saturday in Redmond.

Teamwise, Warrenton defeated Coquille (42-19), and lost to Dayton (27-48), Riverside (28-54), Harrisburg (36-42) and Jefferson (36-42).

On the mat, Walker was 3-0 at 110 pounds, with falls over Lane Penrose of Dayton (1:11); Kevin Altamirano of Riverside (1:13); and Jorge Espinoza of Jefferson (4:8).

Bergeron went unchallenged at 117, where he won by fall over Dayton's Alexander Bellefleur (:47); Jacob Hurt of Coquille (1:46, at 124 pounds); Riverside's Andrew Barker (:45); Grant Laiblin of Harrisburg (1:48); and Jacob Sobel of Jefferson (4:53).

At 149 pounds, Suppa also went undefeated, with falls over Oscar Rosas of Dayton (2:52); Grayson Maggard of Coquille (3:04); Marvin Calvillo of Riverside (1:43); Harrisburg's Zach Howell (1:58, at 156); and Jef-

erson's Jason Patterson (:51).

Warrior Justice Watson was unbeaten at 156 and 164, scoring falls over Cody Stahl of Dayton (3:23); Coquille's Wyatt Yates (1:53); Ashton Cisco-Clark of Harrisburg (:42); and Jack Larison of Jefferson (2:43).

Elsewhere, Warrenton's Edwin Ljung, Eli Peterson and Alex Ocana also had wins.

The Knappa Loggers were 1-4 in the team standings, with a win over Heppner/lone (39-26), and losses to Redmond JV (30-45), Lowell (24-42), Newberg JV (27-48) and Oakridge (34-45).

In the victory over Heppner, Ryan Simpson had a pin (3:06) against Will Lutchter at 142 pounds, and Nate Truax had an 8-2 decision over John Propher at 224 for Knappa's only wins on the mat.

Simpson, Chris Cruz (174), Andrew Goozee (186) and Truax all recorded wins by fall against Redmond JV.

Cody Hobbs (110) and Angeleen Somoza (117) both had pins against Lowell, while Cruz and Goozee scored decisions.

Simpson, Dawson Whiteside, Cruz and Truax posted victories vs. Newberg, while Simpson and Goozee had wins over Oakridge opponents.



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Astoria's Derek Jarrett, No. 34, tries to defend a shot by Yamhill-Carlton's Zach Rhodes, No. 22.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

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

TUESDAY

Boys Basketball — Banks at Astoria, 5:30 p.m.; Scappoose at Astoria, 5:30 p.m.; Knappa at City Christian, 7:45 p.m.; Jewell at Falls City, 7 p.m.; Ocosta at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.

Girls Basketball — Banks at Astoria, 7:15 p.m.; Scappoose at Seaside, 7:15 p.m.; Knappa at City Christian, 6 p.m.; Jewell at Falls City, 5:30 p.m.

BASKETBALL

Boys

Yamhill-Carlton 48, Astoria 41
AST (41): Morgan Fruith 11, Jarrett 10, Palek 8, Strange 5, Fremstad 4, Scroup 3, Johnson, Keating.
YC (48): Zach Rhodes 21, Renteria 7, Myrick 7, Stokes 6, Flabung 4, Mitchell 3.
Astoria 8 6 12 15—41
Y-Carlton 11 8 8 21—48
JV: Astoria 51, Yamhill-Carlton 26

Seaside 71, North Marion 65
NM (65): Kerry Cook 29, Umbenhower 12, Ramon 9, Torian 5, Pippert 3, Martin 3.
SEA (71): Jackson Januik 22, Smith 17, Thompson 14, Marston 7, Lewis 5, Eagon 4, Babb 2, Meyer.

N.Marion 12 9 14 19 7 4—65
Seaside 15 13 14 12 7 10—71

Clatskanie 63, Warrenton 28

WAR (28): Brock Johnson 18, Thomas 3, Holt 3, McFadden 2, Cochran 2.
CLA (63): Cooper Starkel 21, George 11, Blodgett 10, Norgren 6, McKay 4, Knutson 3, Martin 2, Puzey 2, McCallister 2, Karber 1, Luquette 1, Haas.
Warrenton 5 6 11 6—28
Clatskanie 14 17 23 9—63

Knappa 45, Nestucca 37

NES (37): Brett Elder 18, Jackson-Cruz 7, Pimienta 5, Wenrick 5, Nix 2.
KNA (45): Tyson Burnard 16, A.Miller 7, Drago 6, Takalo 5, Severson 3, J.

Miller 3, Rusinovich 3, Weirup 2.
Nestucca 9 7 10 11—37
Knappa 16 8 9 12—45

Knappa 50, Gaston 27

KNA (50): Tyson Burnard 18, Drago 16, A.Miller 8, Takalo 5, J.Miller 2, Rusinovich 1.
GAS (27): Cole Waibel 10, Steele 6, Mann 4, Marquart 4, Jeffries 3.
Knappa 13 13 12—50
Gaston 10 10 4 3—27

Girls

Astoria 53, Yamhill-Carlton 42
AST (53): Chloe Hunt 21, Mickle 16, Abrahams 6, Wallace 4, DiBartolomeo 3, Israel 3, Mitchell.
YC (42): Sage O'Loughlin 15, Gabler

7, Ready 6, L.Adams 5, J.Adams 4.
Astoria 9 24 8 12—53
Y-Carlton 8 14 6 14—42

Seaside 52, North Marion 35

SEA (52): Maddi Utti 18, Villegas 14, Dundas 10, Westerholm 4, West 4, Bussert 2, P.Ideue, Trott.
North Marion 10 5 10 10—35
Seaside 14 18 9 11—52

Clatskanie 61, Warrenton 37

WAR (37): Landree Mieth 15, Blodgett 7, Little 6, Thomas 2, Lyons 4, Morrill 3.
CLA (61): Maisy Horness 23, Haas 20, Moravec 5, Farbo 4, Warren 3, Lindblom 2, Dykes 2, Ives 1, Mitchell 1.
Warrenton 15 7 8 7—37

Clatskanie 12 19 18 12—61

Knappa 64, Nestucca 23

NES (23): Kycie Richwine 11, M.Chatelain 9, Kirkpatrick 2, Logan 1.
KNA (64): Kaitlyn Landwehr 13, Shailei Wright 13, Little 11, Cameron 10, Jones 6, Aho 5, Rogers 3, Vanderburg, Nestucca 0 10 4 9—23
Knappa 23 13 13 15—64

Knappa 33, Gaston 18

KNA (33): Kaitlyn Landwehr 12, Jones 8, Little 5, Cameron 4, Aho 4, Wright, Vanderburg, Rogers.
GAS (18): Davis 4, Bassell 4, Berdicho 4, Kuyil 3, Roves 2, Clark 1.
Knappa 8 7 10 8—33
Gaston 2 4 3 9—18