

# Lady Fish outlast Cheesemakers, 36-33

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Tillamook's 33 turnovers proved more costly than Astoria's 20 missed free throws Friday night, as the Lady Fishermen hung on for a 36-33 Cowapa League girls basketball win at the Brick House.

Despite hitting just 10-of-30 foul shots, the Lady Fish — ironically — clinched the game at the free throw line, where they scored their final four points in a 36-33 victory over the Cheesemakers.

The Fishermen improve to 1-1 in league play, 8-8 overall. Astoria's Taylor Mickle helped the Lady Fish to a 12-7 lead early in the second quarter, as she scored all of her team-high 12 points in the first half.

Tillamook closed the second quarter on a 12-7 to run to force a 19-19 halftime tie.

The Lady Mooks led 27-22 early in the fourth, but Astoria's Alexis Wallace and Chloe Hunt both scored on layups, and Hunt drained the biggest basket of the quarter — a 3-pointer with 2:25 left that gave Astoria a 30-28 lead.

Wallace scored on an offensive rebound (Astoria had 17 offensive rebounds, 10 by Wallace), and the Lady Fish made 4-of-9 free throws in the final 1:31 to clinch the win.

Tillamook was 4-of-7 at the free throw line for the game, while Hunt scored eight of her 10 points in the fourth quarter.

### Seaside 44, Banks 30

BANKS — Seaside shot 63 percent from the field and cruised to its fifth straight win Friday night, 44-30, in Cowapa League girls basketball action at Banks.

The Gulls were 19-of-30 from the floor, and even knocked down 4-of-9 from the 3-point line (although they were only 2-of-8 at the free throw line).

Maddi Utti scored 15 points and Sydney Villegas added 13 for Seaside, which held a 25-14 lead at halftime.

Utti also had five rebounds and five assists, and Villegas had four steals.

The Gulls "Made our shots tonight and played good defense and rebounded well," said coach Wally Hamer. "Brittany West came off the bench to give us a big lift on defense and rebounding, as did Paige Ideue. Great effort by every one of our starters.

"We got kind of tired in the fourth and hadn't scored for awhile, and Maddi hit a clutch two and a clutch three to get us going again," he said.

In addition, "I really love how Whitney Westerholm has become a complete player," Hamer said. "She can run our offense and plays great defense. Syd and Haylee left all out on the floor and Allison (Bussert) has played really consistently in every aspect of the game."

### Knappa 52, NKN 34

KNAPPA — Knappa overcame an 11-6 deficit after one quarter by outscoring Neah-Kah-Nie 21-2 in the second, on its way to a 52-34 win over the Pirates Friday night at Knappa.

The Loggers improve to 3-3 in Northwest League girls basketball standings, while Neah-Kah-Nie drops to 1-6.

Shailei Wright led Knappa with 18 points to go with her eight steals, seven rebounds, six assists and two blocks.

Chloe Little added 12 points and three steals, and Kacie



**Astoria's Libby DiBartolomeo, No. 12, drives to the hoop for a layup against Tillamook Friday at Astoria. See more photos at [www.dailyastorian.com](http://www.dailyastorian.com)**



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**Astoria's Rylee Demander, No. 30, collides with Tillamook's Jordan Zweifel, No. 24, as she shoots.**



**JOSHUA BESSEX — The Daily Astorian**  
**Astoria's Kaylee Mitchel, No. 0, gains possession of a loose ball during the first half of the game against Tillamook.**

Cameron and Paris Vanderburg each grabbed five rebounds.

### Country 75, Jewell 21

MOLALLA — No. 3-ranked Country Christian defeated Jewell 75-21 Friday night, in Casco League girls basketball action in Molalla.

The Cougars held a 46-11 lead at halftime over the Blue Jays, who were led by Hanna Littlepage's nine points.

### Ilwaco 75, NW Christian 38

ILWACO, Wash. — The Ilwaco Lady Fishermen are not finding much competition at the Pacific 2B level, as the Lady Fish stormed past another league opponent Saturday, 75-38, over Northwest Christian.

Nine different players made the scoring column for Ilwaco, led by Makenzie Kaech (21 points, 10 rebounds), with Jasmine Coffin adding 16 points and seven steals. Valerie Lindstrom scored 12 points for the Fishermen, 15-1 overall.

### Naselle 50, Lake Quinalt 47

Naselle overcame an early 14-1 deficit Friday night, for an eventual 50-47 win over Lake Quinalt.

The Comets still trailed 40-37 entering the fourth quarter, before outscoring Quinalt 13-7 in the final eight minutes.

Taylor Ford led Naselle with 19 points, followed by Ellie Chapman and Taylor Eaton with 11 points each. Kendra Leeland scored seven points with 16 rebounds.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

#### Tillamook 67, Astoria 55

A big second-half comeback effort by the Astoria Fishermen simply ran out of steam Friday night.

Tillamook's 17-point half-

time lead was nearly erased, before the Cheesemakers were able to recover and hold on for a 67-55 victory in Cowapa League boys basketball action at the Brick House.

Tillamook closed the first half on a 12-2 run for a seemingly safe 34-17 halftime lead.

But Astoria's Tucker Scroup drained a 3-pointer in the opening seconds of the third quarter, which set the tone for the second half.

Teammate Derek Jarrett followed with three consecutive 3-pointers, then the 6-foot-5 post closed the quarter with another trey that had Astoria within 48-40 going to the fourth.

The Cheesemakers managed to rebuild a 54-42 lead before the Fish rallied again, this time behind an offensive rebound hoop by Morgan Fruith, a three-point play for Ryan Palek at the 4:54 mark, and 3-point shots by Scroup and Kyle Strange that had Astoria within 57-55 with 2:39 left.

But that's where the comeback trail ended for Astoria, which would not score again while Tillamook made 10-of-13 free throws in the final 2:30 for the win.

The Cheesemakers finished 24-of-30 at the line to Astoria's 3-of-5. Tillamook senior Zane Wright led all scorers with 19 points, followed by teammates Trent Meyer and Jacob Berge with 15 apiece.

Jarrett had 16 points and Scroup added 13 for Astoria, which has road games this week at Scappoose Tuesday and Seaside Friday.

#### Banks 43, Seaside 40

BANKS — Banks bounced back from a two-point loss at Astoria earlier in the week with a three-point win over Seaside Friday, 43-40.

eron 3, Vanderburg 2, Landwehr 2, Aho 2, Jones.

NeahKahNie 11 2 14 7—34  
Knappa 6 21 11 14—52

Country Christian 75, Jewell 21  
JWL (21): Hanna Littlepage 9, Morales 6, Stahly 4, Guillen 2, A.Littlepage, Thurston.

Jewell 8 3 6 4—21  
Country 25 21 15 14—75

Ilwaco 75, NW Christian 38  
NWC (38): Stottlemire 15, N. Vanmonter 12, Sowers 7, A. Vanmonter 2, Dominquez 1, Teigen 1.

ILW (75): Makenzie Kaech 21, Coffin 16, Lindstrom 12, Ellsworth 9, McMillan 8, Jacobson 3, Tapio 2, Kulm 2, Bentley 2, Bannister, Kondos, Benenati.

NW Christian 9 10 10 9—38  
Ilwaco 19 21 23 12—75

Naselle 50, Lake Quinalt 47  
NAS (50): Taylor Ford 19, Chapman 11, T.Eaton 11, Leeland 7,



**JOSHUA BESSEX — The Daily Astorian**  
**Astoria's Kyle Strange, No. 2, drives to the basket while defended by Tillamook's Trent Meyer, No. 1, during their basketball game Friday.**



**JOSHUA BESSEX — The Daily Astorian**  
**Astoria's Alexis Wallace passes to Taylor Mickle, No. 2, against during the basketball game against Tillamook.**

It was the Braves' second victory over the Gulls this season, following a 46-31 non-league win at the Sisters Tournament Dec. 31. It was Banks' first Cowapa League win over Seaside since 2011.

The Braves trailed 24-20 at halftime, but outscored the Gulls 13-7 to grab a two-point lead going to the fourth.

Banks had balanced scoring from Jesus Narvaez and Jake Evans (10 points each), along with seven points from David Schorn and six from junior post Tyler Kemper.

Jaxson Smith led Seaside with nine points.

#### Knappa 61, NKN 42

KNAPPA — The Knappa Loggers posted their second straight 19-point win and fifth straight victory overall, 61-42 over Neah-Kah-Nie Friday night at home.

Footh 2, A.Eaton, Tutu'u, Jacot, Ridgeway.

LQ (47): Begay 17, F. Thomas 11, Blackburn 11, B. Thomas 6, Silva 2.

Naselle 11 16 10 13—50  
Quinalt 19 12 9 7—47

#### Boys

Tillamook 67, Astoria 55

TIL (67): Zane Wright 19, Meyer 15, Berge 15, Martindale 7, Maloney 6, Moore 3, Collett 2.

AST (55): Derek Jarrett 16, Scroup 13, Strange 10, Palek 5, Fruith 5, Johnson 4, Keating 2, Fremstad.

Tillamook 19 15 14 19—67  
Astoria 11 6 23 15—55  
JV: Tillamook 47, Astoria 36

#### Banks 43, Seaside 40

SEA (40): Jaxson Smith 9, Babb 8, Eagon 6, Januik 5, Thompson 5, Meyer 3, Lewis 2, Marston 2, Bassett, Hoekstre, Cazarez, Richardson.

BAN (43): Jake Evans 10, Jesus

The Pirates came in with an 0-7 record, and were without leading scorer Max Halverson.

Freshman Dale Takalo paced Knappa with 23 points (16 in the second half), followed by Tyson Burnard with 21. Justin Drago had 18 rebounds for the Loggers, who led 19-5 after one quarter.

#### Country 65, Jewell 27

MOLALLA — Country Christian, ranked fourth in Class 1A boys basketball, jumped out to a 38-7 halftime lead Friday night, on its way to a 65-27 win over Jewell in a Casco League game.

Victor Berg led Jewell with 12 points.

#### Ilwaco 55, NW Christian 49

ILWACO, Wash. — Ilwaco bounced back from a loss the night before with a 55-49 win over Northwest Christian, in

Pacific 2B League boys basketball action Saturday.

Kenneth Sheldon poured in 19 points and pulled down 10 rebounds for the Fishermen, who also had 14 points from Ethan Bannister. Nick Griffitt had 14 boards.

Raymond defeated Ilwaco 57-48 Friday.

Sheldon led Ilwaco with 17 points, and Griffitt added 12 points with 12 rebounds.

#### Naselle 41, Wishkah 40

ABERDEEN, Wash. — Naselle tuned up for its meeting with Ilwaco Wednesday with a 41-40 win at Wishkah Valley Friday.

Tied at 33-33 going into the fourth, the Comets outscored the Loggers 8-7 in the final period to pick up the win.

Tony Lopez led Naselle with 14 points, followed by Conner See with eight.

ILW (55): Kenneth Sheldon 19, Bannister 14, Griffitt 7, Tapio 6, Mendoza 5, Schenck 2, Aguayo 2.

NW Christian 13 12 8 16—49  
Ilwaco 16 13 15 11—55

Raymond 57, Ilwaco 48

RAY (57): Kotkne 20, Newman 16, Freeman 12, Murdock 6, Hamilton 2, Manneman 1.

ILW (48): Kenneth Sheldon 17, Griffitt 12, Mendoza 7, Tapio 6, Bannister 6.

Raymond 14 16 13 14—57  
Ilwaco 19 10 12 7—48

Naselle 41, Wishkah Valley 40

NAS (41): Tony Lopez 14, See 8, Corona 5, Carter 4, Bergeson 3, Scrabeck 3, Estes 2, Edwards 2, Gudmundsen.

WV (40): Anderson 16, Kalama 10, Johnson 7, Olson 4, Rodriguez 2, Ramirez 1.

Naselle 5 4 24 8—41  
W.Valley 9 7 17 7—40

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SCHEDULE

#### TUESDAY

Boys Basketball — Astoria at Scappoose, 5:30 p.m.; Seaside at Valley Catholic, 5:30 p.m.; Warrenton at Portland Adventist, 7:45 p.m.; Faith Bible at Knappa, 7:45 p.m.; Crosshill Christian at Jewell, 7 p.m.  
Girls Basketball — Astoria at Scappoose, 7:15 p.m.; Seaside at Valley Catholic, 7:15 p.m.; Warrenton at Portland Adventist, 6 p.m.; Faith Bible at Knappa, 6 p.m.; South Bend at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.  
Swimming — Astoria at Scappoose, 4 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY

Boys Basketball — Ilwaco at Naselle, 7 p.m.  
Wrestling — Tillamook/Seaside at Astoria, 5:30 p.m.; Ilwaco at Wahkiakum, 5 p.m.

#### BASKETBALL

##### HIGH SCHOOLS

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