

Gulls sweep the basketball Clatsop Clash

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SEASIDE — Take the last second of the first, second and third quarters, and that was the difference in the game Friday night at Seaside, where the Gulls scored a 55-46 Cowapa League boys basketball win over Astoria.

As time expired in the first quarter, Seaside's Hunter Thompson hit a shot from just inside the half-court line, and also drew a foul to complete a four-point play.

Seaside teammate Jackson Januik closed the second period with a 3-pointer at the buzzer and capped the third quarter with three straight free throws, after he was fouled on a 3-point attempt with one second left.

Three seconds, 10 points, and a nine-point Seaside win.

Outside of the buzzer-beating heroics, Friday's game was a free throw fest, as the two teams combined to make 41-of-59 foul shots.

Januik missed his first free throw, then went on to make 10 in a row on his way to a 20-point game.

Thompson finished with 11 points, while Jaxson Smith added nine.

Thompson's four-point play to end the first quarter gave the Gulls an 18-8 lead, before the Fishermen rallied and closed to within 20-18 late in the first half.

Thompson had another 3-pointer in the third quarter that pushed Seaside's lead to 37-22, but Astoria rallied again behind baskets from Morgan Fruiht and Derek Jarrett, with a bank shot by Fruiht bringing the Fishermen to within 46-41 with 2:41 left in the game.

Seaside answered with open drives to the hoop by Austin Eagon and Zach Marston, helping the Gulls pull away in the final two minutes.

Delphian 35, Knappa 31

KNAPPA — Delphian dialed up the right number again Saturday night, as the Dragons upset the Knappa Loggers for the second time this season, 35-31, in a Northwest League boys basketball game at Knappa.

The Dragons were responsible for Knappa's only other league loss, a 52-47 overtime victory over Knappa Jan. 9.

Delphian's Tom Chiang and J.J. Gonzalez combined for 23 of Delphian's 35 points, to help the Dragons snap Knappa's six-game win streak.

The Loggers struggled from the field, hitting just 9-of-33 two-pointers, and 2-of-13 3-point attempts.

"They played a decent 2-3 zone, and we were just not very aggressive," said Knappa coach Chris Spencer. "Maybe playing two games in two days (Knappa won at Vernonia the night before) did take a lot out of us, but we were flat and didn't play very well."

Knappa (8-2 in the NWL) still has a strong chance at the league title if the Loggers win at Nestucca (10-1) Tuesday.

Knappa's final three games are against Gaston (1-8), City Christian (4-6) and Neah-Kah-Nie (0-10), while Nestucca's final two games are at Faith Bible (5-5) and Vernonia (6-4).

Knappa 55, Vernonia 52

VERNONIA — The night before their loss to Delphian, Knappa played one of its best games in a 55-52 win at Vernonia Friday.

Knappa held off a Vernonia rally in the final minute to win the Logger Showdown.

Knappa was 22-of-43 from the field (15-for-29 on two-point shots, 7-of-14 on 3-pointers), with Tyson Burnard and Andy Miller combining for 29 points.

Miller made three 3-pointers in a key third quarter stretch.

Life Christian 67, Ilwaco 36

TACOMA, Wash. — A dominating first half helped Life Christian to a 67-36 win over



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Seaside's Jaxson Smith, No. 22, scores off a layup while defended by Astoria's Kyle Strange, No. 2, during the first half of their basketball game at Seaside Friday. More photos at www.dailyastorian.com



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Seaside's Maddi Utti, No. 25, puts up a shot while defended by Astoria's Alexis Wallace, No. 42.



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Seaside's Jaxson Smith, No. 22, scores off a layup while defended by Astoria's Kyle Strange, No. 2, during the first half of their basketball game at Seaside Friday.



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Astoria's Kyle Strange, No. 2, wrestles a rebound away from Seaside's Zach Marston, No. 25.



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Seaside's Haylee Dundas, No. 15, and Maddi Utti, No. 25, reach for a rebound against Astoria's Alexis Wallace, No. 42, in a basketball game at Seaside Friday.

Ilwaco Saturday in a Pacific 2B League boys basketball game.

Kenneth Sheldon finished with 17 points to lead the Fishermen, who trailed 36-14 at halftime.

Naselle 55, Mary M. Knight 39

TACOMA, Wash. — Naselle built a 27-5 lead in the first quarter, and the Comets cruised to a 55-29 win at Mary M. Knight Saturday.

The Comets had a balanced scoring attack from Cole Bergeson (nine points), Adrian Corona, Conner See and Jacob Scrabeck, all with eight points each.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Seaside 59, Astoria 20
SEASIDE — Between inju-

ries, sickness and limited practice time last week, the Astoria girls basketball team did not have much of a chance Friday night at Seaside, where the Gulls hosted the Lady Fish in a Cowapa Clatsop Clash.

Seaside's Maddi Utti outscored Astoria all by herself, as the Super Soph scored 23 points, which included five 3-pointers in the first half.

Still battling the flu, a few Astoria starters saw limited action, while the Fishermen are still without Kaisa Israel, out with a foot injury.

Still, a basket by Kaylee Mitchell had Astoria trailing just 7-4 midway through the first quarter.

Utti answered with the second of her five 3-pointers, and

that sparked Seaside on a 19-0 run that put the Gulls in front 26-4.

Seaside's Whitney Westerholm and Paige Ideue both hit 3-pointers during a 21-3 run in the second half.

Allison Bussert added nine points for Seaside, which won its 15th straight league game.

Vernonia 65, Knappa 49

VERNONIA — Vernonia broke open a close game by outscoring Knappa 19-7 in the third quarter, on its way to a 65-49 win Friday night.

Vernonia had four players in double figures, while Knappa was led by McKailyn Rogers with nine points. Shailei Wright added eight points with eight rebounds, five assists and five steals; Chloe Little scored eight points; and Kaitlyn Landwehr

had eight points with 11 rebounds.

Knappa held a brief lead in the second quarter, and trailed 28-27 at halftime.

In her first game back after suffering an ankle injury against Knappa earlier this month, Vernonia's Marketta Veselkova scored a game-high 18 points.

Meghan Sullivan added 12, with Julie Fletcher and Paige Smith scoring 10 apiece.

Ilwaco 46, Life Christian 43

TACOMA, Wash. — In its closest league contest of the season, the Ilwaco girls basketball team held off upset-minded Life Christian, 46-43, in a Pacific 2B League contest in Tacoma.

Ilwaco's Jasmine Coffin scored 15 points to go with seven rebounds and five steals, while

teammate Makenzie Kaech added 12 points with 13 rebounds.

The Lady Fishermen are 17-1 overall, 8-0 in league play.

Mary M. Knight 60, Naselle 27

Jaycee Valley scored 20 points to lead Mary M. Knight to a 60-27 win at Naselle Saturday.

Elle Chapman scored 15 points for the Comets, who led 11-10 after one quarter.

OES def. Warrenton, twice

WARRENTON — Oregon Episcopal swept a Lewis & Clark League basketball doubleheader at Warrenton Friday.

The Aardvarks avenged a loss to the Warriors earlier in the season with a 42-33 win over Warrenton in the boys' game.

OES defeated Warrenton in the girls' game, 50-36.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

Boys Basketball — Valley Catholic at Astoria, 5:30 p.m.; Tillamook at Seaside, 5:30 p.m.; De La Salle at Warrenton, 7:45 p.m.; Knappa at Nestucca, 7:45 p.m.; Jewell at Willamette Valley Christian, 7:15 p.m.; Willapa Valley at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.

Girls Basketball — Valley Catholic at Astoria, 7:15 p.m.; Tillamook at Seaside, 7:15 p.m.; De La Salle at Warrenton, 6 p.m.; Knappa at

Nestucca, 6 p.m.; Jewell at Willamette Valley Christian, 5:30 p.m.

Wrestling — Seaside at Vernonia, 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Girls Basketball — Ilwaco at Willapa Valley, 7:30 p.m.

BASKETBALL

HIGH SCHOOLS

Boys
Seaside 55, Astoria 46

AST (46): Morgan Fruiht 14, Johnson 9, Jarrett 7, Strange 7, Keating 5, Fremstad 2, Palek 2, Scroup.

SEA (55): Jackson Januik 20, Thompson 11, Smith 9, Lewis 6, Marston 4, Eagon 4, Meyer 1, Babb, Richardson.

Astoria 8 10 13 15—46
Seaside 18 7 15 15—55
JV: Astoria 40, Seaside 36

Delphian 35, Knappa 31
DEL (35): Tom Chiang 12. Gonzal-

ez 11, Rivera 5, Tomak 3, Chou 2, Cui 2.

KNA (31): Tyson Burnard 11, Takalo 7, Dragoo 6, A.Miller 3, Severson 2, Ruben 2, J.Miller, Weirup.

Delphian 10 6 9 10—35
Knappa 13 2 14 2—31

Knappa 55, Vernonia 52

KNA (55): Tyson Burnard 15, A.Miller 14, Takalo 10, Dragoo 8, J.Miller 6, Severson 2, Weirup.

VER (52): Clay Sullivan 18, Elliott 8, Moskalev 8, Adams 7, Johnson 5, McCallum 4, Botelho 2.

Knappa 18 17 14 6—55
Vernonia 12 16 12 12—52

Girls

Seaside 59, Astoria 20
AST (20): Kaylee Mitchell 8, Abrahams 6, Hunt 3, Wallace 2, Mickle 1, DiBartolomeo, DeMander, Marinovich, Dalton.

SEA (59): Maddi Utti 23, Bussert 9, Dundas 7, Villegas 7, Westerholm

6, Pldeue 5, West 2, Trott, Zagata, Brown.

Astoria 4 9 5 2—20
Seaside 15 17 18 9—59

Vernonia 65, Knappa 49

KNA (49): McKailyn Rogers 9, Wright 8, Little 8, Landwehr 8, Cameron 7, Aho 6, Jones 3.

VER (65): Marketta Veselkova 18, Sullivan 12, Fletcher 10, P.Smith 10, Page 9, Roberts 3.

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Vernonia 13 15 19 18—65