Ilwaco Lady Fishermen win Pacific League title

Ilwaco 61, Raymond 48

ILWACO — "This is honestly the best feeling of my whole life!" said Valerie Lindstrom, not knowing how to hold back her excitement Friday night after the Lady Fishermen (10-0, 19-1) beat Raymond 61-48 to win the Pacific League championship. "I've won things individually, but that doesn't compare at all with the feeling I have right now. I just can't stop smiling. I'm so excit-

The girls won their first league title since 2011 and earned a No. 1 seed to the District IV tournament, which begins today.

Ilwaco did not look like the dominant team that only lost one game all season in the first half of Friday's game though. Raymond (8-2, 16-4) played very physical and seemingly had the Lady Fishermen rattled for most of the first half, even taking the lead from them in the second quarter. However, IHS

rallied to take a one-point lead at halftime.

Ilwaco came out on fire though to start the second half, scoring 12 unanswered points and rolled form there.

Makenzie Kaech led the team with 22 points, followed by Hannah Ellsworth with 16 and Jasmine Coffin with 15.

"This was the big hurdle tonight. This was the goal we made last March," said coach Ned Bittner.

But the team isn't satisfied, as they are just two more wins away from going to state.

"This was the first goal, got two more to go," said senior Emily McMillan. "First in district and on to state!"

The Ilwaco girls host the Central League No. 8 Toledo (5-15) tonight in a district first-round game. A win would put them in a winner-to-state game on Feb. 14, likely against Central League No. 4 seed Adna (12-8).



DAMIAN MULINIX — EO Media Group

Ilwaco senior Emily McMillan makes a save along the baseline in the third quarter of Fridays game, when the Lady Fishermen pulled away in their win over Raymond.

SCOREBOARD

TUESDAY

Girls Basketball — Astoria at Tillamook, 5:30 p.m.; Banks at Seaside, 5:30 p.m.; Warrenton at Rainier, 6 p.m.; City Christian at Knappa,

Boys Basketball — Astoria at Tillamook, 7:15 p.m.; Banks at Seaside, 7:15 p.m.; Warrenton at Rainier, 7:45 p.m.: City Christian at Knappa, 7:45 p.m.

THURSDAY

Girls Basketball — Clatskanie at Warrenton, 6 p.m.

Boys Basketball — Clatskanie at

Warrenton, 7:45 p.m.

BASKETBALL **HIGH SCHOOLS** Girls

Banks 43, Astoria 13 AST (13): Chloee Hunt 7, Mitchell

4, Wallace 2, DiBartolomeo, Dalton, Abrahams, DeMander, Albright,

BAN (43): Megan Bunn 16, Streblow 6, Slifka 6, Wren 4, Soper 3, Gerlinger 2, Gregg 2, Ragsdale 2,

Klein 2, Monroe, Borchers, Van-Domelen. 5 0 2-13 Astoria 8 14 6 15—43 **Banks**

Seaside 53, Scappoose 32

SEA (53): Maddi Utti 16, Dundas 15, Westerholm 10, Villegas 8, P.Ideue 6.

SCP (32): Hannah Galey 9, Spang 8, Tinning 8, Kopra 4, Brodala 1. 18 9 14 12-53 Seaside Scappoose 11 5 5 11—32

Knappa 48, Gaston 29 GAS (29): Jaycie Endicott 12, Becker 5, Bassel 4, Lewis 4, Ranes

KNA (48): Kaitlyn Landwehr 13, Wright 12, Aho 9, Rogers 5, Camer-

on 4, Little 3, Jones 2, Vanderburg, Vandergriff. 7 9—29 Gaston

20 19 2 7-48 Knappa

Portland Waldorf 36, Jewell 24 JWL (24): Emma Guillen 8, H.Littlepage 6, Morales 4, Stahly 4, A.Littlepage 2, Thurston.

Jewell 2 6 8 8-24 7 12 13—36 P.Waldorf 4

Ilwaco 61, Raymond 48 RAY (48): Karlee Freeman 19,

Garcia 13, Flemetis 12, Gardner 4. ILW (61): Makenzie Kaech 22, Ellsworth 16, Coffin 15, Lindstrom 4, Jacobson 3, Tapio 1, McMillan, Bentley.

10 20 4 14-48 Raymond 15 16 16 14-61 Ilwaco

Naselle 51, Taholah 47

NAS (51): Kendra Leeland 18, Chapman 11, Tutu'u 10, Ford 4, T.Eaton 4, A.Eaton 2, Ridgeway 2, Jacot, Footh.

TAH (47): Waugh 19, Walter 15, Cheney 10, James 3. 14 13 12 12-51 Naselle

15 6 15 11-47

Naselle 44, Oakville 25 NAS (44): Ellie Chapman 29, T.Eaton 7, Ford 6, Jacot 2, Tutu'u, Ridgeway, Leeland, A.Eaton.

OAK (25): Lorton 6, Thebiay 6, Maass 5, J.Bray 5, K.Bray 3. 10 7 14 13—44 Naselle 5 2 8 10—25

Boys Banks 49, Astoria 40

AST (40): Morgan Fruiht 11, Jarrett 9, Fremstad 9, Scroup 4, Johnson 4, Strange 3, Palek. BAN (49): Devyn Renne 14, Evans

8, Shurts 8, Narvaez 8, Da.Renne 7, Schorn 2, Burton 2. 4 13 7 16—40 Astoria

7 13 11 17—49 **Banks**

Scappoose 49, Seaside 39 SEA (39): Jackson Januik 10, Ea-

gon 9, Babb 6, Thompson 4, Smith Lewis 4, Marston 2. SCP (49): Jacob Wendelschafer

18, C.Johnson 17, Marcantonio 6, McNabb 4, Lohman 2, Ford 2. 7 7 11 14—39 Seaside

14 11 7 17—49 Scappoose

Knappa 51, Gaston 23

GAS (23): Nick Steele 5. Waibel 5. Mann 4, Jimenez 3, Duckworth 2, Davis 2, Clark 2.

KNA (51): Tyson Burnard 15, Takalo 13, Severson 11, J.Miller 4, Weirup 3, A.Miller 2, Rubus 2, Dragoo 1, Parks, Hendrickson, Goodman, Rusinovich.

2 2 14-23 Gaston 20 8 13 10-51 Knappa

C.S. Lewis 52. Jewell 23 JWL (23): Trystan Silva 8, Murray 5, Ritchie 4, Stahly 4, Berg 2, Munk, Meehan.

6 10 0 7—23 Jewell **CS Lewis** 16 17 11 8—52

Twin Valley 38, Naselle 31 TV (38): Kalama 14, Line 8, Anderson 5, Johnson 5, R.Ramirez 4, A.Ramirez 2.

NAS (31): Cole Bergeson 9, Corona 6, Lopez 6, Gudmundson 5, Carter 4, See 1, Scrabeck, Edwards. 7 10 13 8—38 T.Valley 10 9 3 9-31 Naselle

Oakville 65, Naselle 51

NAS (51): Cole Bergeson 15, Gudmundson 13, Carter 6, Wulf 6, Lopez 5, Scrabeck 5, See 3.

OAK (65): Boyd 20, Ortives 14, Lopez 14, Bird 10, Youckton 8, Bray

8 11 14 17-51 Naselle Oakville 21 18 14 12-65

SWIMMING

HIGH SCHOOLS Cowapa League Championships (at St. Helens)

Girls Team: Valley Catholic 296, Tillamook 278, Scappoose 189, Seaside 173, Astoria 162, Banks 14. Boys Team: Seaside 274, Valley Catholic 257, Scappoose 210, Astoria 148, Tillamook 142, Banks 11.

WRESTLING

HIGH SCHOOLS Cowapa League Championships (at Banks)

Team: Tillamook 311, Scappoose 300.5, Banks 297, Astoria 115, Sea-

Seaside Lady Gulls secure 17th straight Cowapa League win

GIRLS BASKETBALL Seaside 53, Scappoose 32

SCAPPOOSE — The Seaside Lady Gulls scored their 17th straight Cowapa League win Friday night, a 53-32 decision at Scappoose.

Seaside ran its league record to 6-0 this year, and 17-0 overall against Cowapa League opponents going back to the final league game of the 2012-13 season.

After a fairly close first quarter (18-11 Seaside), the Gulls' Paige Ideue drained a 3-pointer early in the second, and the Seaside lead was never threatened after that.

The Gulls — who defeated Scappoose 47-19 in the previous meeting — had balanced scoring from Maddi Utti (16 points), Haylee Dundas (15) and Whitney Westerholm (10).

Seaside can basically lock up a Cowapa League championship Tuesday at home vs. Banks.

Banks 43, Astoria 13 BANKS — Banks held Astoria to just two points in the second half Friday night, as the Braves posted a 43-13 win over the visiting Lady Fishermen in Cowapa League girls basketball action.

Megan Bunn led Banks with 16 points, while Chloee Hunt had seven points and Kaylee Mitchell added four for Astoria.

Warrenton 39, Riverdale 34

PORTLAND — The Warrenton girls scored their second win of season over Riverdale, a 39-34 victory Friday night in Portland.

The Lady Warriors improve to 2-20 overall, and finish out the regular season this week at Rainier Tuesday, and at home Thursday vs. Clatskanie.

Riverdale defeated Warrenton in the boys' game, 41-25.

Knappa 48, Gaston 29

KNAPPA — A 20-6 start was all the Knappa Lady Loggers needed Friday night, on their way to an easy 48-29 win over Gaston in Northwest League action.

Kaitlyn Landwehr paced Knappa with 13 points, eight rebounds and five steals, while Shailei Wright scored points with four rebounds before fouling out.

Stacey Aho added nine points, 11 boards and three steals, as Knappa had 18 team steals and outrebounded Gaston 48-20.

Portland Waldorf 36, Jewell 24

PORTLAND — Portland Waldorf defeated Jewell 36-24 in a nonleague girls basketball game Friday in Portland.

Emma Guillen scored eight points and Hannah Littlepage added six for the Lady Jays.

Naselle 51, Taholah 47

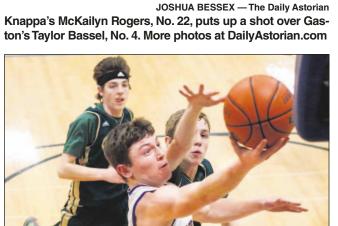
MONTESANO, Wash. — The Naselle girls earned the No. 2 independent seed to the Southwest Washington 1B District Tournament, with a 51-47 win over Taholah Saturday at Montesano.

Kendra Leeland scored 18 points with 23 rebounds to lead the Comets (11-9 overall), who will play Washington School for the Deaf tonight in the first round of the tournament.

Naselle's Amelia Tutu'u added 10 points and 13 boards.

Naselle 44, Oakville 25 OAKVILLE, Wash. — On

Friday, Naselle's Ellie Chapman poured in 29 points to lead the Comets to a 44-25 win at Oakville. Chapman added seven



JOSHUA BESSEX — The Daily Astorian Knappa's Tyson Burnard, No. 21, drives to the hoop for a layup while defended by Gaston's Nick Steele, No. 2, during the first half of their basketball game at Knappa High School Friday. Knappa won 51-23.

steals and six assists, and teammate Taylor Eaton scored seven points.

BOYS BASKETBALL Banks 49, Astoria 40

BANKS — Astoria struggled to score early, and Banks was able to post a 49-40 win over the Fishermen Friday night, in Cowapa League boys basketball action at Banks.

Morgan Fruiht scored 11 points to lead the Fishermen, with nine points apiece from Derek Jarrett and Fritz Fremstad.

Devyn Renne had 14 points for the Braves, while a trio of players (Jake Evans, Dallin Shurts and Jesus Narvaez) added eight points each. Astoria plays at Tillamook

Tuesday.

Scappoose 49, Seaside 39 SCAPPOOSE — Seaside

took the loss Friday night but the Gulls are still in a firstplace tie in the Cowapa League boys basketball standings.

The Gulls were held under 40 points for just the third time this season, as Scappoose recorded a 49-39 win.

Scappoose seniors Jacob Wendelschafer and Chase Johnson combined for 35 points, with Wendelschafer scoring eight straight points in a third-quarter run in which the Indians turned a 34-28 lead

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Knappa's Amber Jones, No. 41, fights for a rebound against Gaston's Morgan Ranes, No.

21, and Diana Lewis, No. 20, during the first half of their basketball game.

into a 42-28 advantage. Jackson Januik (10 points) was Seaside's only scorer in double figures, with Austin Eagon adding nine for the Gulls, who host Banks Tuesday.

Valley Catholic defeated Tillamook Friday, as Seaside and the Cheesemakers remain in a first-place tie at 4-2.

Knappa 51, Gaston 23

KNAPPA — Knappa gave up a season low in points Friday, and despite an off night from the field, the Loggers scored a 51-23 win over Gaston in a Northwest League game at Knappa.

The Loggers were just 3-for-16 from the 3-point line, but still led 41-9 after three quarters of play, allowing just two points in the second and third quarters.

Knappa's Tyson Burnard scored 15 points with eight assists and six steals, while Dale Takalo added 13 points. Dakota Severson finished with 11 points and Justin Dragoo had a game-high 13 rebounds for the Loggers, who allowed just 27 points in their previous game against Gaston.

Knappa hosts City Christian Tuesday for Senior Night.

C.S. Lewis 52, Jewell 23

NEWBERG — C.S. Lewis built a 33-16 halftime lead, on its way to a 52-23 win over Jewell Friday in Casco League boys basketball action.

Trystan Silva scored eight points and pulled down 10 rebounds for Jewell.

Twin Valley 38, Naselle 31

NASELLE, Wash. Naselle opened postseason play with a loss Saturday at home, as Twin Valley defeated the Comets 38-31 in a 1B district tiebreaker.

Naselle advances to the Southwest Washington 1B District Tournament, where the Comets will play a loser-out contest Tuesday at Three Rivers Christian.

Cole Bergeson scored a nine points for the Comets (3-16 overall) in Saturday's loss.

Oakville 65, Naselle 51

OAKVILLE, Wash. -Naselle's Cole Bergeson and Hayden Gudmundson combined for 28 points, but Oakville ultimately got the win Friday night, 65-51 over the visiting Comets.

Bergeson had 21 points for Naselle, which trailed 21-8 after one quarter.

Ilwaco Fishermen win to get in

OLYMPIA, Wash. — The Fishermen have almost always played their best ball in the first two quarters of their games this season. Good thing they only had to play two quarters Saturday night in order to advance to the playoffs. After finishing the regular season in

a four-way tie for the final three spots

in the Pacific League, Ilwaco, Rainier,

Chief Leschi and Tacoma Baptist played

four two-quarter games Saturday night

at Black Hills High School in Olympia

tournament, with one team being eliminated. But thanks to a solid second quarter in their opening game against Tacoma Baptist, it would not be Ilwaco. The Fishermen defeated the Crusad-

to decide seeding into the District IV 2B

ers 34-31 to claim a spot in the district tourney — all this coming after breaking a 27-game winless streak six games into this season.

"It means a lot, we really wanted this," said senior Kenneth Sheldon fol-

deserve it." The Fishermen then beat Rainier in their

lowing the win. "We worked hard and we

second two-quarter game to earn the sixth seed in the Pacific League. Ilwaco will now play at Adna (16-3), the Central League four seed, 7 p.m. Tuesday, in the first round of the double-elimination tournament. A win would put Ilwaco in a winner-to-state game Feb. 14, while a loss would put them into an elimination game at 8 p.m. Feb. 12 at Montesano High School.