

Lady Gulls: Perfect and getting better

Knappa boys can clinch league title Friday

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SEASIDE — Seaside's Maddi Utti, Sydney Villegas and Whitney Westerholm combined for 35 points, and that was more than enough as Seaside all but clinched another Cowapa League girls basketball title with a 54-25 win over Banks Tuesday.

The Lady Gulls (7-0 in league play) have a safe two-game lead in the standings with three games remaining. Seaside can officially clinch the league championship with a victory over Valley Catholic Friday.

For now, no one has even come close to challenging the Gulls, who topped Banks — the Cowapa's second-place team — by 29 points.

Despite going 8-for-29 from the field in the first half, Seaside had things well in hand midway through the second quarter, leading 18-4 following a three-point play by Paige Ideue.

After a rough first half, Westerholm drained three 3-pointers in the third quarter, with a 12-0 run by Gulls resulting in a 50-19 lead.

Westerholm led the Gulls with 13 points (11 in the third quarter), while Utti had 12 points and eight assists, and Villegas finished with 10 points. Haylee Dundas added nine points, eight rebounds, four steals and four assists.

It was a "great defensive effort by our girls tonight," said Seaside coach Wally Hamer. "The coaching staff felt great about what the girls accomplished."

"Whitney Westerholm lit it up in the third quarter," he said. "The third quarter was a pivotal quarter. Unsung heroes tonight were Brittany West, Allison Bussert and Paige Ideue. They rebounded and chipped in points as well."

Astoria 35, Tillamook 32
TILLAMOOK — The Astoria girls basketball team scored its second three-point win over Tillamook in less than a month, as the Lady Fishermen won on the road Tuesday, 35-32.

Chloe Hunt scored 15 points and pulled down nine rebounds for Astoria, which defeated Tillamook 36-33 Jan. 23.

After a 7-7 tie in the first quarter, the Lady Fish outscored the Cheesemakers 11-5 in a decisive second quarter.

Freshman Kaylee Mitchell added nine points and six rebounds, and sophomore Alexis Wallace finished with four points and nine rebounds.

Rainier 64, Warrenton 17
RAINIER — Rainier jumped out to a 28-7 halftime lead, on its way to a 64-17 win over Warrenton Tuesday night in a Lewis & Clark League girls basketball game.

Landree Miethé scored 10 points for the Warriors, but it wasn't enough to match Rainier's Shelby Saylor (14 points), Aspen Norman (12) and Julia Taylor (10), as 10 different Columbians reached the scoring column.

Knappa 56, City Christian 42
KNAPPA — Knappa pulled to within one game of third place in the league standings Tuesday night, with a 56-42 Northwest League girls basketball win over City Christian on Senior Night at Knappa.

Shailei Wright scored 17 points, to go with four rebounds, three steals and two assists for the Lady Loggers, who led from start to finish.

Knappa improves to 6-5 in league play, while City Christian drops to 7-4. The Loggers finish the regular season Friday at Neah-Kah-Nie (3-8), while City takes on Faith Bible (9-2).

Kacie Cameron added 11 points for Knappa, which scored 19 points in both the third and fourth quarters.

Kaitlyn Landwehr chipped in eight points, with 10 rebounds and three assists, and Chloe Little finished with eight points, four steals and five rebounds.

Ilwaco 61, Toledo 44
ILWACO, Wash. — Ilwaco opened the Southwest Washington 2B District girls basketball tournament with a 61-44 win over Toledo Monday.

Hannah Ellsworth scored 18 points to lead the Lady Fishermen (20-1 overall), who outscored the Indians 25-6 in the first quarter.

Jasmine Coffin added 17 points and Makenzie Kaech chipped in 15 for Ilwaco, which will play Adna Saturday (time and place to be determined). Toledo (5-16 overall) advances to play Tacoma Baptist Wednesday.

Naselle 59, Washington School for the Deaf 22

NASELLE, Wash. — Naselle had 22 points after one quarter, and Washington School for the Deaf had just 22 for the entire game, as the Comets won a Southwest 1B District Tournament game, 59-22, Monday in Naselle.

Kendra Leelend had 10 points, 12 rebounds and six assists for Naselle, which had 21 steals.

Taylor Ford led the Comets with 14 points, as Naselle advances to face either Lake Quinalt or Columbia Adventist Saturday.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Tillamook 41, Astoria 40
TILLAMOOK — Astoria had the lead for most of the fourth quarter Tuesday night at Tillamook, but could not quite close it out, as the Cheesemakers rallied for a 41-40 Cowapa League boys basketball win.



Seaside's Haylee Dundas, No. 15, puts up a shot while defended by Banks' Megan Bunn, No. 22, in a basketball game at Seaside Tuesday. See more photos at www.dailystorian.com

After Tillamook scored to take the lead with less than a minute to play, Astoria was unable to get off an attempt at a game-winner.

Morgan Fruith led the Fishermen with 17 points, followed by Kyle Strange with 13.

Seaside 63, Banks 53

SEASIDE — It was close through three quarters, but Seaside's Jackson Januik turned a three-point lead into a late runaway win for the Gulls Tuesday night, 63-53 over Banks.

Januik scored 14 of his game-high 18 points in the final period, as Seaside reeled off a 13-2 run in the fourth to put away the Braves.

Banks was within 43-40 to start the fourth quarter, when Zach Marston converted a three-point play, which sparked the Gulls to a 20-point quarter.

Most of the scoring came from the free throw line, where Seaside was 10-of-15 in the fourth quarter, 18-of-28 for the game to 11-of-13 for the Braves.

Seaside's Jaxson Smith hit three 3-pointers in the opening quarter, on his way to 17 points.

Seaside improves to 5-2 in league play, as the Gulls remain in a first-place tie with Tillamook.

Rainier 42, Warrenton 39

RAINIER — Rainier overcame an eight-point deficit in the fourth quarter Tuesday night, as the Columbians rallied for a 42-39 win over Warrenton in Lewis & Clark League boys basketball action.

Brock Johnson scored a game-high 20 points for the Warriors, who took a 27-26 lead into the final period. Warrenton hosts Clatskanie Thursday.

Knappa 71, City Christian 38

KNAPPA — Tyson Bur-nard and Andy Miller com-

binced for 44 points, and the Knappa Loggers moved within one more win of the Northwest League boys basketball title, as they pounded City Christian Tuesday, 71-38.

The Loggers (11-2 in league play) finish the regular season Friday at Neah-Kah-Nie (1-12). A win will automatically put Knappa into the Sweet 16.

Knappa's four seniors combined to score 56 points, and the Loggers had all the points they would need by halftime, leading 44-15.

Burnard led the way with 24 points, with Miller adding 20. Justin Drago pulled down 12 rebounds with eight points, and the Loggers connected on 9-of-25 3-pointers.

Three Rivers Christian 65, Naselle 24

KELSO, Wash. — Karsten Rentner scored 12 points to lead Three Rivers Christian to a 65-24 win over Naselle Tuesday, in a Southwest 1B District Tournament playoff game in Kelso.

Adrian Corona scored eight points to lead the Comets, who finish the season 3-17 overall.



Seaside's Jaxson Smith, No. 22, goes up for a shot over Banks' Colin Burton, No. 33, in their basketball game at Seaside High School Tuesday.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

Girls Basketball — Clatskanie at Warrenton, 6 p.m.
Boys Basketball — Clatskanie at Warrenton, 7:45 p.m.

FRIDAY

Girls Basketball — Scappoose at Astoria, 5:30 p.m.; Valley Catholic at Seaside, 5:30 p.m.; Knappa at Neah-Kah-Nie, 6 p.m.; Falls City at Jewell, 5:30 p.m.

Boys Basketball — Scappoose at Astoria, 7:15 p.m.; Valley Catholic at Seaside, 7:15 p.m.; Knappa at Neah-Kah-Nie, 7:45 p.m.; Falls City at Jewell, 7:15 p.m.

Swimming — District 1/4A, at Astoria Aquatic Center, 3 p.m.
Wrestling — District 1/4A Regionals, Tillamook, TBA

BASKETBALL

HIGH SCHOOLS

Girls

Astoria 35, Tillamook 32
AST (35): Chloe Hunt 15, Mitchell 9, DeMander 5, Wallace 4, DiBartolomeo 1, Abrahams 1.
TIL (32): Jordan Zweifel 14, Hammond 6, Sherer 6, Kottre 4, Martin 2.
Astoria 7 11 8 9—35
Tillamook 7 5 7 13—32

Seaside 54, Banks 25

BAN (25): Megan Bunn 9, Slika 8, Streblov 4, Klein 2, Wren 1.
SEA (54): Whitney Westerholm 13, Utti 12, Villegas 10, Dundas 9, P.Ideue 6, Bussert 4, West.

Banks 2 9 8 6—25
Seaside 10 10 21 13—54
JV: Banks 23, Seaside 16

Rainier 64, Warrenton 17

WAR (17): Landree Miethé 10, Blodgett 4, Holdiman 2, Morrill 1.
RAI (64): Shelby Saylor 14, Norman 12, Taylor 10, Crape 8, Hansen 6, Guisinger 5, Tow 4, Schimmel 2, Gibson 2, Thurston 1.
Warrenton 1 6 6 4—17
Rainier 13 15 20 16—64

Knappa 56, City Christian 42

CC (42): Piper Lewellen 18, Traver 16, Vong 3, Swalko 2, Belefski 1.
KNA (56): Shailei Wright 17, Cameron 11, Little 8, Landwehr 8, Vanderburg 4, Rogers 3, Aho 3, Jones 2, Vandergriff.
City Christian 5 7 15 15—42
Knappa 11 7 19 19—56

Ilwaco 61, Toledo 44

TOL (44): Haley Tauscher 12, Ca.Rice 10, Barge 9, Bowen 4, Ch.Rice 4, Tauscher 3, Ewers 2.
ILW (61): Hannah Ellsworth 18, Coffin 17, Kaech 15, Lindstrom 7, Bentley 2, Jacobson 2, McMillan, Tapio, Kulm, Benenati.
Toledo 6 10 11 17—44
Ilwaco 25 10 14 12—61

Naselle 59, WA School/Deaf 22

WSD (22): Bedolla 10, Lopez 8, Girard 3 Pietsen 1.
NAS (59): Taylor Ford 14, Leeland 10, Ridgeway 8, Chapman 7, T.Eaton 6, Tutu'u 6, Jacot 6, A.Eaton 2, Footh.

WA School/Deaf 0 13 5 4—22
Naselle 22 14 13 12—59

Boys

Tillamook 41, Astoria 40

AST (40): Morgan Fruith 17, Strange 13, Jarrett 5, Scroup 3, Fremstad 2, Johnson, Keating, Palek.
TIL (41): Trent Meyer 16, Berge 10, Wright 8, Maloney 4, Martindale 2, Moore 1.
Astoria 7 6 16 11—40
Tillamook 9 6 11 15—41

Seaside 63, Banks 53

BAN (53): Jake Evans 19, De.Renne 13, Narvaez 8, Shurts 6, Burton 5, Da.Renne 2.
SEA (63): Jackson Januik 18, Smith 17, Thompson 8, Marston 7, Babb 5, Eagon 4, Meyer 2, Lewis 2.
Banks 12 13 15 13—53
Seaside 16 14 13 20—63

Rainier 42, Warrenton 39

WAR (39): Brock Johnson 20, Holt 7, Whitaker 4, Cochran 4, Kyme 4.
RAI (42): Jeff Tripp 10, Earls 9, D.Rea 9, Hall 7, C.Tripp 5, C.Rea 2.
Warrenton 6 11 10 12—39
Rainier 9 7 10 16—42

Knappa 71, City Christian 38

CC (38): DeMonte Malloy 23, Evans 8, McNack 4, Apretsi 3.
KNA (71): Tyson Bur-nard 24, A.Miller 20, Takalo 11, Drago 8, Rusinovich 4, Severson 2, J.Miller 2, Weirup, Goodman, Parks, Hendrickson.
City Christian 11 4 12 11—38
Knappa 17 27 13 14—71

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