

Scappoose holds off Seaside boys; Banks beats Astoria girls

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CLATSKANIE — The Scappoose and Seaside boys basketball teams met for the fourth time this season Tuesday night, in a Cowapa League tie-breaker at Clatskanie for the No. 1 seed to the state playoffs.

And for the third time (and the second on a neutral court), the Indians won, this time a 61-50 decision over the Gulls.

Seaside came in riding the momentum of a last-second win at Tillamook, but the magic wasn't working for the Gulls in their fourth game against Scappoose.

The Indians answered a 4-0 deficit to start the game with a 10-0 run, and never trailed after that.

With the win, Scappoose will bypass the Regional Play-In round, and will host a lower-seeded team in a Sweet 16 playoff March 6, while the Gulls return to action Friday (opponent to be determined).

Seaside nearly overcame a 29-20 halftime deficit, with baskets by Hunter Thompson, Jackson Januik and Jaxson Smith in the third quarter, bringing the Gulls to within 36-34.

Scappoose answered with a pair of 3-pointers from Chase Johnson and Jacob Wendelschafer in the final seconds of the third to give the Indians a 44-36 going into the fourth quarter.

The Gulls normally play their best when they're behind, and in fact cut the Scappoose lead to 54-48 on a Januik jump shot with 2:30 left.

But the Indians did just enough to keep the lead, knocking down free throws to cement the victory. Johnson led a trio of players in double figures with 17.

Wendelschafer and Reed Johnson both scored 11, off-setting 24 points by Januik.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Banks 43, Astoria 25

BANKS — They had to work and scrap for every point, but the Banks Braves finally held off Astoria for a closer-than-it-looked, 43-25 win Tuesday night, in a Cowapa League girls basketball playoff.

The Lady Fish were playing their game — low-scoring with lots of defense and forced turnovers.

And it was working ... for a while. Astoria was within 31-24 midway



JEFF TER HAR — For The Daily Astorian
Seaside's Zach Marston tries to get a shot off over the hand of a Scappoose defender, in Tuesday's Cowapa League tie-breaker.

through the fourth quarter, when Banks junior JoJo Wren hit a 3-pointer that sparked a 12-0 run for the Braves.

"We got within seven points with four minutes left, and I thought we were going to be able to make a run, but we couldn't get over the hump," said Astoria coach Mike Jacobson.

Astoria lost Chloe Hunt and Ashlee Dalton to fouls in the final quarter (Hunt had three fouls at halftime), and the Braves finally wore down a short-handed Astoria team.

Banks improves to 15-11 overall and earns the Cowapa's No. 3 seed.

Astoria drops to 10-16, and may get left out of the Regional Play-in round as a result of their RPI.

The Lady Fishermen scored five points in each of the first three quarters, while Banks scored eight in each of the first three and led 24-15 going into the fourth.

After Wren hit a 3-pointer to give the Braves a 27-17 advantage, Kaylee Mitchell made four straight free throws, Dalton added a pair of foul shots, and Rylee DeMander scored on a layup to bring Astoria to within 31-24.

Wren answered with the trey, and

the Braves made their free throws down the stretch to pull away.

DeMander and Mitchell both scored nine points for Astoria, which has not beaten Banks since Feb. 9, 2010.

Banks has won 12 straight vs. the Lady Fish, including three games this year by scores 44-26, 43-13 and 43-25.

"Chloe Hunt maybe played 12 minutes at the most due to foul trouble and then fouling out early in the fourth quarter," said Jacobson, who "really felt bad for her, considering the fouls that were called on her. There was no consistency with the officials in the game for either team."

"So when your leading scorer and rebounder is out most of the game, it hurts us in every aspect of the game itself," he said. "I thought with all the injuries and sickness that we dealt with this year that the kids played hard and pushed through it as well as any team that we have coached in the past."

In addition to Hunt and Dalton finishing the game on the bench with fouls, the Fishermen were without Mykka Abrahams, Taylor Mickle and Kaisa Israel, all out with illness or injuries.



Courtesy of University of Oregon
Astoria's Conor Harber — in his first week with the Ducks — was named Pac-12 Pitcher of the Week.

Harber earns Pac-12 Pitcher of the Week award

EUGENE — Just a week into his career at the University of Oregon, Astoria's Conor Harber is already making headlines.

The junior right-handed pitcher was named the Pac-12 Pitcher of the Week for Feb. 16-22, the conference office announced.

Harber threw six no-hit innings of relief to help the Ducks post their third come-from-behind victory this season, 3-1, over New Mexico State in Oregon's home opener at PK Park Thursday.

It was the second time in two weeks the Ducks planned to throw Harber (2-0) in relief of Cole Irvin.

After five two-hit innings in a shutout of Hawaii to open the season, Harber worked six innings Thursday and did not allow a hit. The former Fisherman struck out the final two batters to finish with eight K's on the night.

Harber is 2-0 with a 0.00 ERA after two outings this season. He has allowed just two hits in 11 innings pitched with 12 strikeouts and two walks. Harber will take the mound again this weekend when No. 20 Oregon visits No. 22 Santa Barbara.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

Boys Basketball — Union at Knappa, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY

Girls Basketball — Wahkiakum at Ilwaco, 2 p.m., at WF West HS, Chehalis

BASKETBALL

HIGH SCHOOLS

Boys

Scappoose 61, Seaside 50
SCP (61): Chase Johnson 17, Wendelschafer 11, R.Johnson 11, McNabb 8, Ford 7, Marcantonio 5,

Backus 2.

SEA (50): Jackson Januik 24, Thompson 10, Eagon 8, Smith 4, Marston 2, Lewis 2, Babb.

Scappoose 12 17 15 17—61
Seaside 8 12 16 14—50

Girls

Banks 43, Astoria 25

AST (25): Rylee DeMander 9, Kaylee Mitchell 9, Wallace 4, DiBartolomeo 2, Dalton 1, Hunt, Albright, Adams.

BAN (43): Megan Bunn 14, Wren 10, Streblov 6, Gregg 3, Soper 3, Jordan 3, Monroe 2, VanDomelen 2.

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Banks 8 8 8 19—43

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