

# Astoria volleyball returns home with win

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The Astoria Lady Fishermen are officially in the win column, following a four-game victory over Rainier in a nonleague volleyball match at the Brick House Wednesday night, 25-22, 15-25, 25-16, 27-25.

Astoria's Jacqueline Jarrett pounded out 16 kills with three blocks, and Chloe Hunt added 13 kills and five blocks for the Fishermen, 1-3 overall.

Astoria had opened with consecutive three-game losses to Sisters, Santiam Christian and Estacada, and lost a two-game set to Estacada in bracket play of last week's Southridge Tournament.

"We're finally playing with a full lineup," said Astoria coach Angee Hunt, following her team's home opener. "We never gave up tonight. We just kept pushing through, even though we're playing with different lineups."

Astoria trailed 6-0 in Game 1 before rallying for the win.

Rainier — the No. 1-ranked 3A squad — won Game 2 behind a strong night from sophomore Breana Edwards.

The Lady Fish bounced back with victories in Games 3 and 4.

Sophomore Chelsea Christensen had nine kills for Astoria, and sophomore Madi Landwehr added six kills with two ace serves. Aurora Grafton had three aces.

Sophomore Darian Hageman led Astoria with seven blocks, while Landwehr had 21 digs. Shelly Searls added 18 digs for Astoria, which opens Cowapa League play at Banks Tuesday.

"We had a lot to be proud of tonight, but we have a lot to improve on," coach Hunt said.



Astoria's Chloe Hunt, No. 11, scores a kill in the third set against Rainier.



Astoria's Chloe Hunt, No. 11, celebrates a point against Rainier in the first set of their volleyball match against Rainier Wednesday.



Astoria's Madi Landwehr, No. 2, hits the ball over the net against Rainier in the first set of the volleyball match Wednesday.



Astoria students take a selfie during the match.

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SCHEDULE

#### TODAY

**Volleyball** — Cascade at Seaside, 7 p.m.; Portland Christian at Warrenton, 6:15 p.m.; Knappa at Faith Bible, 6 p.m.; Naselle at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.  
**Girls Soccer** — Cascade at Seaside, 7 p.m.  
**Boys Soccer** — Astoria at La Salle, 6:30 p.m.; Seaside at Cascade, 4:15 p.m.

#### FRIDAY

**Football** — Astoria at North Bend, 7 p.m.; Seaside at Cascade, 7 p.m.; Willamina at Warrenton, 7 p.m.; Knappa at Kennedy, 7 p.m.; Tacoma Baptist at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.

#### SATURDAY

**Volleyball** — Seaside at Cascade Tournament, 8:30 a.m.; Warrenton at Dayton Tournament, 9 a.m.  
**Cross Country** — Ultimook Invitational, Tillamook, 10 a.m.

## Seattle tries to erase Super Bowl blow

By TIM BOOTH  
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SEATTLE — They all processed the events differently, just as Pete Carroll encouraged. He wasn't going to direct how to get past arguably the most stunning Super Bowl conclusion in history.

Some may never get over what occurred when Russell Wilson's pass found the arms of Malcolm Butler and not Ricardo Lockette. But the Seattle Seahawks are in agreement that the easiest way to escape the cloud of what happened is getting back there again.

"We were on the 1-yard line. We don't need to change much," Wilson said. "I think that's kind of our focus."

Seattle begins the season trying to become the first NFC team to win three successive conference titles. The Seahawks remain the class of the NFC West and with Green Bay are widely considered the best two teams in the conference.

But there are new issues the Seahawks face that have nothing to do with any hangover from that February loss to New England.

There's internal strife: Strong safety Kam Chancellor — a Pro Bowl talent and respected locker-room voice — is holding out, and there is no signal of a resolution.

There are personnel questions, specifically along the offensive line where veteran Max Unger is no longer around and Seattle will begin the season with two players, Drew Nowak and Garry Gilliam, who have never started an NFL game.

And there's the inevitable pull back to that post-Super Bowl feeling and if Seattle will get the chance to erase that memory.

"That's such an obvious factor because it gets brought up all the time, and you get asked the questions and stuff. We understand that, and everybody gets that," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said. "How many teams get back to a championship game twice, and then how many teams get back to it three times? There's no reason for anybody to think you can do that, it just doesn't happen. So that's a cool thing, that's a cool



Seattle Seahawks head coach Pete Carroll, left, yells as running back Thomas Rawls, left, returns to the sideline after scoring a touchdown against the Oakland Raiders in the second half of a preseason NFL football game, Sept. 3 in Seattle.

Elaine Thompson/AP Photo

challenge for us. So all of that kind of has a subtle way of fueling us."

What to watch for as the Seahawks open the season on Sunday at St. Louis:

**FEED THE BEAST:** Marshawn Lynch is entering that unique age for running backs where production typically drops off. Lynch turned 29 in April, but if last season was any indication, he is not slowing down. Lynch rushed for 1,306 yards — second most in his career — and a career-high 13 touchdowns in the regular season. The addition of veteran and close friend Fred Jackson should make it possible to give Lynch breaks; Jackson will likely be Seattle's main third-down running back.

**HERE'S JIMMY:** Seattle stayed basic during the preseason with how it used new offensive toy Jimmy Graham. Expect the Seahawks to start showing off Graham's versatility now.

The tight end's presence in the offense should open coverage for wide receivers Doug Baldwin and Jermaine Kearse. Wilson should also have the chance to be more aggressive with some of his throws downfield because of Graham's size.

The question for Graham is if he can be a capable blocker in the run game and not a liability.

**SHUFFLE THE DECK:** The offensive line will be under close watch throughout the season. Left guard was so problematic that Justin Britt was moved from right tackle — where he started all last year — to guard midway through training camp. Coaches have raved about Nowak's strength and athleticism, but he was a defensive lineman in college. Right guard J.R. Sweezy and left tackle Russell Okung are the only certainties on the line as the season begins.

**LEGION OF WHOM?:** It's strange to think the questions with Seattle's defense rest in the secondary. All-Pros Richard Sherman and Earl Thomas are still there — although Thomas' health is still somewhat in question after offseason shoulder surgery. Chancellor's holdout creates a void not easy to fill because of the unique size and athleticism he brings to the position.

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## Little League to phase out 13-year-old kids

The Associated Press

Little League is getting younger.

The organization announced Thursday it is changing its age requirement, phasing out 13-year-olds from the league.

Little League is changing its "age determination

date" to Aug. 31, which will prevent anyone who turns 13 during the baseball season from playing in the league, beginning in 2018.

The current birthdate cutoff of Apr. 30 will remain in effect in 2016 and 2017 for players born on or before Aug. 31, 2005.



Pennsylvania's 13-year-old Mo'ne Davis delivers in the first inning against Tennessee during a baseball game in United States pool play at the Little League World.

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