

Royals pass the test, defeat Warrenton

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WARRENTON — Portland Christian and Warrenton hooked up in a volleyball endurance test Thursday night.

And while the Warriors scored well and had game points in Games 2 and 3, the Royals ultimately won the battle in four intense games, 11-25, 26-24, 28-26, 25-20.

Portland Christian bounced back from a 14-point loss in the opening game, overcame a sizable deficit in Game 2, rallied late in Game 3, then led from start to finish in Game 4 to pick up the win in the crucial Lewis & Clark League match.

"You have to give credit to a team that gets smoked the first game and comes back and wins the match," said Warrenton coach Jenny Forney Smith, whose team played well, but still drops to 0-2 in league.

The Warriors looked dominant in the opening game.

After falling behind 2-0, Ally Bentley served the Warriors into a 9-2 lead, and teammate Landree Miete followed with more pinpoint serving to put Warrenton ahead 14-3.

The Royals made a brief run, but Miete and freshman Claire Bussert teamed up for a double block on Portland Christian's Hannah Antal, sparking the crowd and the Warriors to a 21-9 lead and eventual win.

Bentley had three ace serves to help Warrenton to a quick 5-0 advantage in Game 2.

But Portland Christian freshman Simone Gordon and Antal showed off some hitting power of their own, as the Royals stormed back and overcame a 24-21 deficit with five straight points to even the match.

Game 3 featured 14 ties, and the Warriors again found themselves with a game point, as a perfectly placed set over the net by Lexie Lumberg gave Warrenton a 24-22 lead.

Gordon had a kill for the Royals to end a long rally, and Portland Christian escaped with a 28-26 win.

The Royals were never seriously threatened in Game 4, building leads of 14-5 and 19-11.

"We have to start playing every game with the intensity of our first," Smith said. "We need to play to win and stop playing afraid to lose."

Libby Biel played a big part in keeping the Warriors ahead or at least in every game, as the senior finished with team highs of 17 kills and 16 digs.

Bentley had 12 digs, nine aces and four kills; Miete had four kills in the Game 3 loss; and Bussert finished with 19 assists.

Cougars def. Seagulls

SEASIDE — Cascade got past Seaside in a three-game sweep Thursday night, 25-15, 25-19, 25-21, in non-league volleyball action at the Gulls' Nest.

Falcons def. Loggers

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Asia Lambert, left, and Allison Bentley, right, both try to keep the ball in play during Warrenton's third set against Portland Christian Thursday.



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Katelynn Blodgett's shot is blocked by Portland Christian's Hannah Antal, No. 7, in the third set of Warrenton's volleyball match.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

7 p.m.

TODAY

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

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.

Knappa volleyball team highlighted their night with a dramatic win in Game 2, but Faith Bible won the Northwest League match in four games, 25-15, 26-28, 25-10, 26-24.

Mack Strain opened the second game with eight straight serves for an 8-0 lead.

The Falcons rallied and took a brief lead before Strain and teammate Bailey Corder

served out a win for the Loggers.

Knappa came back from a 24-20 deficit in Game 4 to tie the game at 24-24, before the Falcons scored the next two points to close out the match.

Warrenton players cheer from the bench in the first set.

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Warrenton's Asia Lambert, No. 13, runs through a tunnel of students after being announced as a starter before the volleyball match against Portland Christian



Gull, Cougar girls soccer teams battle to 0-0 tie

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SEASIDE — A nonleague girls soccer match between Cascade and Seaside ended in a 0-0 stalemate Thursday night at Broadway Field.

Cascade was "a challenging side to stay with, but the defensive back four did a great job, turning back each attack," Seaside coach Matt Johnson said. Gulls' goalkeeper Jesse Trott "took care of everything that got through the D-line, including a point-blank shot which she smothered."

"Everyone who spent time on the defense line played tough, disciplined defense, and I am very proud of them," Johnson said.

Cascade threatened to score more often in the first half than the Gulls, but in the second half the Gulls



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Seaside's Whitney Westerholm, right, nearly scored a game-winner late in Thursday's soccer game.

"started to push the attack offensively," Johnson said. "The Cascade goalkeeper

was solid and handled a couple of tough shots, deflecting a quality shot far post from

Whitney Westerholm and tracking down through-balls in the box."

Seaside almost stole a win with a shot by Westerholm that deflected off the post in the final minute of play.

"Our midfielders worked their tails off, our forwards challenged everything, and the defense just shut the door," Johnson said. "I was very pleased with the improvement they showed tonight. The first game of the season was clunky and it looked like we didn't know what to do with the ball, but tonight we were a different team and it was an exciting game."

Boys Soccer

Cascade 1, Seaside 0

TURNER — In non-league boys soccer action Thursday, Cascade defeated Seaside 1-0, the first loss of the season for the Gulls.

Hunting event for youth nears

LONG BEACH, Wash. — A Youth Waterfowl Hunt Event, hosted by the Washington Waterfowl Association, Ducks Unlimited, and Friends of Willapa National Wildlife Refuge, starts at 7 a.m. Sept. 19 at the Willapa National Wildlife Refuge, Porter Point Unit. Refuge signs to S. Bay Units/Riekkola Unit, located off of Sandridge Road, at the east end of 67th Place in Long Beach. The event includes prizes, food and hunter education.

To attend, RSVP by Wednesday by calling the Willapa National Wildlife Refuge at 360-484-3482 or emailing willapa@fws.gov