

# Astoria takes down No. 1-ranked North Bend

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**NORTH BEND** — The Astoria Fishermen showed that they are indeed for real Friday night, as they slipped past No. 1-ranked North Bend 22-20 in a nonleague football game at Vic Adams Field.

Astoria improves to 2-0 with their win over the Bulldogs, who played for the 4A state championship last year.

Fridtjof Fremstad's 8-yard touchdown pass to Ryker Helmersen with 12 seconds left in regulation capped another second-half, double-digit comeback victory for the Fishermen, who rallied from 14 points down the week before against Taft.

In Friday's game, North Bend built a 20-10 lead in the final quarter, after Brody Lucero plowed his way into the end zone on a quarterback keeper with 6:03 left.

But North Bend was victimized by penalties all night (11 for 117 yards), and the Bulldogs were whistled for two pass interference calls on Astoria's ensuing drive, which was capped by a 21-yard TD pass from Fremstad to Ryan Palek with 3:27 left.

An unsportsmanlike penalty on the Bulldogs was followed by a blocked punt (which North Bend kicks from a field goal formation) by Astoria's Keldon Littell, who also recovered the ball and returned it to the Bulldogs' 12-yard line.

On fourth down, Fremstad rolled around in the backfield and found Helmersen alone in the right corner of the end zone with 12 seconds left. Earlier in the game, Fremstad connected with Carter Wallace on a 61-yard scoring strike that put Astoria in front 7-3 at halftime.

Wallace kicked a 35-yard field goal in the third quarter. North Bend had a 364 to 254 advantage in total yards, but the Bulldogs lost their first regular season game since 2013.

Wallace had 60 yards rushing for Astoria, and Fremstad was 9-of-19 for 163 yards passing.

Astoria hosts Philomath Friday.

## Cascade 47, Seaside 10

**TURNER** — No. 2-ranked Cascade defeated their second Cowapa League team in as many weeks Friday, as the Cougars powered past Seaside, 47-10, one week after scoring a 47-34 win over Scappoose.

Cascade quarterback John Schirmer tossed three touchdown passes to Cam Molan, while the Gulls lost quarterback Otto Hoekstre just before halftime.

Cougar running back Garrett Coffey ran for a pair of touchdowns to open the scoring, and teammate Hunter Thomas made it 22-0 with a 72-yard run in the second quarter.

Alex Barker had Seaside's lone TD, a 24-yard run in the second period. Taylor Barnes added a 32-yard field goal in the third for the Gulls, who play at Rainier Friday.

## Kennedy 40, Knappa 14

**MT. ANGEL** — The Ken-



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The Fighting Fishermen celebrate their victory over the state's top-ranked team Friday night.

nedy Trojans and Knappa Loggers met for the first time on the gridiron since 2010 — and ended up with a similar score, but a different winner.

The Loggers won the 2010 meeting, 40-13, but No. 4-ranked Kennedy scored the win Friday night in Mt. Angel, 40-14.

Kennedy running back Bishop Mitchell ran 16 times for 159 yards and four touch-

downs, and quarterback Brett Traeger threw for 141 yards and a pair of scores.

Knappa lost three fumbles, and managed two late touchdowns on passes from Dakota Severson to Braedon Eltagonde and Mason Hoover.

Andrew Goozee led the Loggers with 88 yards rushing.

The Loggers host Central Linn this week.

## Ilwaco 41, Tacoma Baptist 6

**ILWACO, Wash.** — Ilwaco's Alec Bell rushed for 224 yards and scored three touchdowns to lead the Fishermen to a 41-6 win over Tacoma Baptist Friday.

The Fishermen built a 34-0 halftime lead in their home opener. Bell averaged 18.6 yards per carry, and Ilwaco racked up 418 yards on the ground.

Jack Kaino added two rushing touchdowns for Ilwaco, which had 511 yards in total offense.

## Boys Soccer

### Seaside 5, Gladstone 1

**SEASIDE** — The Seaside Gulls cruised past Gladstone, 5-1, in a nonleague boys soccer game Saturday.

Gladstone had won three straight over the Gulls entering Saturday's game, including a 4-2 win last year and 6-0 in 2013.

Seaside improves to 2-1, and will play at North Marion Tuesday. The Gladiators fall to 1-4.

# Warrenton Warriors win a wild and crazy game, 32-2

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The Daily Astorian

**WARRENTON** — There's never a dull moment, when it comes to Warrenton football.

Well, maybe there were a few the week before, but not Friday night, in the Warriors' home opener against Willamina.

One-play scoring drives, malfunctioning stadium lights, crazy fumble returns ... it was all part of a dominating performance by the Warriors, who pounded a good Willamina team 32-2.

Warrenton's Gavon McFadden had two long scoring plays and intercepted two passes, and the Warrior defense held the Bulldogs to just 10 yards rushing.

"We have not had a regular game this year," said Warrenton coach Travis Freeman, following his first win as Warrior coach. "We had a lightning delay (at Vernonia), then we had a light decide to catch on fire last night, no scoreboard to start ... all that kind of stuff. It was fun, all the same."

And with a starting quarterback who is not even on the varsity roster, the Warriors led 6-0 16 seconds into the game, when sophomore Preston Miller threw his first pass for a 69-yard touchdown to McFadden.

From there, the Warriors proceeded to take out a week's worth of frustration on the Bulldogs. Warrenton was coming off a 58-0 loss at Vernonia the week prior.

"We didn't play well at Vernonia, and we needed to make a lot of changes," Freeman said. "When you have three senior running backs, you have to establish a running game. So we shuffled some things around. And the kids came out and played phenomenal."

The Warriors looked more like the Warrior team that started 6-0 last season, as they brought back their "Purple People Eater" defense, and stuffed anything the Bulldogs tried.

North Bend finished with just 10 yards rushing on 33 attempts.

Half the stadium lights went out in the second half, but the teams kept playing. Not much to see anyway, as the Bulldogs did not pick up a first down in the second half until the next-to-last play of the game.

Willamina also fumbled seven times and threw two interceptions, and did its part to help the Warriors.

That was no more evident than on the final play of the first half. Facing a fourth-and-15 from their 49, the Bulldogs decided to run one final play, the old "hook and ladder."

They ran the hook part, as quarterback Brad Milton completed a pass to Brodey Bruckner, but Bruckner lateraled the ball to no one, for Fumble No. 1.

The Warriors recovered, then lost it (Fumble No. 2); a Willamina player picked up the ball but could not hang on (Fumble No. 3), and McFadden scooped up the loose ball on the run, and kept on running down the left sideline for a 52-yard return as



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Warrenton's Tyler Coolidge, No. 12, dodges a tackle during a run in the third quarter against Willamina. More photos online at [www.dailyastorian.com](http://www.dailyastorian.com)



Warrenton recovers a fumble in the third quarter.



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Warrenton's Gavon McFadden, No. 2, runs back after an interception in the first quarter of the football game against Willamina Friday.

time expired.

"It's one of those plays that you don't understand how or

why it happens, but I'm glad it bounced our way," Freeman said. "It was three (fumbles),



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Warrenton Warrior Anthony Cochran, No. 78, sacks Willamina's Brad Milner, No. 8, in the first quarter of their football game Friday in Warrenton.

absolutely. We had one guy try to scoop it, and kicked it; another one of our guys jumped on it and it shot out. Luckily it landed right at the feet of our fastest kid.

## SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL		Cascade 47, Seaside 10	
Astoria 22, North Bend 20	Seaside 0 7 3 0—10	Cascade 15 20 6 6—47	Cas: Garrett Coffey 1 run (Lucas Bjorklund kick)
NB: Ian Bream 32 FG	NB: Carter Wallace 61 pass from Fridtjof Fremstad (Wallace kick)	NB: Wallace 35 FG	NB: Bream 26 FG
NB: Michael Hannah 9 run (Bream kick)	NB: Brody Lucero 5 run (Bream kick)	Ast: Ryan Palek 21 pass from Fremstad (kick failed)	Ast: Ryker Helmersen 8 pass from Fremstad (kick blocked)
Team Statistics		Team Statistics	
Astoria	N.Bend	Cascade	Seaside
First Downs	14	19	0
Total offense	254	364	20
Rushes-yards	35-91	53-337	6
Passing	163	27	6
Comp-Att-Int	9-19-1	5-19-0	4
Fumbles-lost	1-1	2-1	0
Turnovers	2	1	0
Penalties-yards	7-49	11-117	0
Astoria Statistics		Seaside Statistics	
Rushing: Wallace 18-60, Fremstad 14-24, Tuimato 3-7	Receiving: Helmersen 3-36, Palek 2-36, Strange 2-31, Wallace 1-61, Olson 1-(-1)	Rushing: Kaino 12-224, Bell 7-68, Eagle-Bear 3-33, McMullen 3-32, Duke 1-6, Schenk 2-4, Lozano 1-4, Thompson 2-3, Chetwood 2-1, Odneal 2-1, Sheldon 1-(-2)	Receiving: Bell 3-52, R.Thompson 2-36, Kaino 1-5
North Bend Statistics		Tacoma Baptist Leaders	
Rushing: Lucero 20-164, Hannah 15-63, Ferenczi 12-56, Buck 5-53, Moore 1-1	Passing: Lucero 5-19-27.0	Receiving: Iparaguire 2-17, Stark 2-13, Ferenczi 1-(-3)	Receiving: Kaitzelman 7-22, Pasqua 3-25
Warrenton 32, Willamina 2		Ilwaco Statistics	
Willamina 0 2 0 0—2	Warrenton 6 13 7 6—32	Rushing: Kaino 12-224, Bell 7-68, Eagle-Bear 3-33, McMullen 3-32, Duke 1-6, Schenk 2-4, Lozano 1-4, Thompson 2-3, Chetwood 2-1, Odneal 2-1, Sheldon 1-(-2)	Receiving: Bell 3-52, R.Thompson 2-36, Kaino 1-5
First Quarter		Tacoma Baptist Schedule	
War: Gavon McFadden 69 pass from Preston Miller (run failed) 11:44	War: Justice Watson 5 run (Foster kick) 6:21	Tuesday	War: Justice Watson 5 run (Foster kick) 6:21
Second Quarter		Wednesday	War: Justice Watson 5 run (Foster kick) 6:21
Wil: Safety, intentional grounding in end zone 5:34	War: Raymund Alcobendas 8 pass from Miller (David Foster kick) 1:43	Thursday	War: Justice Watson 5 run (Foster kick) 6:21
War: McFadden 52 fumble return (kick blocked) :00	War: Hunter Wilson 1 pass from Miller (kick failed) 9:18	Friday	War: Justice Watson 5 run (Foster kick) 6:21
Third Quarter		Saturday	War: Justice Watson 5 run (Foster kick) 6:21
War: Hunter Wilson 1 pass from Miller (kick failed) 9:18	War: Justice Watson 5 run (Foster kick) 6:21	Sunday	War: Justice Watson 5 run (Foster kick) 6:21
Fourth Quarter		Monday	War: Justice Watson 5 run (Foster kick) 6:21
War: Hunter Wilson 1 pass from Miller (kick failed) 9:18	War: Justice Watson 5 run (Foster kick) 6:21	Tuesday	War: Justice Watson 5 run (Foster kick) 6:21
Willamina Statistics		Wednesday	War: Justice Watson 5 run (Foster kick) 6:21
Rushing: B.Bruckner 2-25, I.Bruckner 9-16, Farmer 1-0, Hulling 1-(-3), Healon 2-(-5), Gibbons 7-(-7), Milton 10-(-8), Boardman 1-(-8)	Passing: Milton 10-15-79-2, Farmer 2-4-21-0	Thursday	War: Justice Watson 5 run (Foster kick) 6:21
Receiving: B.Bruckner 5-42, Gibbons 3-41, I.Bruckner 2-8, Hulling 1-7, Healon 1-2	Fumbles-lost	Friday	War: Justice Watson 5 run (Foster kick) 6:21
Fumbles-lost	7-4	Saturday	War: Justice Watson 5 run (Foster kick) 6:21
Turnovers	6	Sunday	War: Justice Watson 5 run (Foster kick) 6:21
Penalties-yards	5-45	Monday	War: Justice Watson 5 run (Foster kick) 6:21
Willamina	Warr.	Tuesday	War: Justice Watson 5 run (Foster kick) 6:21
First downs	8	Wednesday	War: Justice Watson 5 run (Foster kick) 6:21
Total offense	110	Thursday	War: Justice Watson 5 run (Foster kick) 6:21
Rushes-yards	33-10	Friday	War: Justice Watson 5 run (Foster kick) 6:21
Passing	100	Saturday	War: Justice Watson 5 run (Foster kick) 6:21
Comp-Att-Int	12-19-2	Sunday	War: Justice Watson 5 run (Foster kick) 6:21
Fumbles-lost	7-4	Monday	War: Justice Watson 5 run (Foster kick) 6:21
Turnovers	6	Tuesday	War: Justice Watson 5 run (Foster kick) 6:21
Penalties-yards	5-45	Wednesday	War: Justice Watson 5 run (Foster kick) 6:21

## PREP SCHEDULE

### TUESDAY

**Volleyball** — Astoria at Banks, 7 p.m.; Seaside at Scappoose, 7 p.m.; Warrenton at Clatskanie, 6:30 p.m.; Crosshill Christian at Jewell, 5:30 p.m.; Ilwaco at Wahkiakum, 7 p.m.

**Girls Soccer** — Oregon Episcopal at Astoria, 6 p.m.; North Marion at Seaside, 7 p.m.

**Boys Soccer** — Seaside at North Marion, 4 p.m.

### THURSDAY

**Volleyball** — Astoria at Tillamook, 7 p.m.; Banks at Seaside, 7 p.m.; Warrenton at Rainier, 6:30 p.m.; Vernonia at Knappa, 6 p.m.; Livingstone Adventist at Jewell, 5:30 p.m.; Wishkah Valley at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.

**Girls Soccer** — St. Helens at Astoria, 6 p.m.; Seaside at Corbett, 4 p.m.

**Boys Soccer** — Corbett at Seaside, 6:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY

**Football** — Philomath at Astoria, 7 p.m.; Seaside at Rainier, 7 p.m.; Neah-Kah-Nie at Warrenton, 7 p.m.; Central Linn at Knappa, 7 p.m.

### SATURDAY

**Football** — Ilwaco at Life Christian, 7 p.m.

**Volleyball** — Seaside at Sisters Tournament, 8:30 a.m.; Vernonia Tournament, 9 a.m.; Jewell at C.S. Lewis Tournament, 9 a.m.; Ilwaco at North Beach Tournament, 9 a.m.

**Cross Country** — 3-Course Challenge, Camp Rilea, 10 a.m.

I don't think I've ever seen Gavon run that fast."

For good measure, McFadden also had two interceptions, and the Warrenton defense sacked Milton four times for 24 yards.

Willamina's only points came in the second quarter, when Miller was called for intentional grounding in the end zone, resulting in a safety.

Justice Watson had runs of 11 and 16 yards on a drive late in the second quarter, capped by Miller's 8-yard TD pass to Raymund Alcobendas on a fourth down play.

McFadden's fumble return

on the final play of the first half gave Warrenton a 19-2 lead.

Watson scored on a 5-yard run in the third quarter, and Miller threw his third touchdown pass of the night in the fourth, a 1-yard flip to Hunter Wilson.

Watson rushed for 130 yards on 17 carries, and Miller was 9-of-19 for 116 yards.

"Preston did just fine," Freeman said. "He managed the game well. Jesse (Salcedo) got hurt two days before the Vernonia game, and we've been going with Preston ever since. I'm excited for him to get the win."

Warrenton hosts Neah-Kah-Nie Friday.