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Astoria's Carter Wallace breaks away for a touchdown in the second quarter of the football game against Philomath Friday at CMH Field. See more photos online at www.dailyastorian.com

Astoria's luck runs out in loss against Philomath

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After rallying from big second half deficits in each of their first two games, the "Comeback Magic" just wasn't working for the Astoria Fishermen Friday night in nonleague football action at CMH Field.

The ninth-ranked Philomath Warriors established a strong running game and an early 14-0 lead, and held on for a 34-14 win over the No. 8-ranked Fishermen, who suffered their first loss of the season.

Philomath senior Trenton Looper ran 21 times for 126 yards and two touchdowns, and quarterback Kenan Conner was 5-of-7 for 134 yards.

Despite playing with just 17 players, the Warriors had a good handle on the game, pounding out 418 yards on the ground. The Philomath defense was even better, holding Astoria to just two first downs in the second half.

Fishermen running back Carter Wallace still gained 120 yards on 18 carries and scored twice, both touchdowns coming in the second quarter.

Philomath led 21-14 at halftime, then recovered an onside kick to start the second half. Conner capped the ensuing 11-play, 49-yard drive with a 2-yard scoring run, and teammate John Sommers intercepted a pass on Astoria's first possession.

The Fishermen had a glimmer of hope midway through the second half. Astoria went for a fake punt on the first play of the fourth quarter, with Ryker Helmersen completing a 48-yard pass to Kyle Strange for a first down.

The drive ended with a fourth down incompleteness.

The Warriors marched 82 yards in nine plays on the next possession, with a 44-



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Philomath's Kenan Conner, No. 17, picks off a pass intended for Astoria's Brendan Coberly, No. 6, in the end of the second quarter.

yard Conner-to-Cal Stueve completion keying the drive.

Conner also had a 41-yard TD toss to Riley Davis on a fourth down play in the first half.

Astoria begins Cowapa League play Friday at home vs. Scappoose.

SEASIDE 18, RAINIER 8
RAINIER — Seaside tuned up for the Cowapa League season with an 18-8 win at Rainier Friday night.

The Gulls rolled up 247 yards on offense, but highlighted the night with a strong defensive effort. Seaside held Rainier to just 92 total yards, while Alex Barker had eight tackles, with two sacks and four tackles for lost yardage.

Jaxson Smith scored on a 10-yard run for the Gulls in the first quarter, and Barker scored from a yard out in the third period. Taylor Barnes added a 35-yard field goal in the fourth.

The Gulls open the Cowapa season Friday at home vs. Valley Catholic.

WARRENTON 46, NEAH-KAH-NIE 0
WARRENTON — Neah-Kah-Nie quarterback Max Halverson gained 19 yards on the Pirates' first play from scrimmage Friday night at Warrenton ... and that was the end of the Neah-Kah-Nie highlights.

The Pirates were thrown for losses or no gain on 19 of

their next 30 carries, as Warrenton cruised to a 46-0 nonleague win.

The Warriors' defense held Neah-Kah-Nie to minus-4 yards rushing for the game. Combined with minus-2 yards passing, Neah-Kah-Nie had minus-6 yards total offense for the evening.

On Neah-Kah-Nie's only pass reception, Garrett Meyer was dropped in the end zone for safety.

Warrenton was led by Nathan Bighill (13 carries, 155 yards, TD runs of 50, 35 and 1 yards). Justice Watson scored twice in the first quarter on consecutive carries of 33 and 25 yards. Gavon McFadden returned the free kick punt 67 yards a touchdown.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY
Volleyball — City Christian at Knappa, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY
Volleyball — Scappoose at Astoria, 7 p.m.; Valley Catholic at Seaside, 7 p.m.; Knappa at Gaston, 6 p.m.; Ilwaco at Naselle, TBA
Girls Soccer — Astoria at Scappoose, 4:15 p.m.; Seaside at Valley Catholic, 7 p.m.
Boys Soccer — Scappoose at Astoria, 6 p.m.; Valley Catholic at Seaside, 7 p.m.

FOOTBALL

PHILOMATH 34, ASTORIA 14
Philomath 14 7 76-34
Astoria 0 14 00-14

First Quarter
Phi: Trenton Looper 2 run (Logan Williams kick) 6:06
Phi: Garrett Gerding 60 run (Williams kick) 1:37

Second Quarter
Ast: Carter Wallace 50 run (Wallace kick) 11:51
Phi: Riley Davis 41 pass from Kenan Conner (Williams kick) 8:02

Third Quarter
Phi: Conner 2 run (Williams kick) 5:51

Fourth Quarter
Phi: Looper 7 run (kick failed) 5:16

Team Statistics

	Philomath	Astoria
First Downs	19	10
Total Offense	418	236
Rushes-yards	48-284	28-157
Passing	134	79
Comp-Att-Int	5-7-1	5-11-2
Fumbles-lost	1-1	1-0
Turnovers	2	2
Penalties-yards	5-40	1-10

Philomath Statistics
Rushing: Looper 21-126, Gerding 1-60, Williams 8-40, Croy 4-28, Kantor 5-19, Conner 9-11. **Passing:** Conner 5-7-134-1. **Receiving:** Looper 2-33, Stueve 1-44, Davis 1-41, Williams 1-16.

Astoria Statistics
Rushing: Wallace 18-120, Fremstad 10-37. **Passing:** Fremstad 4-9-31-2, Helmersen 1-1-48-0, Wallace 0-1-0-0. **Receiving:** Palek 3-25, Strange 1-48, Helmersen 1-6.

SEASIDE 18, RAINIER 8

Seaside 7 0 65-18
Rainier 0 0 0 8-8

Sea: Jaxson Smith 10 run (Whitney Westerholm kick)

Sea: Alex Barker 1 run (kick failed)

Rai: Rayn Schmunk 13 pass from Casey Tripp (2-point conversion)

Sea: Taylor Barnes 35 FG

Sea: Safety, tackle in end zone

Seaside Statistics

Rushing: Barker 27-166, Smith 14-37 Ward 4-11, Thompson 2-3, Smith 2-1. **Passing:** Smith 2-5-29-

1. **Receiving:** Barker 1-24, Ward 1-5.

WARRENTON 46, NKN 0

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Warrenton 22 22 02-46

War: Safety, punt snap recovered in end zone by NKN

War: Gavon McFadden 67 punt return (David Foster kick)

War: Justice Watson 33 run (Foster kick)

War: Watson 25 run (kick blocked)

War: Safety, Garrett Meyer tackled in end zone

War: Nathan Bighill 50 run (Foster kick)

War: Bighill 25 run (Foster kick)

War: Bighill 1 run (kick blocked)

War: Safety, blocked punt recovered in end zone by NKN

Warrenton Statistics

Rushing: Bighill 13-155, Watson 8-87. **Passing:** Miller 5-9-52-0.

Receiving: McFadden 2-27, Coolidge 1-19, Wilson 1-6.

CENTRAL LINN 53, KNAPPA 0

Central Linn 20 27 06-53
Knappa 0 0 0 0-0

CL: Jesse Wibbens 2 run (Elleanoro Silva kick)

CL: Alex Pettner 15 run (kick blocked)

CL: Braden Nightingale 5 run (Silva kick)

CL: Pettner 3 run (Silva kick)

CL: Nightingale 11 pass from Wibbens (Silva kick)

CL: Wibbens 9 run (kick failed)

CL: Nightingale 47 run (Silva kick)

CL: Dakota Ruiz 1 run (conversion failed)

LIFE CHR. 38, ILWACO 30

Ilwaco 0 8 022-30
Life Chr 14 3 138-38

LC: Reid Roelofs 47 pass from Jack Hohimer (Andrew Gessell kick)

LC: Wyatt Dunlap 27 run (Gessell kick)

LC: Gessell 31 FG

Ilw: Jack Odneal 1 run (Riki Thompson from Odneal)

LC: Roelofs 44 pass from Hohimer (Gessell Kick)

LC: Roelofs 31 pass from Hohimer (kick failed)

Ilw: Alec Bell 3 run (Odneal run)

Ilw: Bell 5 run (Bell run)

LC: Dunlap 10 run (Tom Cannell from Hohimer)

Ilw: Thompson 13 run (run failed)

Ilwaco Statistics

Rushing: Bell 26-166, Kaino 15-80, Thompson 3-53, Schenk 3-21, Odneal 7-(-11). **Passing:** Odneal 10-18-107-0, Bell 0-1-0-1. **Receiving:** Thompson 4-43, Kaino 2-11, Bell 1-24, Bannister 1-10, Schenk 1-12.

Life Christian Leaders

Rushing: Greene 6-33. **Passing:** Hohimer 12-19-261-1. **Receiving:** Roelofs 6-143, Greene 4-100.

The Warriors scored on three safeties as the Pirates snapped the ball into the end zone on a punt attempt; Warrenton tackled a ball carrier in the end zone for another; and the JV squad blocked a punt that Neah-Kah-Nie recovered in its own end zone late in the fourth quarter.

Warrenton's Devon Bowsler recovered two fumbles to go with six tackles. Bighill had nine tackles.

Warrenton won last year's meeting with the Pirates 53-6, and scored a 2-0 victory (on a safety) in 2013.

CENTRAL LINN 53, KNAPPA 0

KNAPPA — Central Linn built a 47-0 halftime lead on a short-handed Knappa team, on its way to a 53-0 win over the Loggers in nonleague 2A football Friday night.

Central Linn quarterback Jesse Wibbens rushed for one touchdown and threw for another, while teammate Braden Nightingale scored

three times, including a 47-yard TD run in the fourth quarter.

LIFE CHRISTIAN 38, ILWACO 30

LAKEWOOD, Wash. — Ilwaco scored 22 points in the fourth quarter, but the Fishermen comeback came up eight points short Saturday in Lakewood, Wash., where Life Christian held on for a 38-30 win at Harry Lang Stadium.

Ilwaco finished with 407 yards in total offense to Life Christian's 408, although the Fishermen ran 31 more plays than Life Christian.

Life held a 17-8 halftime lead, then increased it to 30-8 after three quarters.

Ilwaco's Alec Bell had two rushing touchdowns in the fourth quarter to help close the gap to 30-24, before Life Christian answered with a Wyatt Dunlap touchdown.

Riki Thompson had a late 13-yard TD run for Ilwaco for the final score.

Burglar: 'He is not a hopeless case. He is a challenging case'

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Tarabochia has a lengthy criminal history of theft and burglary dating back more than a decade.

He has more than 100 victims in Clatsop County. Most of his recent victims were local businesses such as Pizza Hut and the Sunset Empire Park & Recreation District in Seaside, Skipanon Brand Seafood in Warrenton and Astoria Ford.

"All the victims were very excited about the resolution," prosecutor Scott Chamberlain said.

Last September, Tarabochia was arrested on multiple charges including burglary, theft, felon in possession of a weapon, unlawful possession of a destructive device and sex abuse charges.

Seaside Police Department detectives and the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office

joined together to investigate Tarabochia's multiple commercial burglaries in the Clatsop County area.

A slew of charges were dropped through his plea agreement. Judge Paula Brownhill noted Friday that Tarabochia could have faced a much longer sentence if not for his impressive knowledge of the legal system. He and his lawyer Terrence Hunt submitted countless motions to sup-

press the charges. Some of the motions prevailed.

A trial was scheduled this week, but was canceled once both sides reached the plea agreement.

Judge Brownhill said finding an unbiased jury in Clatsop County would have been difficult.

"You have victimized so many people," she said. "It would be somewhat challenging to pick a jury because so

many in our jury pool have been victims of your crimes. You have to stop this."

The judge asked Tarabochia why he committed so many burglaries, even after spending time in prison. He said he had no idea why.

Hunt did not make excuses for his client, but said Tarabochia has struggled with medical problems, finding work and dealing with his own identity. "He is not a hopeless

case," Hunt said. "He is a challenging case."

Judge Brownhill sentenced Tarabochia to 102 months in prison, or about eight-and-a-half years. He will get credit for time served this past year, so his remaining sentence is seven-and-a-half years.

The prosecution has 60 days to submit a total amount for restitution for the victims.

Tarabochia said he will not appeal the sentence.

Vessel: It's a former U.S. Naval landing vessel from World War II

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worked or know people who worked on the Salvage Chief and is creating a database of former crews.

Holcom said the restoration of the Salvage Chief

will happen over time, similar to Pier 39, and honor the Salvage Chief's history as a military and civilian vessel.

Repurposing

The Salvage Chief is a former U.S. Naval landing vessel

from the World War II Pacific theater, converted by Devine for work as a salvage vessel between 1947 and 2008. The vessel would drop three anchors, back into a grounded vessel, attach cables to it and winch the stranded vessels off

the ground.

It refloated several hundred stranded vessels and assisted many others. Among those were the New Carissa, which ran aground and broke apart near Coos Bay during a storm in 1999, and the Exxon

Valdez, an oil tanker that ran aground in Alaska's Prince William Sound in 1989. The Salvage Chief once towed a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier across the Pacific Ocean.

"The Salvage Chief has probably salvaged 95 percent

of all the major vessels that have been in trouble along the United States coast since 1950," said J.H. "Mick" Leitz, a former salvage master aboard the Salvage Chief, during an Oregon Public Broadcasting documentary on the vessel.