



Astoria's Chelsea Christensen, No. 8, hits the ball over the net in the first set of the volleyball game against Scappoose at Astoria High School Tuesday.



Astoria's Chloe Hunt, No. 11, dives to keep the ball in play in the first set of the volleyball match against Scappoose at Astoria High School Tuesday.



Astoria's Halie Korff, No. 13, goes for a kill in the second volleyball set against Scappoose at Astoria High School Tuesday.

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## Emotional night ends in 5-game loss for Astoria

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The emotions of the day and the intensity of the match were running hand in hand Tuesday night at the Brick House. And running high, especially for the Astoria volleyball team.

Hosting Scappoose for a key Cowapa League showdown and their first league match at home, the Lady Fishermen were also facing some true adversity — the kind that most high school students don't often face.

The Indians ultimately left with a five-game win, 26-24, 17-25, 19-25, 25-19, 16-14.

Emotionally exhausting, for everybody. "Considering the week that we've had, and the emotions that they were sharing yesterday ... and the fact that they came out and fought hard for an entire match ... it was an improvement over what we did last Thursday (a five-game loss at Tillamook)," said Astoria coach Angee Hunt.

A moment of silence was observed before the match for Astoria student Jade Morgan, who died in a car accident Saturday morning. Tuesday would have been Morgan's 17th birthday.

With a large percentage of the fans wearing pink in Morgan's honor, the emotional impact of the night, coupled with the intensity of the match ... it was a lot to handle, Hunt said.

"Add in all the emotional trauma, and the things high school kids shouldn't have to deal with at this point in their lives ... I'm real proud that they came out and played, and never showed signs of fatigue," she said of her players, who are all friends of Morgan's. "It was just them and the ball and the game, and we came up a little short tonight."

Scappoose spent much of the night rallying. The first comeback was in Game 1, which Astoria led 24-22.

A few attack errors by the Fishermen left the door open for the Indians, who scored four straight points to win the game.

Pinpoint serving by Chelsea Christensen and several kills by Chloe Hunt off sets from Madi Landwehr helped Astoria win the second game.

Halie Korff had a kill down the line and Jacqueline Jarrett added a kill off the block for a 17-13 lead, and Darian Hageman delivered a crosscourt spike to help the Lady Fish pull away. Astoria's best effort came in Game 3.

Hunt was unstoppable at the net, pounding out three straight attacks that could not be returned. Aurora Grafton served up two straight aces, and the Fishermen had a 17-9 lead on their way to the win.

Scappoose led for most of Game 4. The Indians broke a 19-19 tie by scoring the next six points to even the match at two games apiece.

The momentum carried over to Game 5, in which Scappoose built a 6-2 lead.

Astoria came charging back behind the serving of Jarrett, and consecutive kills by Hunt had the Fishermen in front, 10-8.

A missed served by Scappoose had Astoria leading 14-13, one point away from winning the match.

But the Indians staged one last rally. An Astoria attack went long to tie the game at 14-14, Scappoose senior Hannah Carey served up an ace, and another attack error by the Fishermen had the Indians celebrating a big victory.

"Games 2 and 3 we were solid," coach Hunt said. "We had a little letdown in the third game, and Game 5 was another back and forth battle. And little things end up being the big things in close games like that."

"We had three solid games at Tillamook, and the last two we faded," she said. "Tonight, we were solid from start to finish, and that was a goal."



ABOVE: Students put their hands up during a serve by Astoria's Madi Landwehr, No. 2, in the first set of the volleyball match against Scappoose. Students and other members of the crowd wore pink in remembrance of Jade Morgan, who died in a traffic accident Saturday. RIGHT: Astoria's Shelly Sears, No. 9, keeps the ball in play in the first set of the volleyball game against Scappoose at Astoria High School Tuesday.

In other Cowapa League action Tuesday, Valley Catholic defeated Seaside 25-12, 25-9, 25-19; and Banks swept Tillamook 25-11, 25-18, 25-14.

Astoria hosts Seaside Thursday, with both clubs looking for their first league win.

"Like I was telling the team afterward, the Cowapa League is probably one of the toughest leagues in the state," Hunt said. "We have a lot of tough teams (three teams ranked in the top eight), and every night is going to be a challenge."

"All you can do is bounce back. We just have to keep doing what we do, take care of things on our side and live to play another day."

### KNAPPA def. GASTON

GASTON — The Knappa volleyball team continues to climb the ladder of the Northwest League standings, as the Lady Loggers posted their second straight three-game sweep Tuesday night.

Knappa cruised past Gaston 25-19, 25-11, 25-20.

The Logger serving game was strong, as Knappa was a combined 63-of-70 from the service line.

Ashly Silva started the team rolling with seven straight serves in Game 1, with Bailey Corder serving up seven in a row later in the game.

Corder led the Loggers with four kills, while Kaitlyn Landwehr finished with four digs, three kills and three assists.

Kaitlyn Truax added three blocks, and Jaden Miethe had 14 digs.



Astoria's Chloe Hunt, No. 11, goes for a kill in the first set of the volleyball game at Astoria High School Tuesday.

## Fishermen, Gulls set on collision course

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WARRENTON — The Astoria and Seaside boys soccer teams both tuned up for Thursday's Clatsop Clash with a pair of 1-0 wins Tuesday night.

At Volunteer Field in Warrenton, Astoria scored a goal with 12 minutes remaining to beat defending Cowapa League champion Scappoose 1-0.

Astoria's Trevor Byrd stepped in front of a Scappoose goal kick and scored the game's lone goal.

"It was a good game," said Astoria coach Tim Fastabend. "The boys are starting to pick things up, after a strong pre-season schedule. We played well against La Salle (Sept. 10, Astoria's last game), and we had a solid game tonight."

Kyle Birge started in goal for Astoria, but left after a collision on a breakaway. Elijah Hirsch finished in goal for the Fishermen, who will be the visiting team Thursday night at Seaside, where the Cowapa League's top

two teams will battle for early possession of first place in the league standings.

### Seaside 1, Valley Catholic 0

SEASIDE — Seaside dominated the Tuesday night game against Valley Catholic, but had to settle for a 1-0 win over the Valiants at Broadway Field.

Jackson Januik's goal off a crossing pass from Dylan Wallis 11 minutes into the second half held up as the game's lone goal.

"It could have easily been 4, 5 or 6-nothing," said Seaside coach John Chapman. "We possessed the ball about 80 percent of the time on their half of the field."

The Gulls also missed two penalty kicks, while Seaside keeper Jarrett Coughlin recorded the shutout in goal for the Gulls.

In Cowapa League girls soccer action, Scappoose defeated Astoria 10-0, and Valley Catholic topped Seaside 7-0.

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SCHEDULE

#### THURSDAY

Volleyball — Seaside at Astoria, 7 p.m.; Warrenton at South Bend, 7 p.m.; Nestucca at Knappa, 6 p.m.; Jewell at Willamette Valley Christian, 5:30 p.m.; Life Christian at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.

Girls Soccer — Astoria at Seaside, 5:30 p.m.  
Boys Soccer — Astoria at Seaside, 7:30 p.m.

#### FRIDAY

Football — Scappoose at Astoria, 7 p.m.; Valley Catholic at Seaside, 7 p.m.; Warrenton at Nestucca, 7 p.m.; Knappa at Waldport, 7 p.m.; Ilwaco at Chief Leschi, 7 p.m.

#### SATURDAY

Volleyball — Astoria at Oregon City Tournament, TBA; Warrenton at Catlin Gabel, 2:30 p.m.; Ilwaco at Raymond Tournament, TBA  
Cross Country — Nike Pre-Nationals, Portland, 10 a.m.; Knappa Logger Elk Run, Teevin Ranch, 11 a.m.