

Scappoose kickers stun Seaside boys

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SEASIDE — The shocking result from Broadway Field Thursday night: Scappoose 1, Seaside 0. And it was shocking only because the Seaside Gulls completely dominated the crucial Cowapa League boys soccer showdown.

The Indians had just one shot on goal, and made it count, as Scappoose scored with 1 minute, 20 seconds left in regulation for the 1-nil victory.

And an important victory it was, as the defending Cowapa League champion Indians keep their hopes alive for a repeat.

The first place Gulls fall to 3-1 in league play, still a half-game up on both Scappoose (2-1) and Astoria (2-1).

Seaside could have taken

a big step toward clinching a league championship with a win, but none of the Gulls' nine shots on goal got through.

A well set-up play between Seaside's Hunter Thompson and Colton Carter was broken up by the Scappoose keeper in the 19th minute, the only shot on goal of the first half.

The Gulls had a flurry of opportunities in the second half — a long attempt from Jackson Januik near the left sideline in the 57th minute that was saved; shots by Cristian Angeles and Juneau Meyer that either sailed over the cross bar or were wide of the mark; and a direct free kick by Taylor Barnes in the 69th minute that missed.

Additional shots on goal by Januik and Thompson in the final seven minutes were saved.

With just under two min-

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

Football — Astoria at Valley Catholic, 7 p.m.; Seaside at Tillamook, 7 p.m.; Warrenton at Knappa, 7 p.m.; St. Mary's at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.; Taholah at Naselle, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Cross Country — Seaside at Philomath Invitational, 1 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Banks 2, Astoria 1

WARRENTON — The Astoria girls scored their third goal of the season Thursday night, but it wasn't enough to catch the Banks Braves, who posted a 2-1 victory over the Lady Fishermen at Volunteer Field.

Astoria coach Sarah von Colditz called it a "tough, tough, tough loss."

Still, "I couldn't be more proud of my Lady Fish," she said. "We came out positive,

energetic and gave it our all. (Goalkeeper) Lexi Law had an amazing game. She had 12 saves in the first half alone."

Astoria's Victoria Kee scored the game's first goal off of a cross from Ashlee Dalton in the 47th minute.

"By far one of the most amazing goals I have ever seen in person," von Colditz said. "It was a hard-driven volley in the upper far left corner. Perfectly placed."

The Braves scored 15 minutes later to tie, then slotted one in the net with just 12 seconds left in the game.

"This was the game where everything clicked," von Colditz said. "I couldn't be happier with the fight and enthusiasm, composure and positivity the girls showed on the field today."

In other Cowapa League

girls soccer action, Scappoose defeated Seaside, 11-0.

Cross Country

Gulls run at the Trojan Relays

ST. HELENS — Running without several of their top key runners, the Seaside girls' and boys' cross country teams still fared well at the Trojan Relays, sponsored by St. Helens High School and run in the park adjacent to the old Trojan Nuclear Plant.

Each school had five athletes, each running two miles.

The Seaside girls' team of Josie Smith, Sydney Villegas, Lucy Swenson, Kara Ipson and Anesha Smart placed fourth.

The Seaside boys (Bradley Rzniewicki, Jack Whittle, David Schwinof, Adam Morse and Jacob Basset) placed fifth, without several runners who were playing soccer.

Lady Loggers fall in four games to Delphian Dragons

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KNAPPA — It's always a tough place for an opposing team to win, but Delphian accomplished that feat Thursday night at Knappa, as the Dragons scored a four-game victory over the Lady Loggers, 25-15, 21-25, 25-14, 25-23.

Knappa led 16-12 in Game 4, before the Dragons rallied to win the Northwest League volleyball match.

The Loggers competed well, said Knappa coach Jeff Kaul, "and the final scores only tell a small part of the battles that were waged ... there was some absolutely fantastic rallies and some awesome saves along with some brilliant placement shots tonight."

Kaitlyn Landwehr led Knappa with 10 kills, 10 digs and three assists. She had help from Bailey Corder (14 digs), Paris Vanderburg (13-of-14 serving) and Kaitlyn Truax (three blocks).

Jaden Miethe had 27 digs for the Loggers, and Mack Strain was 10-for-10 serving.

Banks def. Astoria

The Banks Braves kept their hold on first place in the Cowapa League standings Thursday night, with a three-game sweep (25-23, 25-7, 25-11) over Astoria at the Brick House.

In other Cowapa League action, Seaside took the first game, but the next three and the match belonged to Scappoose, which left town with a four-game win over the Gulls, 18-25, 25-12, 25-23, 25-11.

OES def. Warrenton

PORTLAND — Solid ef-



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Knappa's Kaitlyn Landwehr, No. 4, spikes the ball in the first set during the volleyball match against Delphian Thursday at Knappa.

forts in Games 2 and 3 were not enough for the Warrenton volleyball team Thursday night, as Oregon Episcopal held on for a 25-9, 25-20, 25-22 win over the Warriors in Lewis & Clark

League action in Portland.

"We are starting to play tough again," said Warrenton coach Jenny Smith. "We still came up short, but made some improvements tonight. OES

had a great passing team. They didn't allow much to get past them on defense."

Ally Bentley had 16 digs and Libby Biel added six kills for the Warriors.



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Knappa's Paris Vanderburg, No. 5, bumps the ball over the net while defended by Delphian's Fernanda Caeaga, No. 2, during the volleyball games Thursday at Knappa.



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Seaside's Jetta Ideue sets up a play for the Gulls in Thursday night's match.

Landree Miethe finished with 12 digs, and Claire Bus-

sert had a solid night of setting for Warrenton.

High times: Owner of Nature's Choice said, 'It was a long time coming'

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"Some people cannot believe that this has happened, especially the old people," Guerrero said. "They're so happy just to have this option."

Take 'n' bake

Meanwhile, at Sweet Relief Natural Medicine on Commercial Street, customers poured into the downtown location, smelling the robust, earthy aroma before they had even crossed the threshold.

When the dispensary opened at midnight, roughly 65 people had already lined up outside, and, except from 3 a.m. to 6 a.m., the store stayed slammed with patrons until it closed at 7:30 p.m.

"It's been far beyond my expectations," said co-owner Oscar Nelson as he checked customers' IDs and savored the contained excitement on their faces. "I've seen a lot of 50-year-old people turn into young kids in front of my eyes."

Many of the people in the waiting room — mingling, relaxing on the furniture, grab-

bing packets of M&Ms from a glass bowl — said smoking marijuana helped them deal with various ailments: chronic pain, insomnia, post-traumatic stress disorder, etc. Some said they had not obtained a medical marijuana card because the application process and wait period took too long and they couldn't afford to purchase one.

With many customers, "It's not like, 'Oh man, I'm gonna go get f---- up.' It's more like, 'I'm going to get some sleep. I'm going to have a lot better day now,'" Nelson said. "It's a little bit different attitude than just getting lit — although, you know, that's fun, too."

Josh Binder, an Astoria resident, came from the East Coast, where marijuana use is illegal and, he said, stigmatized. "There's really kind of a cavalier attitude here, but it's kind of evolved into a positive attitude," he said.

A pot user since high school, Binder stood near the front of the late-night line and bought a popular, highly concentrated strain called Sticky Bitch. After a night of sweet



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A line forms outside of Sweet Relief Natural Medicine before the midnight opening Thursday.

dreams, he returned for a pre-rolled joint.

"I never smoked pot legally before, so it was kind of a milestone," he said. "Just wanted to get it and smoke it and feel confident that I didn't break the law."

Into the weeds

It was a similar story at Nature's Choice Alternative Medicine in Astoria, and at Highway 420 and Cannabis Nation in Seaside: long lines, giddy grown-ups and the feeling of buyers and sellers that

the world had finally caught up to them.

"It was a long time coming," Nick Clark, owner of Nature's Choice, said.

At each dispensary, more than 90 percent of customers turned up to get recreational marijuana. In fact, Clark had warned his medical patients that the place would be packed that day; several patients even chose to stock up on medicine ahead of the recreational rush, he said.

"We were very busy, we're tired, we're gonna get some

sleep, and we're going to do it again tomorrow," said Gary Reynolds, co-owner of Sweet Relief.

As in Colorado, the initial demand for legal recreational marijuana is expected to taper off, but will likely stay well above the demand for medical marijuana, Nelson said.

Clatsop County District Attorney Josh Marquis, who opposed Measure 91 — which legalized the use of recreational marijuana — noted that the voter-approved measure called for taxing and regulating marijuana.

"The argument was: let's tax and regulate marijuana and take it out of the black market," he said.

But when the state Legislature passed Senate Bill 460 in July, which allowed medical marijuana dispensaries to temporarily sell recreational marijuana, lawmakers basically allowed for the untaxed and unregulated sale of the drug, he said.

To be sure, dispensaries will start collecting a 25 percent tax on all limited recreational marijuana product sales beginning Jan. 4. And,

eventually, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission will have the tools and the staff to regulate recreational and retail sale of marijuana, but "they don't have either yet," Marquis said.

"The Oregon Legislature were the ones who decided we simply couldn't wait," he said.

Budding industry

Marquis said it will take one to two years to know the effects of legalized recreational marijuana in Oregon, and that it would be presumptuous for him to speculate on what those effects will be.

"In fairness to the businesses, I suspect the ones in business now are going to try and carefully adhere to the law," he said, "because nothing would cause them to get shut down by the state faster than obvious abuses," like selling recreational pot to minors or giving out illegal amounts.

"I'm just glad that the will of the people finally overcame the small minds in government," Steve Geiger, owner of Highway 420, said.