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Astoria's Ashlee Dalton, No. 12, puts a shot past Tillamook goalkeeper Taylor Browning during their soccer match Tuesday at CMH Field.

Early goals lead to Astoria's first victory

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Both teams came away satisfied with the results late Tuesday night, in a Cowapa League girls soccer match at CMH Field.

The Tillamook Cheesemakers scored their first goal of the season; and the Astoria Lady Fishermen picked up their first victory of 2015, a 3-1 decision over the Lady Mooks.

Both teams came into the contest with 0-8 records, and having been outscored by a combined 109-3.

Astoria scored two goals in the opening 3 1/2 minutes, then coasted from there to score the win.

Three different players tallied goals for the Lady Fishermen, who snapped a nine-game losing streak going back to last season.

"Our defensive line worked well tonight," said Astoria coach Sarah von Colditz. "All around it was a game I can smile about. A huge congrats to the girls on their first win of the 2015 season."

Meanwhile, Tillamook has played 34 straight games without a victory.

The Cheesemakers are currently ranked 40th out of 40 teams at the Class 4A level, and have not won a game since Sept. 14, 2013. Tillamook has been outscored 67-1 this season.

In the third minute, Astoria's Victoria Kee went one-on-one with Tillamook keeper Taylor Browning, and scored from the right side on a tough angle near the end line for the game's first goal.

One minute later, the Cheesemakers failed to clear a ball near the top of the box, and Astoria's Ashlee Dalton put a foot on it and tapped it into the net for a 2-0 lead. Jenna Rudolph got the assist.

That's all the Lady Fishermen would get in the first half, despite 17 shots on goal.

Astoria keepers Jasmin Mabry and Lexis Law had very little work to do, as the Cheesemakers had just one shot on frame in the first half.

Astoria's domination continued in the second half, with the Fishermen taking target practice on the Tillamook net.

Still, shots by Hailey Ranta, Rudolph and Megan Bergeron either sailed wide of the mark or were saved by Browning, who had an outstanding game in goal.

The Cheesemakers scored a fluke goal with 24:01 remaining, as Law was able to stop a Tillamook shot, but she lost her grip on the ball, and senior Damara Morales was able to knock the ball in the net for Tillamook's first goal of the season.

The Fishermen were able to tack on an insurance goal with 13:24 left, as Mabry gathered in a deflected shot by Bergeron and scored from close range.

Astoria had another 14 shots on goal in the second half, in addition to five corner kick opportunities.

Despite being outscored this year 45-3 entering the game, "The girls came out ready to score goals tonight," von Colditz said. "I think their enthusiasm got ahead of them, so it took us a while to calm down and play the game.

"Our offensive players were doing exactly what they needed to," she said. "I've never seen so many shots tallied up for us on our stats sheet. I was impressed. You cannot score if you don't shoot."

The Fishermen improve to 1-8 overall. Astoria is in the midst of five straight home games. The Lady Fish host Scappoose next Tuesday, followed by home games vs. Seaside and Valley Catholic.

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Astoria's Victoria Kee shoots during the game against Tillamook Tuesday at CMH Field.

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Astoria's Megan Bergeron pushes the ball up the pitch during the soccer game against Tillamook Tuesday at CMH Field.

Banks 3, Seaside 2

BANKS — Banks broke a 2-2 tie with four minutes left in the game for a 3-2 win over Seaside Tuesday, in Cowapa League girls soccer action.

Seaside scored the game's first goal in the 24th minute, as Chloe Bartel found the back of the net for the only score of the first half.

The Braves tied the game just five minutes into the second half, then pulled ahead in the 70th minute when a loose ball was touched past the Seaside goalkeeper.

"We gave them that second goal," said Seaside coach Matt Johnson. "It was a scramble, and in the confusion they got a toe on it. That happens."

The Gulls got the equalizer just two minutes later, as Audrey Kunde fought for a 50/50 ball and zipped it past the Banks keeper.

Banks responded with just four minutes left in the game, scoring the eventual game-winner.

Seaside threatened to tie it late, as Sophia Trevino and Whitney Westerholm both had shots on frame but time ran out on the Gulls. "We battled well tonight," Johnson said. "The field was a factor and any time we play at Banks we know we are in for a scrum."

Seaside hosts Valley Catholic Tuesday.

Boys Soccer

Tillamook 1, Astoria 0

TILLAMOOK — In Cowapa League boys soccer action, Tillamook scored a 1-0 win over Astoria.

The Fishermen fall to 2-2 in league play, one game behind Seaside and Scappoose (both 3-1). The Cheesemakers and Valley Catholic are tied for last at 1-3.

Warriors defeat Riverdale in three-game sweep

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PORTLAND — With the league playoffs right around the corner, the Warrenton Warriors are looking to improve their standing in Lewis & Clark League volleyball.

And the Warriors moved one match closer to fifth place Tuesday night, with a three-game sweep over Riverdale, 25-20, 25-15, 25-18.

Warrenton improves to 3-5 in league play, just one game behind Portland Christian (4-4) in the standings. Riverdale drops to 1-11 overall.

Faith Bible def. Knappa

KNAPPA — Faith Bible remains just a half-game behind Vernonia in the Northwest League volleyball standings, following a 25-17, 25-21, 25-17 win at Knappa Tuesday.

The Loggers had rallied from a 20-15 deficit to tie Game 2 at 20-20, before the Falcons recovered to win.

"Overall I was pretty excited about how we played tonight," said Knappa coach Jeff Kaul. "Faith Bible has one of the best players in the league, and when she decides to score it's pretty tough to stop her."

Kaitlyn Landwehr led Knappa with seven kills, with four assists and three digs.

Jaden Miethe had 10 digs, while Kaitlyn Truax and Paris Vanderburg each had four ace serves.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

Volleyball — Astoria at Scappoose, 5:45 p.m.; Seaside at Valley Catholic, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

Football — Tillamook at Astoria, 7 p.m.; Banks at Seaside, 7 p.m.

Volleyball — Knappa at Neah-Kah-Nie, 6 p.m.; Jewell at Crosshill Chrsitian, 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Football — Corbett at Warrenton, 7 p.m.; Gaston at Knappa, 7 p.m.; Ocosta at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Football — Naselle at Mary M. Knight, 1 p.m.

Volleyball — Seaside Tournament, 8:30 a.m.

Cross Country — George Fox Classic, 11:30 a.m.