

Astoria tops Seaside for first league win

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SEASIDE — Whenever two rivals meet on the court, as the old saying goes, “You can throw the records out the window.”

The Astoria and Seaside volleyball teams would like nothing more than to throw their league records (a combined 2-16) out the window at this point, as the two met for the final Clatsop Clash of the season.

Astoria’s three-game sweep over the Gulls Tuesday night at Seaside gave the Lady Fishermen (1-8) their first league victory of the season, while the Gulls fall to 1-8.

Chloe Hunt had 18 kills to lead Astoria in the 25-11, 25-19, 25-22 win.

Astoria is still holding out hope for a berth in the league playoffs and the 4A Regional Play-in round. The Lady Fish need to beat Valley Catholic Thursday at the Brick House, and hope Tillamook can defeat the Gulls.

For now, Astoria is just enjoying league win No. 1.

“It all kind of clicked tonight,” said Astoria coach Angee Hunt. “Better late than never. All we can do right now is play to the final whistle, and hope to extend the season. The (Seaside) tournament came at the right time, and that gave us a chance to work through some things.”

Astoria lost to Philomath in a best-of-three match in the consolation final of last weekend’s Seaside Tournament.

The Lady Fishermen dominated Tuesday night’s opener, as Chloe Hunt pounded out a few kills for a quick 13-5 lead.

A service ace by Samantha Hemsley made it 18-6, and Hunt had back-to-back kills to help close it out.

Darian Hageman had a service ace for a 4-0 lead in Game 2, in which Astoria built a 16-6 lead.

The Gulls got their game in order, as Maddi Utti blocked an attempt by Hunt, and Alyssia Gonzales pounded a pair of kills to the open floor to bring Seaside to within 22-17.

Astoria answered with a rally of its own, and Hunt’s set at game point gave the Lady Fishermen the second game.

Game 3 was the closest, a back-and-forth set that featured ties at every point from eight to 15.

Aurora Grafton’s serving run helped Astoria build a 23-17 lead, before Utti caught fire and delivered a few kills to bring the Gulls to within 23-22.

But after a quick time out, Astoria responded with kills by Hageman and Hunt at game point to close out the match.

“It was just back-and-forth and back-and-forth,” coach Hunt said. “We were just kind of hoping to hold Seaside off and get one of our servers back there. We were solid in serve receive all night. Our defense really came to play.”

Chloe Hunt’s per game average is four kills, but the

senior stepped up and pounded six per game Tuesday. Hageman added five kills.

Utti led the Gulls offensively, with help from a strong serving night from freshman Annaka Garhofer.

Rainier def. Warrenton

WARRENTON — Rainier remained unbeaten in league play, as the Columbians swept Warrenton Tuesday night, 25-21, 25-13, 25-10.

Fourth-ranked Rainier (10-0) leads Catlin Gabel (9-1) by one game in the Lewis & Clark League standings, while the Warriors drop to 3-6.

Ally Bentley led Warrenton’s charge, as she moved into the middle blocker spot and responded with nine kills, one block and seven digs. Libby Biel added 10 digs and six kills, and Landree Miethe finished with 10 digs and five kills.

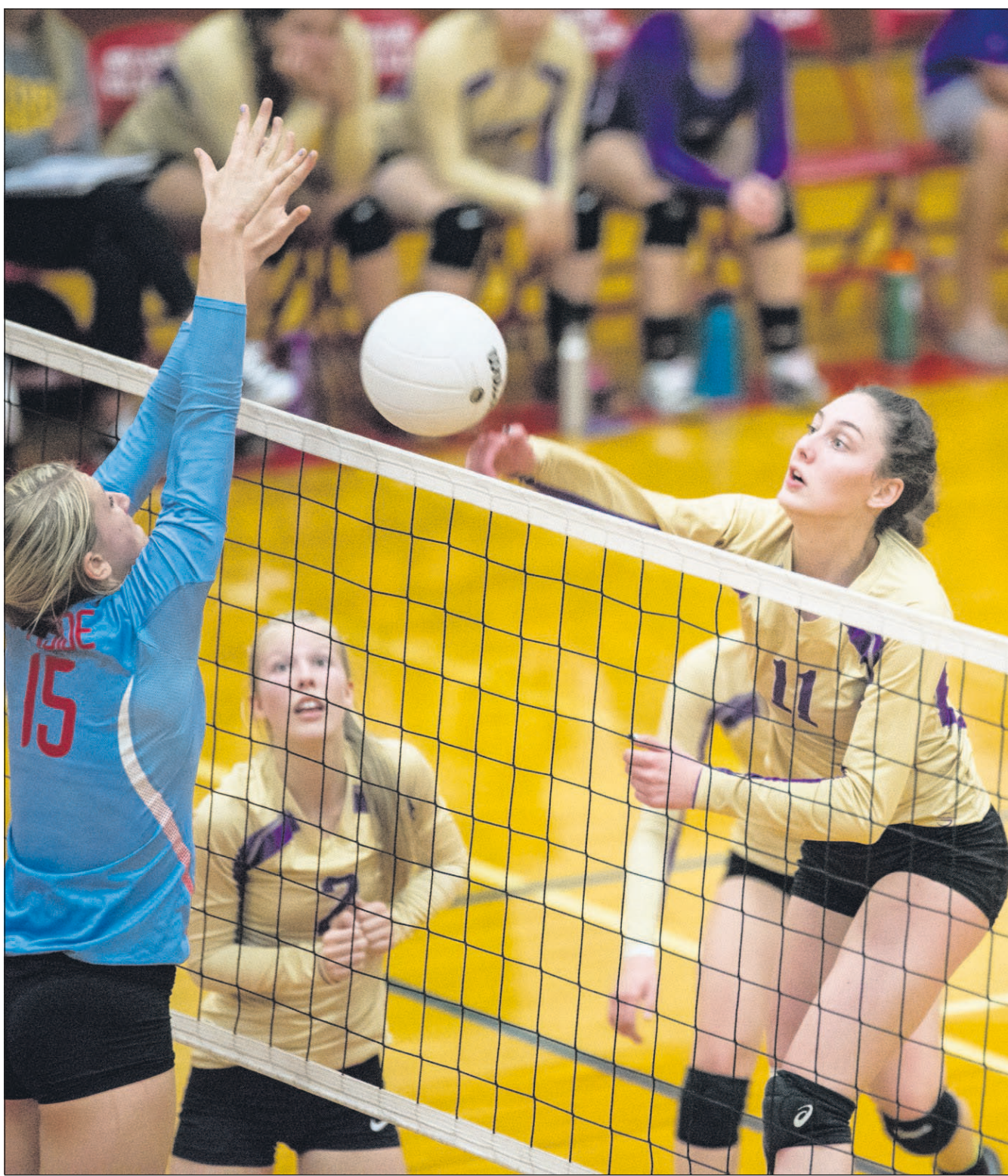
Vernonia def. Knappa

VERNONIA — The Vernonia Loggers topped the Knappa Loggers in Northwest League volleyball Tuesday, 25-18, 22-25, 25-11, 25-18.

Knappa’s Bailey Corder was perfect from the service line (11-for-11), and also had 10 digs and four kills. Teammate Kaitlyn Landwehr added five kills, with eight digs and four blocks.

Paris Vanderburg finished with three blocks, Alisha Murphy added five digs and four kills, and Jaden Miethe had 15 digs.

“To put things in perspective, Vernonia had six seniors on the floor tonight for Senior Night,” Knappa coach Jeff Kaul said, “and while only five were active players, it was great to see our young team competing so well against a much older team.”



Astoria’s Chloe Hunt, No. 11, spikes the ball while Seaside’s Maddi Utti, No. 15, tries to defend during their volleyball game at Seaside Tuesday.

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Astoria’s Madi Landwehr sets the ball during the volleyball game at Seaside Tuesday.

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ABOVE: Seaside’s Maddi Utti, No. 15, spikes the ball during the volleyball game against Astoria.

LEFT: Seaside’s Maddi Utti, No. 15, spikes the ball during the volleyball game against Astoria at Seaside Tuesday.

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SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

Cross Country — Astoria at Valley Catholic Invitational, TBA

THURSDAY

Volleyball — Valley Catholic at Astoria, 7 p.m.; Tillamook at Seaside, 7 p.m.; Warrenton at Portland Christian, 6:30 p.m.; Knappa at

City Christian, 6 p.m.; Chief Leschi at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY

Football — Astoria at Seaside, 7 p.m.; Clatskanie at Warrenton, 7

p.m.; Knappa at Nestucca, 7 p.m.; Ilwaco at Raymond, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Football — Naselle at Twin Valley, 1 p.m.

Volleyball — Astoria at Corbett Tournament, TBA; Seaside at Philomath Tournament, 8:30 a.m.; Life Christian at Knappa, 6 p.m.

Astoria, Seaside soccer on collision course

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Boys Soccer

The Astoria and Seaside boys soccer teams will meet on the field Thursday night, with a Cowapa League title possibility on the line.

Both teams were victorious Tuesday, as Astoria won 2-0 at Scappoose, and Seaside defeated Valley Catholic on the Valiants’ home field, 5-2.

Seaside is still on top of the league standings with a 4-1 league record, followed by Astoria and Scappoose, both at 3-2. With two victories over

the Indians, the Fishermen now hold the tie-breaker advantage over Scappoose.

The Gulls and Fishermen will face off in Game 1 of a soccer doubleheader 5:30 p.m. Thursday at CMH Field, followed by the Astoria and Seaside girls.

Girls Soccer

Scappoose 6, Astoria 0

Scappoose took a 2-0 half-time lead and turned it into a 6-0 win over Astoria Tuesday night, in a girls soccer game at CMH Field.

“This was the best game I have seen the girls play all

season,” Astoria coach Sarah von Colditz said of her team. “Their passes were on point and they were communicating well with each other. Each game these girls are exposed to more soccer, so they continue to improve. It’s great to watch as a coach. Scappoose’s team has talent everywhere you turn, and we broke them down at times.”

Valley Catholic 9, Seaside 0

Valley Catholic beat Seaside 9-0 in girls soccer action on Broadway Field in Seaside Tuesday.



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