

# VALIANTS SCORE WIN AT CMH, 6-0



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Astoria's Claire Albright, No. 8, and Valley Catholic's Reilly Blood, No. 5, fight for possession Tuesday at CMH Field.

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Lessons learned about the Valley Catholic girls soccer team Tuesday night: The Valiants can execute the corner kicks, and they can score lots of goals in a short amount of time.

The No. 8-ranked Valiants were doing both at CMH Field, in a Cowapa League game with Astoria.

Valley Catholic had two corner kick opportunities in the first half, and scored on both for a 2-0 halftime edge; and the Valiants scored four goals in a span of three minutes, 13 seconds midway through the second half.

"Valley Catholic is a well-coached and movement-oriented team," Astoria coach Sarah von Colditz said. "Their midfielders work very well with their forwards and move the ball away from pressure."

"We didn't quite stick to our game of playing balls to feet and moving off the ball."

The Lady Fishermen did not have a single shot on goal, as Valley Catholic controlled the ball offensively and played solid defense all night.

The Valiants' first corner kick came in the eighth minute, and Meredith Woolverton delivered a perfect kick from the left corner to teammate Reilly Blood in front of the goal. Blood headed the ball into the net for the first score.

With 26:10 remaining in the first half, Jessi Beyer's corner kick from the right side deflected off the hands of Astoria goalkeeper Lexi Law just under the cross bar for a 2-0 lead.

From there, Law made several big saves and broke up a Valiant breakaway to keep the Fishermen within reach at halftime.

Astoria was able to deny the Valiants on their first three corner kicks of the second half, but not the fourth.

From the left side, a kick by Woolverton went straight to Annika Filip, who volleyed the ball into the upper left corner of the net for a 3-0 advantage, with 21:26 left.

At the 20:00 mark, Blood outraced two defenders and scored to make it 4-0; Taylor Menkens followed with a nice pass up the middle to Blood, who scored her third goal with 19:30 remaining; and Menken's shot from the right post deflected off an Astoria player and into the net for the final goal at the 18:13 mark.

The Fishermen were without Megan Bergeron (ankle injury), who could return against Banks Thursday.

## Seaside 3, Tillamook 0

TILLAMOOK — The Seaside Gulls are closing in on a top three finish in the Cowapa League, as they scored another shutout win Tuesday night, 3-0 at Tillamook.

Seaside improves to 4-4, tied with Banks for third place with two regular season games remaining. Tillamook drops to 0-12 overall. The Cheesemakers have been outscored 89-1 this season.

No details were reported.

## Boys Soccer

### Seaside 2, Tillamook 1

SEASIDE — The Seaside boys locked up a share of the Cowapa League title Tuesday night at Tillamook, as the Gulls defeated the Cheesemakers 2-1.

Elsewhere in Cowapa boys soccer, Valley Catholic defeated Astoria, 2-0.

No details were reported from either game.

## Volleyball

The volleyball playoffs are set for two local teams.

Warrenton, ranked 21st in the latest OSAA rankings, will host 18th-ranked Portland Christian Thursday at 6 p.m. in a Lewis & Clark League playoff.

The Royals and Warriors both finished 5-6 in league play.

Elsewhere, Knappa plays at Gaston Thursday (6:30 p.m.) in a Northwest League playoff.

The winner of that match advances to play the winner of Vernonia vs. Nestucca Saturday, and the winner of Saturday's match secures the league's No. 3 seed to the state playoffs.



LEFT: Astoria's Claire Albright, No. 8, gets the ball under control during the soccer match against Valley Catholic Tuesday at CMH Field. RIGHT: Astoria's Jenna Rudolph, No. 5, and Valley Catholic's Sophia Cowles, No. 19, fight for possession during the soccer match.

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Astoria's Daniela Garcia, No. 4, passes during the soccer match against Valley Catholic Tuesday at CMH Field.

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SCHEDULE

#### TODAY

**Cross Country** — Cowapa League Championships, Camp Rilea, 2 p.m.

#### THURSDAY

**Football** — Washington School for the Deaf at Naselle, 7 p.m.

**Volleyball** — Tacoma Baptist at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.

**Girls Soccer** — Astoria at Banks, 4:15 p.m.; Scappoose at Seaside, 6:30 p.m.

**Boys Soccer** — Seaside at Scappoose, 4:15 p.m.

**Cross Country** — District 1-3A/2A Championships, TBA

#### FRIDAY

**Football** — Astoria at Banks, 7 p.m.; Seaside at Scappoose, 7 p.m.; Rainier at Warrenton, 7 p.m.; Rainier (WA) at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.

