

Another league title for Seaside sports teams

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SCAPPOOSE — Two days, two different sports and two Cowapa League titles for the Seaside Gulls.

One day after running away with the boys' cross country championship, Seaside (with many of the same athletes) clinched the Cowapa League title in boys soccer with a 1-0 win at Scappoose.

Jackson Januik — one of five cross country runners on the Gulls' roster — scored the game's lone goal 20 minutes into the first half, a perfectly placed free kick from 30 yards out.

Seaside's defense and goalkeeper Jarrett Coughlin did the rest, holding off a Scappoose charge the first 15 minutes of the second half to keep the shutout.

And the league title.

"It's been a long while, but it's where I thought we'd be," said Seaside coach John Chapman. "After Matt (Johnson) stepped aside as coach, we had a very young team (and finished 3-8-2 in 2013). But we gradually rebuilt, now we're league champs, and we have 13 guys coming back next year."

In Thursday's win, "We were very dominant with the ball in the first half, and then

in the second half our cross country guys were a little taxed," Chapman said. "And it was advantage Scappoose for the first 15 minutes.

"Their keeper made some brilliant saves, but Jarrett had a great game in goal for us," he said.

Seaside finishes the regular season 7-1, while Scappoose falls to 4-3, with one game remaining.

Girls Soccer

Scappoose 8, Seaside 0

SEASIDE — Scappoose scored four goals in each half Thursday night, in an 8-0 win over Seaside in a Cowapa League girls soccer game at Broadway Field.

The Indians "look like a team ready to peak for the playoffs," said Seaside coach Matt Johnson, whose team "played tough for all 80 minutes and made the Indians earn the 50/50 balls and each goal.

"We recognized that this team was very talented, but we wanted to go toe-to-toe with them for the entire game, and we accomplished that goal."

The Lady Gulls play their final home game Tuesday against Banks in a battle for third place in the Cowapa.

In other league action, Banks defeated Astoria 5-0 at Banks.



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Warrenton players celebrate after a comeback victory in the fourth set that positioned them for a five-game win over Portland Christian Thursday.

Warriors: 'They played with their heart'

By GARY HENLEY

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WARRENTON — The Portland Christian volleyball team had its moments Thursday night at Warrenton — including five chances at match point — but the Warrenton Warriors were *not* going to leave their home floor with a loss. Not on this night.

In the official Lewis & Clark League "Match of the Year," Warrenton trailed two games to one and overcame a 24-19 deficit in Game 4 to beat the Royals in a marathon match, 25-14, 23-25, 25-27, 27-25, 15-11.

"They played their best," said Warrenton coach Jenny Smith, who has taken the Warriors to the second round of the league playoffs for the second year in a row.

"They don't want to be done or their season to be over," she said. "When it was 24-19, I said 'you have to want to continue to play, or we're done.' They responded, and that's a testament to them."

And now it's one step closer to the state playoffs for the Warriors, who may be playing with more momentum than any team in the L&C. Warrenton plays at Oregon Episcopal Monday, winner to state.

The Royals did not appear to have much of a chance heading into the match.

Playing in front of their raucous home crowd, Warrenton had won two straight matches (including a sweep over the Royals just seven days previous), while Portland Christian showed up late (the Royals' team bus was 45 minutes late) and looked completely disorganized in pregame warm-ups.

And it didn't get much better once the action started, as Warrenton opened with a 7-0 lead in Game 1.

The Warrior lead reached 23-8 before the Royals had a brief rally at the end, only to lose 25-14.

"I thought we were going to take it in three," Smith said. "But (the Royals') defense was so much better tonight than the last time we played them."

Portland Christian did regroup, and won Games 2 and 3, both by two-point margins.

That brought up a do-or-die Game 4 for the Warriors, who stepped out into the hallway after Game 3 and had a little talk.

"They went out and did their 'I believe that we will win' thing," Smith said. "After Game 3, I just said 'leave. Get out of the gym, clear your head and go get yourself mentally prepared for Game 4. You have to play like it's Game 1, or we're done.'"

And Game 4 started well, as Ally Bentley had a big block on Hannah Antal and Landree Mieth's tap over the net helped the Warriors to a quick 7-0 lead.

A kill off the block by Mieth made it 11-3, but



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Warrenton's Allison Bentley celebrates a point scored during the first set.



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Warrenton's Landree Mieth dives to keep the ball in play during the third set.

the Royals rallied, gained momentum, and outscored the Warriors 21-8, setting up match point for Portland Christian, 24-19.

Warrenton forced a side out, and Bentley took over at the service line. Did she ever.

The senior stepped up and hit six straight serves, and Mieth powered two kills in a row past the Royals to put Warrenton in front, 25-24.

Portland Christian tied it at 25, but Mieth was in total control of the match, as the

junior delivered another kill then closed it out with an ace at game point.

"I'm so thankful that Ally was behind the line in Game 4," Smith said. "She's steady, confident and knows what to do. She knows how to serve, and she didn't doubt herself. She did what she needed to do."

And the momentum obviously carried over to Game 5.

After an 8-1 run to end Game 4, Warrenton opened Game 5 with an 8-0 run, and

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

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.

it was 12-3 soon after.

Portland Christian pulled to within 12-10, but ran out of steam, as Warrenton closed the night with a pair of kills from the senior, Biel.

Biel had eight ace serves to go with eight kills and 31 digs (and only four errors). Bentley added four kills, four blocks, three aces and 22 digs, and Mieth finished with five kills.

"In Game 5, Landree was passing three-point passes," Smith said. "Claire (Bussert) played intelligent at the net tonight, more aggressive than she normally plays. Sophia (Thomas) played great — she had crucial ups (digs) in the back row. The same with Lexie (Lundberg). They got hit to tonight, over and over.

"We only missed seven serves in five games," she added. "Normally we miss 14 in three. I'm so proud of the way that they played."

And, no deficit is too big to overcome for the Warriors.

"When we were (at Portland Christian, the week before), we were behind at point 17 every single game, and we came back," Smith said. "We're getting better at playing from behind, and doing a better job of closing it out. They played with their heart. They're not ready for their season to be over."

Gaston def. Knappa

GASTON — Knappa's season came to a close Thursday, as Gaston scored a four-game win over the Loggers, 25-23, 25-15, 19-25, 25-22, in a Northwest League playoff match.



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Osprey's Joe Dalida splits a pair of defenders in last week's soccer action.

Osprey, PC United battle to 1-1 tie

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The Lower Columbia Osprey had mixed results last weekend, losing to the No. 1 team in the table, FC West, and playing to a hard-fought draw to Portland City United (who had defeated the Osprey in their last three meetings).

The U14 Osprey traveled to Forest Grove Saturday and lost 10-1 to FC West, with the Osprey scoring their lone goal in the 47th minute. David Jimenez converted a penalty kick for the goal.

FC West peppered the Osprey with 22 shots on goal, and keeper Josh Condit had a tremendous save, blocking a bicycle kick from 12 yards out. Osprey standouts included Garrett Berliner, Jimenez, Marco Franco-Houser and Co-Captain Riley Cameron.

Sunday was the Osprey's Sponsor Appreciation Match, and they responded with their best match of the season.

The Osprey were the dominant side throughout the match, holding PCU to only four shots on goal to 10 for the Osprey.

Still, the match ended in a 1-1 draw.

Michael Postlewait scored in the seventh minute for the Osprey, off a great pass from Jeremy Owen.

PCU scored the equalizer in the following minute. Both teams played well the remainder of the match, with Owen and Postlewait both missing on one-on-one scoring opportunities. Osprey standouts were Postlewait, Berliner,



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Josh Condit puts a head on the ball for the Osprey in last weekend's soccer action.

Owen, Dalton Byrd, Ricky Godsey and Cameron.

Osprey coach Jerry Boisvert said, "How does a bunch of 12- and 13-year-old boys get demolished in a Saturday game then bounce back on Sunday? I'm simply amazed. I know so many of us support youth sports for various reasons; here is another one to add to my list. This weekend was a reaffirmation of our team's efforts, and a neat motivator. These kids obviously took something from the Saturday loss, were not discouraged, and they were ready to make the necessary changes to compete the next day against a very good team."

Boisvert thanked sponsors FinnWare and Fort George "and everyone in this community that continues to support our kids no matter the sport or activity."

The Osprey travel to Portland Sunday to face Southeast SC at Cleveland High School, 4:30 p.m.



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