

# Senior Night success for Astoria boys soccer

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With a shot at second place still up for grabs, the Astoria Fishermen did their part Tuesday night at home, in a Cowapa League boys soccer regular season finale at CMH Field.

The Fishermen scored a goal in each half for a 2-0 win over Tillamook, to finish 4-4 in the league standings.

In other action, Scappoose needed a win or tie at Valley Catholic to lock up second place and a home game in the Regional Play-in round. And a tie is what the Indians (4-3-1) got, in a 1-1 tie vs. the Valiants.

Astoria takes third, and will play a road game in the Regional Play-in round this weekend.

"For the seniors especially, it's nice to win," said Astoria's first-year coach, Tim Fastabend. "It wasn't very pretty. There's five or 10 minutes where we play good-looking soccer, then we got mentally a little bit out of the picture."

Neither team looked dominant in Tuesday's contest.

Astoria had more shots on goal in the first half (five shots to none for the Cheesemakers), while Tillamook outshot the Fishermen over the final 40 minutes, 4-2.

Just four minutes, 40 seconds into the game, Astoria's Cole Beeson took a short free kick from Rafael Alcantar, and launched a long ball from 40 yards out that went in just under the crossbar for the game's first goal.

Additional shots on goal from Luis Herrejon, Trevor Byrd, Alcantar and Beeson were all saved by the Tillamook keeper.

Fishermen senior goalkeeper Elijah Hirsch was called upon to make a few saves in the second half, and came up big, stopping some point blank shots by the Cheesemakers.

Astoria's second goal came in the 64th minute, as senior Ben Williams collected a loose ball and scored from close range for the 2-nil lead.

"We got off to a good start with a number of chances," Fastabend said. "We made some nice runs in the box over the first 20, 25 minutes. Then we kind of lost our focus."

"The next game is going to be a lot tougher," he said, "but if we put together 80 minutes, we certainly have a good opportunity."

## Girls Soccer

Astoria 6, Tillamook 0

**TILLAMOOK** — The Astoria Lady Fishermen finished off the 2015 regular season the same way they finished off the 2014 campaign — with a 6-0 win over Tillamook.

Astoria's Shrida Sharma scored in the 30th minute off a pass from Jasmin Mabry for a 1-0 halftime lead, before the Lady Fish broke it open in the second half, with five goals.

"We had a rocky start, but the girls put things into gear the second half and the goals came pouring in," Astoria coach Sarah von Colditz said.

Three minutes into the second half, Anna Gimre sent a ball to Jenna Rudolph, who chipped the ball over the Til-



Astoria's Cole Beeson, No. 11, goes up for a header against Tillamook's Ryland Pam-push, No. 10, during the soccer match Tuesday at CMH Field.



Astoria's Ben Williams, No. 20, pushes the ball up the field.

lammook keeper for a 2-0 lead.

Victoria Kee scored in the 56th minute, and Rudolph picked up her second goal in the 70th minute.

Four minutes later, Astoria's Ashlee Dalton scored a goal off a long ball, as she volleyed in a kick just out of reach of the keeper.

Olivia Paul capped the scoring in the 79th minute, with an assist from Morgan Postlewait.

Astoria's five seniors — Megan Bergeron, Kelsey Hunter, Kee, Paul and Postlewait —

finished the last game of their high school careers on the field.

**Banks 2, Seaside 1**  
**SEASIDE** — Third place in Cowapa League girls soccer was at stake, on the final night of the regular season at Broadway Field.

And after a 0-0 draw at halftime, Banks scored twice in a two-minute span early in the second half, and held on for a 2-1 win over the Gulls.

The Braves (6-4) finish third behind Scappoose and Valley Catholic, and the Gulls

take fourth at 4-6, and will await word on a possible Regional Play-in opponent.

"I have to give the Braves credit for getting us out of position and finishing," Seaside coach Matt Johnson said. "Alie (Zagata), Brenda (Lopez), Morgan (Brown) and Bryre (Babbitt) anchored a solid back line and they didn't allow the Braves to have a lot of good chances, but our keeper (Jesse Trott) had her best game of the season tonight."

Banks scored seven min-



Astoria's Rafael Alcantar, No. 10, keeps possession against Tillamook's Christian Mendez, No. 7, during the match.

## AHS NOTES

### Playoff tickets available

General admission tickets will go on sale Thursday for the Astoria football team's Regional Play-In round game, Friday at CMH Field.

The Fishermen host South Umpqua, kickoff scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday in the Astoria High School main office.

General admission for the game is \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. Only OSAA-approved passes are allowed for free admission.

### Winter sports meeting

The Astoria High School Athletic Department will be hosting a Hawaiian-themed dinner beginning at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the AHS Commons.

Cost for the dinner including a drink is \$5. All proceeds will benefit AHS Athletics.

The Athletic Department program will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium for all winter sport teams. Each sport will conduct separate meetings led by the AHS head coaches. Parents are encouraged to arrive early in order to process paperwork and purchase an optional dinner.

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SCHEDULE

#### TODAY

Volleyball — Ilwaco at Raymond, 7 p.m.

#### THURSDAY

Football — Ilwaco at South Bend, 7 p.m.

#### FRIDAY

Football — South Umpqua at Astoria, 6:30 p.m.; Warrenton at Portland Christian, 7 p.m.; Vernonia at Knappa, 7 p.m.; Twin Valley at Naselle, 7 p.m.

#### SATURDAY

Cross Country — OSAA State Meet, Lane CC, Eugene, TBA



Astoria players celebrate a first half goal by Cole Beeson, No. 11, during the first half of the soccer match against Tillamook.

utes into the second half, then tacked on another goal two minutes later.

Seaside's goal came off the foot of senior Whitney Westerholm, whose corner kick was deflected back to her, and "she bent her shot up and over the Banks keeper," Johnson said, to bring the

Gulls to within 2-1.

Johnson said of his team, "I respect that never-say-die attitude from this team. They play with a lot of heart. Maybe we get a playoff game, maybe we don't, but I am proud of the team and the way they improved individually and as a team."

# Royals win longest World Series opener ever



Orlin Wagner/AP Photo

Kansas City Royals players celebrate after Alcides Escobar scored on a sacrifice fly by Eric Hosmer during the 14th inning of Game 1 of the Major League Baseball World Series against the New York Mets Wednesday in Kansas City, Mo.

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**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** — An inside-the-park home run. A power failure that blacked out the TV audience. Crazy bounces, great plays and key errors.

The longest World Series opener ever had a little bit of everything. And more than five hours after they began, Alcides Escobar and the Kansas City Royals also had just enough energy to outlast the New York Mets.

Saved by Alex Gordon's tying home run in the ninth inning off Mets closer Jeurys Familia, the Royals won in the 14th when Escobar dashed home on Eric Hosmer's sacrifice fly for a 5-4 win late Tuesday night.

"It was a great night," Royals manager Ned Yost said.

"Two things you don't want in Game 1 of the World Series: One is to go 14 innings and the other is to lose."

This tied for longest Series game ever and ended at 12:18 a.m. From the get-go, it was wild and weird.

Escobar hit an inside-the-parker on the very first pitch from Matt Harvey. Later, that power problem caused fans and the team's replay rooms at Kauffman Stadium to go dark.

The nearer it got to midnight — and beyond — the more oddly the ball bounced.

About the only thing mis-

ing? A home run by Murphy, who had connected in a record six straight postseason games. The MVP of the NL Championship Series did contribute a pair of singles.

"Yeah, there was a lot of baseball out there," Murphy said.

In the 14th, Escobar reached on an error by third baseman David Wright. Ben Zobrist's single put runners at the corners and an intentional walk to Lorenzo Cain loaded the bases with no outs.

Hosmer atoned for a key error by lifting a flyball measured at 300 feet, and Escobar barely beat right fielder Curtis Granderson's throw home.

"I wanted to redeem myself for what happened earlier," Hosmer said. "That's the beauty of this game."

Chris Young pitched three hitless innings for the win. Bar-

tolo Colon gave up an unearned run and took the loss.

"Their team, one of the things we know about them is they're never down and out," Mets manager Terry Collins. "We've got to put them away. We've got to do a better job."

Game 2 is Wednesday night, with Jacob deGrom starting for the Mets against Johnny Cueto. It's a hairy matchup: DeGrom's flowing tresses vs. Cueto's mop of dreadlocks.

Anyone who's ever seen the Royals play — especially in October — knows they're called resilient for a reason. Once again, they reinforced their reputation.

Gordon shook the ballpark when he tagged Familia, hitting a solo drive with one out over the center field wall. The star closer hadn't blown a save since July 30 and had been nearly perfect this postseason.