

Naselle netters move closer to state

Comets must win Saturday to advance

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NASELLE, Wash. — The Comets took care of business Thursday night.

Members of the Naselle volleyball team clocked in for their shift at 6:11 p.m. and were able to clock out at 7:01.

They won in three sets over Pope John Paul II High School of Lacey, Wash., 25-11, 25-7, 25-18 in a performance which demonstrated their power serving and decisive kills.

Next for the Comets is a loser-out game 6 p.m. Saturday at Black Hills High School in Olympia, Wash., against Columbia Adventist.

Naselle Head Coach Kim Eaton was pleased and cautiously optimistic about the coming task in Olympia.

"Our serving was amazing," she said, noting her players served 24 aces and made only four serving errors. The teamwork that the Comets have been working on all season was evident, too. "Everybody was invested in the team as a whole — that is what we want all the time."

Eaton was pleased that the players all rotated in and the team played consistently. Two JV players, freshmen Taylor Gudmundsen and Lily Harman, were called up to join the squad and performed well, she said.

The Eagles wore the same blue and gold uniform colors as the home team, but that was where all similarities ended. The visitors just could not handle the Comets' intensity. Naselle was soon ahead thanks to dominant play at the back of the court and at the net by senior Kendra Leeland. Junior Amelia Tutu'u made a good play to bring the score to 14-9 then immediately served an ace. The set was won with a kill by Leeland and a tip-over by co-captain Taylor Eaton.

Eaton served three consecutive aces to set the tone of the second set, junior Ellie Chapman made a kill for the fourth point and Eaton then served another ace. Junior Tayler Ford had an ace and two clever plays where she tipped the ball over the net softly to win points. The visitors only replied with points seven times. Freshman Hailey Weston served four aces to win the set.

The momentum continued in the third with Leeland dominating at the net and Chapman and Tutu'u adding kills. Senior Hailey Footh made an impressive play to rescue the ball which Chapman successfully hit over the net and the Eagles could not return. Footh and Weston both



Senior captain Taylor Eaton, left, sets the ball during action against Pope John Paul II High School in the Naselle gym Thursday. She had a team-high 12 assists in the game. With her are, left to right, juniors Tayler Ford (12), Amelia Tutu'u (17) and Ellie Chapman (10).



Senior captain Kendra Leeland served seven aces and 12 kills in Naselle's three-set win over Pope John Paul II High School. Behind her is junior Ellie Chapman, who had three kills. The first-round state playoff win puts the Comets one win away from going to the WIAA state championships.

combined well with Tutu'u for points, and a bad serve by the visitors sealed the final point for Naselle.

Leeland served seven aces and made 12 kills. Tutu'u served three aces and made seven kills. Eaton contributed six aces and made 12 assists. Ford made 10 assists, five kills and served three aces.

Three Rivers Christian of Longview, Wash., and Lake Quinalt will also play Saturday. The district semi-finals will be played simultaneously in adjoining gyms with the winners of those two games advancing to the WIAA 1B state championships at the Yakima Sun Bowl Nov. 13-14.

The two winning teams from

the 6 p.m. games will play a seedling game at 7:30 p.m. Saturday to determine their positions in the state championship bracket.

Naselle reached the state championships last year, but lost both its games in three sets to Riverside Christian and eventual runners-up Almira Coulee Hartline. Pomeroy is the reigning 1B state champion.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

Football — Astoria at North Bend, 6 p.m. (live stream online at www.astoriaford.com); Ilwaco at Napavine, 7 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Cowapa All-League

Player of the Year: Megan Bunn, Banks
Coaches of the Year: Suzanne Alley/Diana Herb, Banks
First Team

Megan Bunn, Sr., Banks
Nikayla Doane, Sr., Banks
Sarah Gram, Jr., Valley Catholic
Chloe Hunt, Sr., Astoria
Olivia Jackson, Sr., Valley Catholic
Lizzy Osborn, So., Valley Catholic
MaKenna Partain, Sr., Banks
Mary Schorn, Jr., Banks
Madison Smith, Sr., Tillamook
Alyssa Spang, Jr., Scappoose
Maddy Standley, Jr., Banks
Maddi Utti, Jr., Seaside

Honorable Mention (Astoria)

Aurora Grafton, Jr.
Madi Landwehr, So.

Hunt, Utti named all-league

The Banks Braves had five players on the Cowapa All-League squad, as voted on by the league's coaches.

Banks senior Megan Bunn was selected as Player of the Year, while Suzanne Alley and Diana Herb of the Braves were the Coaches of the Year.

Astoria senior Chloe Hunt and Seaside junior Maddi Utti were the lone players from the North Coast on the 12-player all-league team, while Astoria junior Aurora Grafton and sophomore teammate Madi Landwehr were selected honorable mention.

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there's even more talk about Cascadia, the reality is more people are aware of it, so our visitors to our coast are going to say, 'Do you guys know what to do?'" Parmelee said.

Preparing hotels

The roughly 600-mile-long Cascadia Subduction Zone runs from British Columbia down to Northern California, and lies about 70 to 100 miles off the Oregon coast. The zone is capable of producing large-magnitude earthquakes — possibly more than a magnitude 9.0 — and the shaking from those earthquakes could produce a tsunami similar to the one that hit the coast of Japan in 2011. There is a 37 percent chance that a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake will occur in the next 50 years, according to the presentation.

There was advice for hospitality business owners and staff about how to communicate necessary information to their guests on what to do and where to go if an earthquake were to occur during their stay.

Use printed key cards or fliers in hotel lobbies and rooms with evacuation maps

and other information.

In Seaside, more than 10 hotels have opted to use sleeves for key cards printed with information and graphics detailing what to do during and after an earthquake, said Jon Rahl, assistant general manager for the Seaside Visitors Bureau. The city originally printed 52,000 of the sleeves, and has distributed more than 30,000 of them to local hotels so far, Rahl said.

Confident employees

It's important that hotel and dining employees know how to respond to a natural disaster is key, said Patrick Corcoran, a faculty member with Oregon State University who deals with coastal hazards.

"It is definitely about the confidence of the employees, because if the employees aren't comfortable talking about it, that fear is going to eke out into the guests, as well," Parmelee said.

Spence Barker, a chauff-



Cynthia Washicko/Coast River Business Journal
Patrick Corcoran, a faculty member with Oregon State University dealing with Coastal Hazards, discusses some of the things hospitality business owners and employees can do in the event of an earthquake and tsunami.

feur with the Cannery Pier, said he and some other employees were heading to the hotel after the meeting to walk the path they would take if they needed to evacuate after an earthquake. Barker added he and his fellow employees were trying to determine how long it would take to get to high ground, and what they might have to navigate around if the bridge near the hotel is down.

Don West, general manager at the Cannery Pier hotel and owner of Astoria Crest Hotel, was concerned not just with what should be done directly after the earthquake and tsunami,

"I'm thinking, 'We do a great job of getting everybody out of the inundation zone, then what?'" West said. "They do have plans, so I need to find out more about it so that we know."

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No reason to fear

The point of making guests aware of the possible hazards of an earthquake and tsunami isn't to scare them, Parmelee said, but to keep them prepared in case a disaster does strike. She added that, of the hotels who have implemented the practices of informing guests of the hazards, very few have reported losing guests as a result.

The Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake and subsequent tsunami are just some

of the possible natural hazards facing Oregon, Parmelee said, and it's important to discuss the issue without making it a topic of fear.

"If you're in Florida, you've got hurricanes instead of earthquakes, you've got sinkholes instead of landslides," Parmelee said. "Really, this is just facing one of our hazards that we have to plan for that we haven't really tackled planning for, because the magnitude of it is really just becoming better understood."