

# Fishermen grounded by penalties, North Bend defense

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NORTH BEND — For a few brief moments in the third quarter, the Astoria Fishermen had visions of another big second half comeback against the North Bend Bulldogs.

But that comeback was quickly squashed — first by penalty flags and then by the Bulldogs, who scored a measure of revenge Friday night with a 37-12 win over the Fishermen in a first round game of the Class 4A state playoffs at Vic Adams Field.

In Week 2 of the regular season, the Fishermen rallied from a 10-point, fourth quarter deficit to beat the Bulldogs 22-20 on their home field.

In Friday's playoff, however, Astoria was flagged a whopping 19 times for 161 yards in penalties, and a tough Bulldog defense never let the Fishermen offense get off the ground.

Astoria was held to just 40 yards rushing on 22 attempts.

Meanwhile, two North Bend players who missed the previous game combined to score all five touchdowns for the Bulldogs.

Running back Trey Woods had two rushing touchdowns and was on the receiving end of a third; and running back Luke Lucero caught a pair of touchdown tosses from cousin in Brody Lucero.

Ian Bream kicked a 36-yard field goal to round out the scoring for North Bend, which advances to the quarterfinals and will host the No. 15 seed North Marion Huskies, who upset unbeaten Sisters, 21-14.

The Bulldogs played a ball control offense in Friday's win, racking up 29 first downs (19 in the first half) to Astoria's nine total first downs.

Woods capped North Bend's second possession of the game with the first of his 1-yard TD runs, but the Fishermen struck back quickly, as quarterback Ryker Helmersen found Clay Englund in the secondary, and Englund took it 64 yards for a score to complete a three-play drive.



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Trey Woods gets upended on the reception Friday night by Brendan Coberly of Astoria during their 4A playoff game.

North Bend's Dakota Moore blocked the point-after, the first of two blocked kicks by the Bulldog senior.

That's as close as Astoria would get the rest of the night.

North Bend answered with a 70-yard drive, capped by another 1-yard run from Woods; and Brody Lucero had big completions to Woods and Drae Stark on the Bulldogs' next drive, which ended with a Brody Lucero-to-Luke Lucero 23-yard touchdown.

Woods caught a 16-yard TD toss from Brody Lucero with 2:05 left in the second quarter, and the Bulldogs held a 27-6 halftime lead.

The Fishermen came out with high energy and a little trickery to start the second half.

Jacob Olson took a hand-off from Carter Wallace and ran 22 yards out of the Wildcat formation on the first play from scrimmage; Helmersen connected with Chris Williams for a 44-yard pass play; and Englund finished the drive on the next play with a 1-yard TD run.

After forcing a North Bend punt, Astoria drove to the Bulldog 35, before Helmersen was sacked on fourth down.

Bream's field goal made it 30-12 late in the third quarter, and the Lucero-to-Lucero cousin connection hooked up for another touchdown in the fourth.

Wallace was Astoria's leading rusher (10 for 37), while Helmersen completed 13-of-20 passes for 231 yards.

With a trio of Bulldogs in pursuit, Astoria's Kyle Strange brings down the pass and gets to the one-yard line before being pushed out of bounds. The play led to the Fishermen scoring their second touchdown of the 4A playoff game Friday night in North Bend.



## Napavine scores football playoff win over Ilwaco

By PATRICK WEBB  
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NAPAVINE, Wash. — Ilwaco gave it their best shot.

Napavine ended the Fishermen's season Friday night with a power performance in the first round of the WIAA state playoffs.

The Tigers won 55-77, advancing to play North Beach this week.

"Our kids played as well as we could play," said Ilwaco football Head Coach Kevin McNulty. "But they are a better football team than we are. Bigger, faster, stronger."

Napavine had 16 players on its 34-man roster who

were 6-0 tall or more; Ilwaco had six. The Tigers made that size count with 465 yards of offense and eight touchdowns.

The home team put two on the board in the first quarter and had another in the second before Ilwaco scored. Junior quarterback Jack Odneal floated a pass into the end zone to find senior Brandon Sparks. Jorge Galvan added the extra point, the first of the sophomore's three successful kicks.

With the score at 35-7, time was running out in the first half when Odneal passed to James Schenk. The senior running back weighs 165 pounds and he used every ounce to

power his way across the goal line despite being smothered by defenders.

The pace of the points slowed in the second half, but Napavine added three more touchdowns. Fishermen senior Jack Kaino ran in from short range to reduce the deficit and Odeal kept the ball and ran into pay dirt as time was expiring to reduce the margin, although the 2-point attempt failed.

"Our kids played very hard and kept in the entire game. I'm very proud of them," said McNulty, his league's coach of the year. "They did everything that we as a coaching staff asked of them."

## Naselle wins District IV trophy, will play at state

Volleyball team surges to Yakima

By PATRICK WEBB  
For EO Media Group

TUMWATER, Wash. — Naselle High School's volleyball team is heading to the state championship.

The Comets will return to the Yakima Sun Dome Friday after winning the District IV trophy.

They defeated Three Rivers Christian School of Longview, Wash., 25-16, 25-16, 17-25, 25-13 after winning a semi-final game against Columbia Adventist 25-13, 25-15, 27-25.

Last year, NHS qualified for state but was defeated in two three-set games. One opponent, Almira Coulee Hartline, was runner up to 1B champions Pomeroy.

At Black Hills High School Saturday night, Naselle coaches and players were motivated to win the first matchup to advance to state and the second to take the District honors, which have eluded the Comets for years.

The celebrations were muted somewhat because junior Tayler Ford, one of Naselle's six starters, injured her ankle and required a hospital visit.

Coach Kim Eaton covered Ford's duties with senior Emma Fauver, junior Raja Estes and freshman Taylor Gudmundsen. "They each did a great job when it was needed."



Patrick Webb/EO Media Group

Naselle volleyball is No. 1. The Comets celebrate with the District IV trophy Saturday. Front row, left to right, are Kyrin Jacot, Taylor Gudmundsen, Amelia Tutu'u, Raja Estes, Ashley Muessig, Taylor Eaton, Kendra Leeland, Ellie Chapman and Haley Footh. At back are, left to right, Kelly Langston, Emma Fauver, Lily Harman and Hailey Weston.

The coach commended junior Kyrin Jacot for her serving, defense and serve-receive, which translated into five digs, three kills and five aces in the second win.

"Haley Footh did a great job on defense in the second game and Hailey Weston did a great job coming in off the bench to serve," Coach Eaton added.

Footh, a senior, had 10 digs in the second game, with three kills, adding to her couple of aces in the first; junior Amelia Tutu'u made five kills in the first win and six in the second.

The coach commended co-captain Kendra Leeland after the first victory for her individual play and leadership, directing the action. In the first game, she made 12 kills and served four aces. In the championship game, she was in similar form with

12 kills, eight digs and three aces.

Co-captain Taylor Eaton had 28 assists in the championship game, making three kills, nine digs and serving two aces. She made 20 assists in the first contest.

The coach said Leeland, Taylor Eaton and Ellie Chapman have raised the bar for Naselle volleyball.

"It's a team effort, but these three have worked their butts off. They are leaving their legacy for the younger ones to see what it takes to be successful."

Chapman made 11 kills and four digs in the championship game to add to the seven kills and three aces she made against the Adventist team. She is excited about the return to Yakima. "We are going to be a lot more ready," the junior said. "Last year, we didn't know what to expect."

## SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL	
<b>NORTH BEND 37, ASTORIA 12</b>	
Astoria 6 0 6 0-12	
N.Bend 7 20 3 7-37	
<b>First Quarter</b>	
NB: Trey Woods 1 run (Ian Bream kick) 4:29	
AST: Clay Englund 64 pass from Ryker Helmersen (kick blocked) 3:27	
<b>Second Quarter</b>	
NB: Woods 1 run (Bream kick) 11:23	
NB: Luke Lucero 23 pass from Brody Lucero (Bream kick) 7:20	
NB: Woods 16 pass from B. Lucero (kick failed) 2:05	
<b>Third Quarter</b>	
AST: Englund 1 run (kick blocked) 10:52	
NB: Bream 36 FG, 2:14	
<b>Fourth Quarter</b>	
NB: L. Lucero 13 pass from B. Lucero (Gabby Hobson kick) 5:01	
<b>Astoria Statistics</b>	
Rushing: Wallace 10-37, Olson 1-22, Englund 5-8, Williams 1-1, Helmersen 5-(28). Passing: Helmersen 13-20-231-1. Receiving: Englund 4-89, Strange 4-71, Palek 4-58, Olson 1-13.	

NAPAVINE 55, ILWACO 27	
Ilwaco 0 14 7 6-27	
Napavine 14 21 14 6-55	
<b>First Quarter</b>	
NAP: Cole Van Wyck 2 run (Austin Filley kick) 6:20	
NAP: Sam Fagerness 10 run (Filley kick) 3:27	
<b>Second Quarter</b>	
NAP: Wyatt Stanley 10 run (Filley kick) 10:50	
ILW: Brandon Sparks 14 pass from Jack Odneal (Galvan kick) 6:00	
NAP: Mac Fagerness 56 pass from Stanley (Filley kick) 5:47	
NAP: M. Fagerness 25 pass from Stanley (Filley kick) 1:30	
ILW: James Schenk 10 pass from Odneal (Galvan kick) :18	
<b>Third Quarter</b>	
NAP: Van Wyck 20 run (Filley kick) 10:28	
ILW: J. Kaino 4 run (Galvan kick) 4:03	
NAP: S. Fagerness 1 run (Filley kick) 2:58	
<b>Fourth Quarter</b>	
NAP: Van Wyck 20 run (kick failed) 11:06	
ILW: Odneal 5 run (pass failed) 1:23	
<b>Ilwaco Statistics</b>	
Rushing: Odneal 10-57, J. Kaino 22-49, Bell 11-42, Schenk	

2-5, A. Kaino 1-(1). Passing: Odneal 15-23-134-0. Receiving: R. Thompson 6-74, Schenk 5-42, Bell 1-10, Sparks 1-10, J. Kaino 1-3.
<b>Scores</b>
<b>Class 4A State Playoffs</b>
Philomath 7, Junction City 0
Cascade 42, La Grande 27
Mazama 44, Crook County 7
Banks 34, Baker 0
Scappoose 35, Gladstone 14
Marshfield 13, Molalla 7
North Bend 37, Astoria 12
North Marion 21, Sisters 14
<b>Class 3A State Playoffs</b>
Scio 46, Nyssa 20
Salem Academy 35, Rainier 6
Cascade Christian 77, Colton 12
Vale 54, Lakeview 7
Blanchet 24, Clatskanie 12
Coquille 48, Taft 25
Harrisburg 37, Dayton 34
Santiam Chr. 46, Pleasant Hill 0
<b>Class 2A State Playoffs</b>
Central Linn 42, Nestucca 14
Stanfield 56, Vernonia 26
Burns 63, Toledo 21
Kennedy 53, Irrigon 12
Regis 49, Myrtle Point 6
Imbler 60, Lost River 35
Reedsport 14, Weston-McEwen 0
Heppner 55, Monroe 14