

Buzzer-beater sinks Loggers

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ALOHA — Needless to say, the Life Christian basketball program wasn't exactly ready for play Tuesday night, as the newest member of the Northwest League.

Coaches for both the girls' and boys' teams failed to fill out scorebooks, resulting in technical fouls on Life Christian to start both games.

But at least the Lions finished well.

After Life Christian topped Knappa in the girls' game (see below), the Lions pulled off a stunning 63-60 victory in the boys' game, when Lion sophomore Tim Valeysev banked in a 3-pointer from 25 feet as time expired.

"We played hard," said Knappa coach Chris Spencer. "But they're tough as nails. They have two kids (sophomore Bo Quinlan and junior Zeke Quinlan) who are just great players. One is 6-6 and the other is 6-4, and they both play guard. That's what we were up against. We were outized, but we battled."

Sophomore Dale Takalo scored a team-high 20 points, and freshman teammate Timber Engblom added 12 for the Loggers, who built a 19-8 lead after one quarter.

The Lions outscored the visitors 34-30 over the second and third quarters, to pull within 49-42 entering the final period.

Life Christian tied the score at 60-60, and the Loggers missed on an eventual game-winner with less than five seconds remaining.

Life Christian inbounded the ball under the Logger basket with 3.5 seconds left, and a long pass found Valeysev, whose shot at the buzzer banked off the glass and in from 25 feet.

Ethan Rubus added 10 points and pulled down numerous rebounds against the taller Lions.

Warriors 41, Royals 38

PORTLAND — Warrenton opened their 2015-16 league season with a huge 41-38 win at Portland Christian Tuesday night.

The Royals beat the Warriors 47-27 in their last meeting at Portland Christian, Jan. 19 of this year.

It was just the third Warrenton victory in their last 33 league games.

Details were not available.

Jewell 36, Astoria JVII 35

JEWELL — Jewell's Ben Stahly scored 11 points to

go with nine rebounds and four steals, as he led the Blue Jays to a 36-35 win over the Astoria JV II squad Monday night.

Trystan Silva added eight points, with Sean Hinson and Dallas Ritchie adding seven points apiece. Burke Matthews had 11 points for Astoria.

Ilwaco 42, South Bend 31

SOUTH BEND, Wash. — Ilwaco managed to hold off South Bend Tuesday night, 42-31 in a boys basketball game at South Bend.

The Fishermen hit four 3-pointers in the first quarter, and finished 13-of-53 from the field.

Zac Tapio was Ilwaco's leading scorer, with 11 points.

Girls Basketball

Lions 42, Loggers 30

ALOHA — Life Christian's Chloe Brock and Opal Christian scored 10 points apiece to lead the Lions to a 42-30 win over Knappa, in a Northwest League girls basketball season opener.

Emma Christian added nine points, as Life held a slim 21-16 lead at halftime.

"It was the best game I've seen our girls play all

season," said Knappa coach Marie Green. "We only had four turnovers in the first half, then ended with 17, so we got a little careless in the second half.

"But (the Lions) had two girls over 6 feet, and it was nice to see us battle with them. Half our girls are sick, but we still played well, and it was a good game to watch."

Paris Vanderburg had nine points and eight rebounds for Knappa, while Bailey Corder added eight points, and Kaitlyn Landwehr finished with 16 rebounds and four steals.

Royals 61, Warriors 23

PORTLAND — In Lewis & Clark League girls basketball action, Portland Christian defeated Warrenton 61-23 in a Tuesday night league opener in Portland.

The Warriors host Catlin Gabel Thursday.

Astoria JV 26, Jewell 21

JEWELL — Sam Hemsley topped all scorers with 11 points Monday night, as she led the Astoria JV team to a 26-21 win over Jewell.

Grace Cummings added nine points for the Lady Fishermen, while Hanna Littlepage paced Jewell with seven points.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE	Astoria	10	4	12	9—35
	Jewell	7	10	13	5—36

TODAY

Girls Basketball — C.S. Lewis at Jewell, 5:30 p.m.

Boys Basketball — C.S. Lewis at Jewell, 7:15 p.m.

Wrestling — Astoria 4-Way, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Girls Basketball — Catlin Gabel at Warrenton, 6:15 p.m.; Gaston at Knappa, 6:15 p.m.; South Bend at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.

Boys Basketball — Catlin Gabel at Warrenton, 8 p.m.; Gaston at Knappa, 8 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Life Christian 63, Knappa 60
KNA (60): Dale Takalo 20, Engblom 12, Rubus 10, Weirup 8, Miller 8, Severson 1, Geisler 1.

LC (63): Bo Quinlan 29, Valeysev 17, Z.Quinlan 14, Yang 2, Newman 1.

Knappa 19 13 17 11—60

Life C. 8 14 20 21—63

Jewell 36, Astoria JVII 35

AST (35): Burke Matthews 14, Reed 11, Merry 4, Whitsett 2, Jimenez 2, Ploghoff 2, Matlock, Soderstrom, Palmberg, Qualls, Hutchinson, Roe, Samuelson.

JWL (36): Ben Stahly 11, Silva 8, Hinson 7, Ritchie 7, Meehan 3, Gerken, Munk, Lyon.

SEASIDE HOLIDAY CLASSIC

BASKETBALL	7 p.m.: Madras vs. Seaside
Boys	11:30 a.m.: Elma vs. Astoria
	2:30 p.m.: Corbett vs. Newport
	5:30 p.m.: Sisters vs. Castle Rock
	8:30 p.m.: Madras vs. Seaside
	Bracket available online at http://bit.ly/227jsuS

Party barn: Gearhart City Council's vote was unanimous

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"It's hard to understand, when human health and safety are at issue," she said.

Smith's attorney, Dan Kearns, sought to persuade the council that "vindictiveness" against his client played a role in the repeated administrative penalties.

Kearns said Smith had no need of a certificate of occupancy to hold the types of events occurring at the barn.

Since the barn had been an event space in the past, Smith

had no need to acquire a conditional use permit for future events.

He also argued Smith had been complying with the city's requests, but consideration of her plans had not been undertaken in a timely manner.

Other homes as event centers

Kearns said there were at least two other homes in Gearhart advertising themselves as event centers, yet the city had not presented them with violations. In addition, Gearhart's

lack of short-term rental rules provided no policies that would prohibit weddings or other parties at the barn.

In a lengthy review on behalf of Smith, consultant Gary Olmon of Architectural Alliance NW in Lake Oswego, said the barn was ready for occupancy and safe for use. He took Brien to task for failing to approve Smith's plans. "Give her a building permit," he said. "Let's get her cash flowing."

Brien's credibility and professional reputation played a large part in the council's deci-

sion to uphold the administrative penalties.

"I stand by my city official," Councilor Kerry Smith said. "He is a professional. He is in this position, and that's why he has my support."

"Jim Brien gets plans approved in a most timely fashion," Councilor Dan Jesse, a builder, said. "I respect him. Because of that, I am inclined to believe what he is telling us."

Arguments from Kearns and input from the consultant failed to persuade councilors to drop the administrative penalties.

The council voted unanimously to uphold Brien.

Councilors then voted to halve the penalties.

"I would like to see the barn work, but I believe blatant disregard needs to be not rewarded, but cost you something so you know this is no fooling around, this is big people business," Councilor Kerry Smith said. "This is what we're going to do to you."

Mayor Dianne Widdop, Cockrum, Jesse and Smith voted to reduce the penalties to \$15,000, while Sue Lorain vot-

ed against the reduction.

Injunction hearing ahead

Smith is scheduled to go before Judge Cindee Matyas Dec. 31 in a separate legal proceeding involving Neacoxie Creek Barn. This stems from a decision by Gearhart Municipal Court Judge John Orr that the city failed to appropriately cite zoning code to specifically prohibit weddings and special events. The city is seeking an injunction to prevent future commercial use of the barn.




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Dr. Duret will continue to keep scheduled appointments and surgeries until Dec. 31, 2015. Patients who need continued care are invited to schedule a consultation with one of our other providers in the General Surgery Clinic. Any patients who have seen Dr. Duret in the CMH General Surgery Clinic will be able to access their health records through the CMH Medical Records department; the phone number is 503-338-7528.


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