

Astoria, Seaside boys open Classic with wins

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SEASIDE — Even with a 9 p.m. start, the Seaside boys basketball team was playing lively basketball Thursday night, in an opening-round game of the Seaside Holiday Classic.

Action continues today and concludes Saturday at Seaside High School.

The Gulls opened the game vs. Madras with a 3-pointer by Jackson Januik, and started the second half with a trey by Hunter Thompson, as Seaside was never threatened in the 73-62 win.

Jaxson Smith poured in a game-high 28 points for the Gulls, who will face Sisters in tonight's semifinals (9 p.m.). Astoria plays Newport in the other semifinal, as the two teams are on a Clatsop Clash collision course for the tournament championship.

Seaside's first half lead reached 33-16, before Madras staged a brief rally to pull within 39-31 at halftime.

Thompson and Smith both drained 3-pointers to push the lead back to 61-34 at the end of the third quarter.

Januik and Thompson each finished with 12 points.

Astoria 59, Elma 38

Astoria was in command from start to finish Thursday morning, in the first boys' game of the tournament.

Derek Jarrett had a steal and dunk for the first two points of the game, and the Fishermen cruised to a 59-38 win over Elma.

"We didn't have to run a lot of offense," said coach Kevin Goin. "For not playing in a week-and-a-half, we played great defense, forced turnovers and got a lot of steals for some easy hoops."

Morgan Fruith scored 20 points for Astoria, and teammate Kyle Strange added 12.

Girls

Seaside 47, Madras 29

It was technically a "come from behind" victory for the Seaside girls Thursday night, in a first round game of the Holiday Classic.

Trailing Madras 4-2 early, the Lady Gulls went on a 17-2 run to close the first half, on their way to a 47-29 win.

Consecutive scores by Maddi Utti and Paige Ideue in the third helped Seaside open a 28-10 lead, with a jumper by Lucy Bodner making it 32-16.

Utti hit a 3-pointer and Sydney Villegas had a three-point early in the fourth, as Seaside pulled away.

Utti led with 23 points.

The Gulls play Lost River in tonight's semifinals.

Elma 57, Astoria 46

Conley Doyle scored 15 points, and three other Elma players added eight points apiece to help the Eagles score a 57-46 win over Astoria in the first game of the Holiday Classic.

Chloe Hunt was in foul trouble for most of the game, but led the Lady Fishermen with 22 points, followed by Kaylee Mitchell with seven.

Girls Basketball

Knappa 45, Gaston 30

KNAPPA — A big third quarter lifted the Knappa Lady Loggers to their first victory of the 2015-16 season, a 42-30 win over Gaston Thursday at Knappa.

Holding a slim 19-15 lead at halftime, the Log-

gers changed up their defense to start the second half, and began to score basket-after-basket, following steal-after-steal to build a 38-21 lead.

Kaitlyn Landwehr had 10 points in the third period alone, on her way to 20 points, with 12 rebounds, six steals and five assists.

Bailey Corder added 10 points and five boards, while Aubrey McMahan and Kaitlyn Truax each had six rebounds.

Eagles 50, Warriors 29

WARRENTON — After opening with a 2-1

record in nonleague games, the Warrenton Lady Warriors dropped their second league contest in a row, as Catlin Gabel left Warrenton with a 50-29 win Thursday night.

Boys Basketball

Knappa 82, Gaston 44

KNAPPA — The Knappa Loggers bounced back from their loss at Life Christian with an 82-44 win over Gaston Thursday.

Knappa jumped all over the visitors to start the game.

Sophomore Colton Weirup scored the first 12 points, as Knappa built a 16-0 lead.

But Knappa's go-to guy was sophomore Dale Takalo, who scored a game-high 35 points, 26 in the second half.

Weirup added 24, and freshman Timber Engblom scored 10 for Knappa.

Eagles 62, Warriors 38

WARRENTON — Catlin Gabel could be a contender in Lewis & Clark League boys basketball this year, as the Eagles improved to 5-1 overall (2-0 in league) with a 62-38 win at Warrenton Thursday night.

The Warriors drop to 1-5 overall.



Astoria's Derek Jarrett, No. 34, shoots through a pair of Elma defenders in the second quarter of the basketball game against Elma Thursday at Seaside High School.



Photos by Joshua Bessex/The Daily Astorian
Astoria's Alexis Wallace, No. 10, tries to pass under pressure during the basketball game against Elma Thursday at Seaside High School.



Astoria's Fridtjof Fremstad, No. 12, puts up a shot.



Astoria's Ryan Palek, No. 32, and Elma's Kolton Emerson, No. 31, fight for a rebound.

Astoria grapples with Washington schools

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The Astoria wrestling team hosted a 4-way dual meet Wednesday, with three Washington schools taking part.

Astoria lost duals to Mark Morris (39-28) and R.A. Long (41-12), while Ilwaco rolled over Mark Morris (66-16) and R.A. Long (58-15).

Astoria still had three

wrestlers win two matches in Wednesday's action.

Mateo DeVargas (145 pounds) scored a 12-4 major decision over Austin Beasley of Mark Morris, and won a close match against R.A. Long's Owen Enriquez, 6-4.

At 152, Astoria's Jared Lucore scored a pin (1:29) over Thomas Beasley of Mark Morris, and defeated R.A. Long's Coleman Na-

ding, 2-1; and 220-pounder Bronson Holthusen pinned Alex Bollinger of Mark Morris (3:45) and topped Devlin Nipper of R.A. Long, 2-1.

Astoria's Trey Hageman pinned Mark Morris's Isaiah Hubbard at 138.

Ilwaco will compete today and Saturday in a 70-team meet at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY
Girls Basketball — Central Linn at Knappa, 6:15 p.m.; Jewell at Willamette Valley Christian, 6 p.m.
Boys Basketball — Central Linn at Knappa, 8 p.m.; Jewell at Willamette Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY
Girls Basketball — Naselle at Warrenton, 6:15 p.m.; Kalama at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.
Wrestling — Seaside at Nestucca, 9 a.m.; Wahkiakum Invitational, 9:30 a.m.

SEASIDE HOLIDAY CLASSIC

Thursday's Scores
Girls
Elma 57, Astoria 46
Newport 57, Corbett 40
Lost River 40, Sisters 29

Seaside 47, Madras 29
Boys
Astoria 59, Elma 38
Newport 78, Corbett 57
Sisters 45, Castle Rock 38
Seaside 73, Madras 62

Friday's Schedule
(Times are approximate)
Girls
9:30 am: Astoria vs. Corbett
12:30: Sisters vs. Madras
3:30: Elma vs. Newport
6:45: Lost River vs. Seaside
Boys
11 am: Elma vs. Corbett
2:00: Castle Rock vs. Madras
5:15: Astoria vs. Newport
8:30: Sisters vs. Seaside

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Knappa 45, Gaston 30
GST (30): Amber Becker 10, Bas-

sel 5, Hall 4, Watkins 4, Boehmer 3, Knuteson 2, Zadowny 2, Ranes 2.

KNA (45): Kaitlyn Landwehr 20, Corder 10, Vanderburg 6, Vandergriff 3, McMahan 2, Silva 2, Miethe 2, Strain, Inman, Truax.

Gaston 7 8 6 9—30
Knappa 5 14 19 7—45

BOYS BASKETBALL

Knappa 82, Gaston 44
GST (44): Fernando Jimenez 10, Nick Steele 10, Mann 8, Morgan 5, Anderson 3, Ingle 3, Patzlaff 2, Talent 1, Lund 1.

KNA (82): Dale Takalo 35, Weirup 24, Engblom 10, Miller 8, Rubus 3, Hendrickson 2, Goodman 2, Hunt, Geisler, Severson.

Gaston 6 14 12 12—44
Knappa 24 10 20 28—82

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