

Astoria rally falls short at Dulcich Memorial, 65-61

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In a thriller that woke up the echoes in the ol' Brick House, the Sandy Pioneers fought off a major fourth-quarter rally by the Astoria Fishermen late Wednesday night, and walked away with a 65-61 win to earn the first-place trophy at the 2015 Vince Dulcich Memorial Tournament.

Yes, a win would have been nice for the Fishermen — but Astoria head coach Kevin Goin knows how to keep things in perspective.

"I'm really happy with where we're at," he said following the loss. "We grew up a ton in that game."

With his team trailing 50-30 with 2:30 left in the third quarter, "It would have been easy to hang our heads and not fight through it," Goin said. "But I was proud of our guys. It shows a lot of change in our (Fishermen basketball) culture, and what we ask our kids to do."

"It was nice to see the crowd stand up at the end of the game and get into it," he said. "That made our kids feel really good."

Meanwhile, "coming up short" was the story of the night for the Fishermen.

Astoria came up short on several close-range shots in the first half, and missed on several key free throw attempts down the stretch (Astoria was 6-of-10 at the line in the fourth quarter); and a 3-pointer with two seconds left also fell short.

In the end, however, Goin had to call it what it was — a narrow, nonleague loss against a good 5A opponent.

"We grew up a lot," he said. "We missed a lot of easy ones early on, and got a little rattled by it. We got down 20 and fought back."

"You always want to win, but I couldn't be prouder with the effort we gave."

The Pioneers, meanwhile, led from start to finish ... even if it didn't feel like it.

Sandy held a 22-10 lead early in the second quarter, only to see the Fishermen close the gap with a 9-0 run, sparked by a 3-pointer from Kyle Strange.

Sandy's Matt Stevens



Astoria's Justin Fruiht, No. 23, passes during the basketball game against Sandy at Astoria High School Wednesday.



Astoria's Chloe Hunt, No. 12, turns to shoot during the basketball game. More photos at www.dailyastorian.com

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

Girls Basketball — Astoria at Cascade, 3:30 p.m.; Warrenton at Gaston, 3 p.m.; Creswell at Knappa, 3:30 p.m.; Wahkiakum at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.

Boys Basketball — Astoria at Cascade, 5 p.m.; Warrenton at Gaston, 4:45 p.m.; Creswell at Knappa, 5:30 p.m.

Wrestling — Astoria at Scappoose Tournament, TBA; Warrenton at Willamina, 10 a.m.; Knappa at North Beach Tournament, TBA

BOYS BASKETBALL

Sandy 65, Astoria 61
SAN (65): Mason Gorski 15, Floyd 13, Wilson 12, Gilbert 8, Ste-

vens 8, Remsburg 4, Kansala 3, Poulin 2.

AST (61): Justin Fruiht 17, Jarrett 13, Englund 8, Fremstad 8, Strange 7, Palek 6, Gohl 2, Arnsdorf.

Sandy 17 15 1815—65
Astoria 8 13 2218—61

Knappa 58, G.P. Vanier 45

GPV (45): Tyler Knopp 13, Hobbensfield 11, Strachan 7, Leopkey-Johnson 7, Le 3, Wilson 2, Boutin 2.

KNA (58): Colton Weirup 22, Takalo 16, Miller 13, Geisler 4, Severson 3, Engblom, Eltagonde, Rubus, Hunt, Goodman.

GP Vanier 14 12 10 9—45
Knappa 17 15 1115—58

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Sutherlin 45, Astoria 22

SUT (45): Taylor Stricklin 25, Mock 9, Baker 6, Klein 5.

AST (22): Kaylee Mitchell 9, Hunt 6, DeMander 4, Mickle 2, Hemsley 1, Dalton, Abrahams, Gimre.

Sutherlin 17 16 6 6—45
Astoria 2 7 11 2—22

Rainier 46, Knappa 20

RAI (46): Desirae Hansen 15, Norman 11, Crape 6, Schimmel 4, Bush 4, Probasco 2, Earls 2, Walsh 2.

KNA (20): Kaitlyn Landwehr 6, Corder 5, Vandergriff 4, Vandenburg 3, Silva 2, Strain, Truax, McMahan, Inman, Taggart, Mieth.

Rainier 11 18 11 6—46
Knappa 1 8 4 7—20

answered with a pair of 3-pointers in the final minute of the half for a 32-21 halftime lead.

The Pioneers dropped four more 3-point bombs in the third quarter (three by Jadon Floyd), pushing the lead to 50-30.

But Astoria kept the heat on defensively, forcing turnovers and scoring in transition.

Ole Englund scored on a three-point play with 1:23 left in the third, and Justin Fruiht scored twice following offensive rebounds to help the Fishermen close to within 50-43 by the end of the quarter.

The Pioneers answered, as Mason Gorski and Cole Wilson both hit 3-pointers to

push the lead back to 59-50.

Back came the Fishermen. Baskets by Derek Jarrett, Fruiht and Ryan Palek, and Fritz Fremstad's layup with 16 seconds left had Astoria within 62-60.

Gorski was fouled with nine seconds remaining, but teammate Ben Gilbert — out of frustration — continued to the hoop and grabbed the net, resulting in a technical foul.

Gorski made 1-of-2 free throws for a 63-60 lead, and Jarrett made 1-of-2 at the other end to make it 63-61, and Astoria had the ball with nine seconds left.

The Fishermen got the look they wanted, but a 3-pointer fell short, and Gorski made two free throws

with 0.8 seconds left to secure the win.

Sandy had three players in double figures, led by Gorski with 15 and Floyd (13). Jarrett scored 13 points for Astoria.

Girls

Sutherlin 45, Astoria 22

Astoria outscored the defending state champions in the second half, but Sutherlin had the game well in hand by then, as the Bulldogs won the girls' Dulcich Tournament title, 45-22 over the Lady Fish.

The Bulldogs (28-0 last season) jumped out to a 17-2 lead after one quarter, and Sutherlin's lead eventually reached 33-5, before a four-point play by Astoria's

Kaylee Mitchell just before halftime.

Chloe Hunt had a pair of 3-pointers for the Fishermen in the second half, in which Astoria outscored the Bulldogs 13-12.

Only four players scored for Sutherlin, led by Taylor Stricklin's 25 points. Mitchell had nine for Astoria.

Consolation

Boys

Knappa 58, G.P. Vanier 45
The Knappa boys capped the Dulcich Tournament on a positive note Wednesday afternoon, with a 58-45 win over G.P. Vanier of British Columbia, in the seventh-place consolation game.

Knappa's Colton Weirup, Dale Takalo and Jason Miller combined for 51 points to outscore the Canadian team.

Weirup had 22 points, while Takalo added 16 and Miller 13.

The Loggers were down 8-0 to start, before rallying to lead 17-14 after one quarter. Knappa led 43-36 entering the final period, when Takalo (6-for-6) and Weirup (2-for-2) combined to make 8-of-8 free throw attempts.

Girls

Rainier 46, Knappa 20

Sophomore Desirae Hansen scored 15 points and sophomore teammate Aspen Norman added 11 to help Rainier post a 46-20 win over Knappa Wednesday morning, in the girls' seventh-place consolation game of the Dulcich Tournament.

The Columbians led 11-1 after one quarter and 29-9 by halftime.

Kaitlyn Landwehr was Knappa's high scorer with six points, to go with five

steals. Bailey Corder had five points and seven boards.

Stayton Holiday Classic

While both Astoria teams came up short in the championship games of the Dulcich Tournament, Seaside owned the Stayton Holiday Classic, where both Seaside teams went 3-0 and won championships Wednesday night.

On the boys' side, the No. 3-ranked Gulls overcame a 10-point deficit to start the fourth quarter to beat Gladstone, 46-45.

The Gladiators held a 45-43 lead with 30 seconds left, before Seaside's Attikin Babb drained a 3-point shot with 15 seconds remaining for the go-ahead points.

The Gulls broke up a lob pass as time expired to win the game and the tournament.

Jaxson Smith scored 17 points to lead Seaside, which travels to Gladstone Tuesday for a rematch.

Girls

Seaside 58, Molalla 40

The Seaside girls are now ranked second in the state following a 58-40 win over previous No. 2 Molalla in the championship game of the Stayton Holiday Classic. No details were available.

Warriors, St. Paul split basketball doubleheader

WARRENTON — The Warrenton basketball teams split a doubleheader with St. Paul, in two nonleague games at Warrenton Wednesday.

The Buckaroos opened with a 49-34 win over the Warriors, while the Warrenton boys posted a 64-46 victory.

Zauner: 'I always wanted to have a home at the beach'

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Center, and as regional director for clinical operations, before taking her current role. She was awarded the position on a permanent basis in September.

Zauner came to nursing after marriage and a family, graduating with an associate's degree from Clackamas Community College in 1992. After graduation, she went to work as a nurse with Providence Portland, and said with a wink she was "lucky enough to gamer the coveted

night-shift position."

Zauner liked working at night, and "learned a lot very quickly." She spent 20 years at Providence Portland, and moved into a variety of roles, becoming a nurse manager for the Providence system of 75,000 employees.

"I loved that, but it was a lot of travel," she said. She visited 30 of Providence's 35 hospitals, including facilities in Montana and Alaska.

"I was poised to move into a system-level position when I was offered the job of chief

nursing officer in Seaside," Zauner said.

She jumped at the opportunity. "I really wanted to be in the hospital, dealing with patients," she said.

After her first six months, "Seaside finally said, 'We'll keep her,'" Zauner said. "It was made permanent and I was made chief operating officer and chief nursing officer."

The chief operating officer is the one who "keeps things moving" when there are floods, and no power, she said.

After looking several plac-

es, she and her husband chose a condominium on Necanicum Drive "just a few blocks from the beach."

"I have a 3-year-old grandson, and he just loves coming to Grandma's beach house," Zauner said.

The hospital has 375 caregivers at clinics at Astoria, Seaside, Warrenton and Cannon Beach, she said. A new chief executive officer, Kendall Sawa, will start Jan. 7. "He's a great fit, because he's got a lot of experience at critical access hospitals, and he

really knows our community on the North Coast."

With a nationwide shortage, filling the need for primary care providers is an ongoing concern. "Enticing them here is a challenge, because there are so few of them," she said.

Hospital recruiters will be stressing the region's amenities — fishing, boating, hiking and more — in filling those roles, she said.

"I am loving the work here," Zauner said. "I love working with nurses and the support department as well. I



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Janiece Zauner, chief operating officer of Providence Seaside Hospital, moved to the coast in April.

am loving Seaside. I always wanted to have a home at the beach. I never thought I'd be this close."

Flavel: Any major changes to the M&N Building must go before the Astoria Historic Landmarks Commission

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The M&N Building, constructed in 1924 and named after the captain's wife, Mary, and daughter, Nellie, faces many maintenance and structural issues, punctuated by a crack running down the southwestern corner.

"It's interesting to me that the published reserve price has generated a lot of interest," Peede said, adding interest often wanes once people realize the work needed to refurbish the building and that it cannot easily be torn down.

"It could take, depending on what they want to use it for, considerable or quite a bit of capital improvement," Peede said. "My understanding is it has not been occupied for about 20 years."

The last known tenant of the building was Sears, which vacated in 1996 and moved to

its current location on Marine Drive. With its historic status, any significant change must go before the Astoria Historic Landmarks Commission.

To demolish the building, Community Development Director Kevin Cronin said, the owner would have to submit enough information to prove it is not economically viable to restore. Proof could take the form of a structural or architectural report, or a comparison between the cost of restoring versus what can be made in rent.

"Our first choice as a community is to try and save the building," Cronin said. "The sticking point is the appraised value of the building versus what is economically viable as a redeveloped property."

A representative from Realty Marketing was in Astoria as recently as Wednesday showing the building off to

prospective buyers. Peede said the company would touch base with Flavel early next year to see how to move forward.

Flavel struck an agreement with the city last December to sell the Flavel mansion at Franklin Avenue and 15th Street and the M&N Building downtown. In May, Greg Newenhof, the co-owner of City Lumber, bought the house for \$221,901.

Flavel also agreed to sell or bring up to code her building on the south side of Commercial Street. John Goodenberger, a historic buildings consultant with the city, has said Flavel plans to use the proceeds from the M&N Building sale to invest in the other property.

Caroline Evans, Flavel's conservator, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

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