

Astoria holds off Molalla, 58-50

Both Seagulls teams post wins with 64 points

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The Molalla Indians were living and dying by the 3-point shot Tuesday night at the Brick House.

The Indians connected on 10 3-pointers to keep themselves in the game for much of the night, but Molalla couldn't hit the 3-pointers down the stretch, and Astoria hung on for a 58-50 non-league boys basketball win.

With head coach Kevin Goin at home with the flu, assistants Paul Jarrett and Pat O'Brien led the Fishermen to their ninth victory of the season, equaling last year's win total.

Astoria opened with a 7-0 run against the outmatched Indians. Molalla has just one player on the roster over 6-foot-2 (6-3 sophomore Chase Jazdzinski), while the Fishermen have five players at 6-4 or taller.

So the Indians took their game outside, and connected on 4-of-11 3-pointers in the first half and trailed 31-24 at halftime.

The Fishermen began the third quarter with an 11-1 run, capped by Justin Fruiht's baseline drive for a three-point play that gave Astoria a 42-25 lead.

But Molalla answered with a 12-2 run of its own, closing to within 44-37 early in the fourth.

Jackson Arnsdorf hit a clutch 3-pointer for the Fishermen at the 3:22 mark, while the Indians connected on three more 3-point shots in the closing minutes to finish 10-for-30 from the 3-point line.

Astoria's Derek Jarrett, Kyle Strange and Ryan Palek combined to go 6-for-6 at the free-throw line in the final minute to help close out the win.

Astoria was 16-of-24 at the line, to Molalla's 4-for-7.

Fruiht led the Fishermen with 17 points, followed by Strange with 13 and Jarrett with 12.

Gulls 64, Rangers 41

SEASIDE — Seaside had three players in double figures, and the No. 4-ranked Gulls improved to 11-1 overall with a 64-41 win over Estacada Tuesday.

Jackson Januik scored 14 points to lead Seaside, followed by Jaxson Smith with 11 and Austin Eagon with 10.

The Gulls led 33-22 at halftime. Seaside plays at No. 3-ranked North Marion Friday.



Astoria's Ryan Palek, No. 32, puts up a shot against Molalla's Gavin Thrower, No. 22, during their basketball game Tuesday. More photos online at www.dailyastorian.com/sports

Rainier 64, Warriors 44

RAINIER — Christian Holt scored 16 points to lead Warrenton, but Rainier jumped out to a 14-2 lead in the first quarter, on its way to a 64-44 win over the Warriors Tuesday night.

Warrenton outscored the Columbians 18-8 in the second period, but Rainier went on a 25-9 run in the third.

Dawson Carr scored 21 points and Caymon Rea had 12 for the Columbians.

Loggers 62, Lions 51

PORTLAND — The Knappa Loggers aren't ready to give up their league title just yet, as they jumped right back in the championship race with a big road victory Tuesday, 62-51 at City Christian.

"I was really impressed with our guys tonight," Knappa coach Chris Spencer said. "We got ourselves in a hole early (down 16-10 after one quarter), but we dug ourselves out, and Michal Goodman had a big put-back score to put us

over the top for the lead (25-24) at halftime."

Dale Takalo scored 33 points and the Loggers closed it out at the free throw line in the second half, finishing 19-of-28. Colton Weirup added 14 points for Knappa, which is now just a game and a half behind first-place Vernonia.

Falls City 56, Jewell 38

JEWELL — Jewell led after one quarter, but a 14-6 run by Falls City in the second period helped the Mountaineers to a 56-38 Casco League win Tuesday night.

Rylan Murray had nine points and Sean Hinson added eight for Jewell.

Ben Stahly had 11 rebounds and Trystan Silva had eight boards for the Blue Jays. Jewell lost a 49-18 decision to Perrydale Monday.

Hyaks 54, Fishermen 45

ILWACO, Wash. — North Beach scored a 54-45 upset at Ilwaco Tuesday, as the Hyaks outscored the Fishermen 21-

11 in the opening quarter, and maintained the lead.

Zac Tapio scored 12 points to lead Ilwaco, which falls to 7-6 overall.

Girls Basketball

Lady Gulls 64, Rangers 26
SEASIDE — After a close first quarter, the No. 2-ranked



Astoria's Kyle Strange, No. 2, and Molalla's Andrew Daniels, No. 0, reach for a rebound during their game Tuesday at Astoria.

Seaside girls basketball team kicked it into high gear, outscoring Estacada 50-16 over the final three quarters, on their way to an easy 64-26 win over the Rangers Tuesday.

Maddi Utti scored 27 points to go with nine steals, eight rebounds and four assists for the Gulls, who had 40 rebounds and 15 steals. Sydney Villegas added 12 points and eight boards.

Molalla 73, Astoria 34

MOLALLA — Astoria gave up a season high in points Tuesday night, as fourth-ranked Molalla posted a 73-34 win over the Lady Fishermen in a nonleague girls basketball game.

Rainier 39, Warrenton 19

RAINIER — A 13-1 lead after one quarter sparked Rainier to a 39-19 win over Warrenton Tuesday, in a Lewis & Clark League girls basketball game.

Katelynn Blodgett scored 10 points to lead the Warriors, but Rainier countered with Desirae Hansen (14 points) and Jady Crape (11), as the Columbians pulled away with a 14-3 run in the third quarter.

Lions 50, Loggers 17

PORTLAND — Knappa kept it close for a half, but City Christian outscored the Lady Loggers 18-3 in the sec-

ond half for a 50-17 win Tuesday in a Northwest League girls basketball game.

Paris Vanderburg had 10 points and Bailey Corder grabbed four rebounds for the Loggers.

Falls City 44, Jewell 22

JEWELL — Injuries have left the Jewell girls basketball team with just five players, as the Lady Jays came up short on the scoreboard Tuesday night to Falls City, 44-22.

Brittany Varney had 18 points for Falls City, which built a 26-8 halftime lead.

Jewell was coming off its best game of the season, a 37-19 loss to Perrydale Monday.

Gabi Morales had eight points, six rebounds and two assists in the loss, in which the Jays trailed just 18-8 at halftime.

Morales also had eight points in Tuesday's loss, while Emma Guillen had six points, nine rebounds and three blocks.

Fishermen 56, Hyaks 23

ILWACO, Wash. — Mackenzie Kaech scored 18 points, and had plenty of support from teammates Madeline Jacobson and Hannah Ellsworth (14 points apiece) in a 56-23 Ilwaco win over North Beach Tuesday.

The Lady Fishermen led 21-2 after one quarter, 41-5 at halftime.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY
Wrestling — Seaside/Scappoose at Astoria, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY
Girls Basketball — Faith Bible at Knappa, 6 p.m.; Ilwaco at Rainier, 7 p.m.

Boys Basketball — Faith Bible at Knappa, 8 p.m.; Ilwaco at Rainier, 5:45 p.m.

Swimming — Valley Catholic at Astoria, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY

Girls Basketball — Astoria at Yamhill-Carlton, 6 p.m.; Seaside at North Marion, 5:30 p.m.; Clatskanie at Warrenton, 6 p.m.; Jewell at St. John Bosco, 5:30 p.m.

Boys Basketball — Astoria at Yamhill-Carlton, 7:45 p.m.; Seaside at North Marion, 7:15 p.m.; Clatskanie at Warrenton, 7:45 p.m.; Jewell at St. John Bosco, 7 p.m.

Wrestling — Oregon Classic, at Redmond, 10 a.m.

SATURDAY

Girls Basketball — Nestucca at Knappa, 4 p.m.

Boys Basketball — Nestucca at Knappa, 6 p.m.

Wrestling — Oregon Classic, at Redmond, 10 a.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Seaside 64, Estacada 26
SEA (64): Maddi Utti 27, Villegas 12, Smart 6, Trott 6, Brown 5, Westerholm 4, J.Ideue 2, West 2, P.Ideue, Babbitt, Bodner.
Estacada 10 5 5 6—26
Seaside 14 19 12 19—64

Rainier 39, Warrenton 19
WAR (19): Katelynn Blodgett 10, Little 4, King 3, Miethe 2.
RAI (39): Desirae Hansen 14, Crape 11, Taylor 6, Schimmel 5, Guisinger 2, Bush 1.

Warrenton 1 9 3 6—19
Rainier 13 7 14 5—39

City Christian 50, Knappa 17
KNA (17): Paris Vanderburg 10, McMahan 3, Vandergriff 3, Corder 1, Miethe, Strain, Inman, Truax.
CC (50): Shasta Faria 12, Belefski 10, Dickinson 9, Lasater 7, Maftey 6, Valdez 6.

Knappa 4 10 1 2—17
City Christian 18 14 13 5—50

Falls City 44, Jewell 22

FC (44): Brittany Varney 18, Mack 11, Houghtaling 6, Kidd 5, Davis 2, Tadlock 2.
JWL (22): Gabi Morales 8, Guillen 6, A.Littlepage 4, Olvera 2, Kaczinski 2.

Falls City 12 14 16 2—44
Jewell 2 6 8 4—22

Ilwaco 56, North Beach 23

NB (23): Jacqueline Shale 9, Garman 4, Avery 4, Takagi 2, Ivey 2, Pope 1, Moore 1.
ILW (56): Mackenzie Kaech 18, Jacobson 14, Ellsworth 14, Bannister 4, McMillan 2, Pierson 2, Bentley 2, Kulm, Kondos.

North Beach 2 3 7 11—23
Ilwaco 21 20 11 4—56

BOYS BASKETBALL

Astoria 58, Molalla 50
MOL (50): Jonathon Gengler 13, Jazdzinski 12, Gav.Thrower 11, Potter 9, Silbernagel 3, Daniels 2.
AST (58): Justin Fruiht 17, Strange 13, Jarrett 12, Fremstad 6, Palek 5, Arnsdorf 3, Englund 2, Gohl.
Molalla 6 18 10 16—50
Astoria 15 16 11 16—58

Seaside 64, Estacada 41
EST (41): Doug Kirchofer 15, Blankenship 7, Smith 7, James 5, Albrecht 3, McDaniel 3, Sittner 2.

SEA (64): Jackson Januik 14, Smith 11, Eagon 10, Thompson 8, Marston 6, Babb 5, Olson 3, Caza-rez 3, Hoekstre 2, Bassett 2, Richardson, Lewis.

Estacada 15 7 8 11—41
Seaside 19 14 16 15—64

Rainier 64, Warrenton 44

WAR (44): Christian Holt 16, Cochran 9, Wilson 7, Knight 4, Little 2, Fischer 2, Alcobendas 2.

RAI (64): Dawson Carr 21, Rea 12, C.Tripp 8, Hall 6, Earls 6, Hansen 5, Avery 4, J.Tripp 1, Graff 1.

Warrenton 2 18 9 15—44
Rainier 14 8 25 17—64

Knappa 62, City Christian 51

KNA (62): Dale Takalo 33, Weirup 14, Miller 9, Severson 4, Goodman 2, Engblom, Eltagonde, Geisler, Rubus, Hendrickson, Hunt.

CC (51): DeMonte Malloy 18, Brown 13, Arnett 9, McNack 7, Srolow 2, Furlong 1.

Knappa 10 15 22 15—62
City Christian 16 8 15 12—51

Falls City 56, Jewell 38

FC (56): Robert Kempfer 17, Burgess 13, J.Labrado 10, Z.Weems 5, Young 3, Z.Labrado 3, Simmons 3, Macnab 2.

JWL (38): Rylan Murray 9, Hinson 8, Silva 7, Ritchie 5, Stahly 5, Meehan 2, Lyon 2, Gerken, Munk.

Falls City 10 14 11 21—56
Jewell 11 6 15 6—38

North Beach 54, Ilwaco 45

NB (54): Cerley 16, Perez 12, Poplin 10, Forbore 6, Johnson 4, Wagner 4, Gonzalez 2.

ILW (45): Zac Tapio 12, Mendoza 9, Bannister 9, Tynkila 8, Schenk 4, Kaino 3.

North Beach 21 12 11 10—54
Ilwaco 11 14 9 11—45

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