

Lady Loggers top the 'Cats, 33-19

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KNAPPA — The Knappa girls basketball team snapped a nine-game losing streak Friday, with a 33-19 win over visiting Nestucca Bobcats.

It was the second win of the season for the Loggers (2-14), who broke an 11-11 halftime tie with a 12-2 run in the third quarter.

"I just told the girls at halftime, it's 0-0," Knappa coach Marie Green said. "I asked them, 'who wants to protect our house?' And they responded. We made a few mistakes, but we can iron out those things."

Paris Vanderburg scored 10 points with four rebounds, while Bailey Corder and Kaitlyn Landwehr added eight points apiece. Corder had four steals, and Kaitlyn Truax pulled down 10 rebounds.

Lady Fish 52, Tigers 27

YAMHILL — Astoria closed out the nonleague season with a 52-27 win at Yamhill-Carlton Friday.

Chloe Hunt scored 17 points with five rebounds and three steals to lead the Lady Fishermen, now 7-7 overall.

Freshman Sam Hemsley added 11 points with 13 rebounds and five steals for Astoria, which built a 31-10 halftime lead. Kaylee Mitchell finished with nine points and seven rebounds, and Taylor Mickle had seven points and three assists.

Gulls 63, Huskies 45

AURORA — The No. 2-ranked Seaside girls had to overcome a nine-point deficit in the third quarter to beat North Marion Friday, 63-45, in a nonleague game.

The Huskies led 33-24 midway through the third quarter, when Seaside's Whitney Westerholm caught fire and made three straight 3-pointers, helping cut the lead to 38-37.

"All of a sudden the game turned, the girls stepped up the defensive pressure and rebounded better and pushed the tempo," Seaside coach Wally Hamer said, "and the game swung to us."

Westerholm finished with 11 points and five rebounds, while Maddi Utti scored a game-high 30 points, to go with 12 boards, seven steals and three assists.

"We knew this was going to be a very tough game, and it was," Hamer said. "North



Knappa's Paris Vanderburg looks to pass the ball in Friday's win over Nestucca.

Marion was coming off a good win versus Valley Catholic, and seemed to be primed to beat us."

And now the Gulls — winners of eight in a row — are primed to win their third straight Cowapa title, when league play starts Tuesday.

"We needed a game like this, when we could have folded, we didn't and responded in a positive manner," Hamer said. "We stayed tough and together and were resilient and it paid off. This game is the type of game we need going in to a very tough Cowapa League schedule."

Seaside (11-2 overall), plays at Scappoose (4-8) Tuesday.

Tigers 53, Warriors 49

WARRENTON — Clatskanie won a foul-plagued, free-throw festival Friday night at Warrenton, 53-49, in Lewis & Clark League action.

The Tigers (1-7) won their first league game, while the Warriors slip to 0-8.

The teams combined for 56 fouls and 77 free throw attempts (including 41 missed). The Tigers made 21-of-42, to Warrenton's 15-for-35.

Clatskanie let a 12-point first half lead slip away, as Warrenton rallied behind Tyla Little and Landree Mieth in the second half to build an eventual 46-43 lead with three minutes left.



Knappa's Jason Miller works the ball up the floor in Friday's game vs. Nestucca.

The fourth quarter was a free-throw shooting contest, with Clatskanie making 14-of-24 to Warrenton's 9-for-17.

Little led the Warriors with 15 points, while Mieth had 14 off the bench. Olivia Warren scored 17 for Clatskanie.

The Warriors were without three key players down the stretch, as Sophia Thomas, Claire Bussert and Mieth all fouled out.

Knights 34, Lady Jays 23

SALEM — Lack of depth is beginning to cost the Jewell girls basketball team, which has played the last two games with just five players.

Friday night in Salem, St. John Bosco outscored Jewell 10-2 in the fourth quarter for a 34-23 win over the Jays.

Aly Littlepage scored 15 points with nine rebounds for Jewell, which trailed 24-21 heading into the final quarter.

Down to just four players because of injuries, coach Mark Fick had to search the school for another player, and added freshman Rebecca Wammack to the roster.

With just one practice, Wammack had eight rebounds and two points.

Comets 60, Acorns 21

NASELLE, Wash. — Naselle led 24-2 after just one quarter Friday night, on

its way to an easy 60-21 win over Oakville.

Taylor Ford (16 points) and teammate Kendra Leeland (15) combined for 31 to lead the Comets.

Boys Basketball

Gulls 45, Huskies 37

AURORA — The Seaside Gulls finished the nonleague season unbeaten against 4A competition, as the Gulls took down yet another top 10 opponent on the road Friday, 45-37 at North Marion.

The No. 3-ranked Gulls won their 12th straight game by holding off a late rally against the fourth-ranked Huskies, who have now lost to both Seaside and Astoria.

North Marion trailed 38-27 going into the fourth quarter, but rallied to within four points on consecutive layups by Drew Torian.

A pair of free throws by Seaside's Jaxson Smith with 1:16 remaining helped the Gulls close out the win. Smith led Seaside with 15 points, and made 6-of-8 free throws in the final period (including his last five in a row).

"Austin Eagon (12 points) played one of his best games for us," Seaside coach Bill Westerholm said. "He had eight rebounds in the first half, and I'm sure he had a couple more in the second. And we showed we can still overcome when one of our top scorers doesn't score at

all (Hunter Thompson). We still have other kids who can step up and score."

Fishermen 65, Tigers 39

YAMHILL — Astoria tuned up for Cowapa League play with a 65-39 win Friday over an old foe from the Cowapa, Yamhill-Carlton.

The Fishermen have won four of their last five, including a 43-42 victory over No. 4-ranked North Marion.

Astoria opens league play at Banks Tuesday.

Tigers 61, Warriors 30

WARRENTON — A hot start by Clatskanie led to a 61-30 victory for the Tigers, Friday night at Warrenton.

Clatskanie's Cooper Starkel and Dawson Howard hit back-to-back 3-pointers to open the game, and Starkel added two more treys later in the first quarter for the Tigers.

Starkel had all 11 of his points in the first quarter, while Christian Holt and Anthony Cochran scored 10 points apiece for the Warriors.

Bobcats 47, Loggers 43

KNAPPA — A back and forth game ended up going in Nestucca's favor Saturday, as the Bobcats left Knappa with a 47-43 win over the Loggers in Northwest League action.

Knappa rallied from a 24-18 halftime deficit to take a fourth-quarter lead, but too many missed opportunities down the stretch cost the Loggers, who fall to 5-3 in league.

Brett Elder scored 16 points for Nestucca, while Dale Takalo had 17 and Dakota Severson added 11 for the Loggers.

Knights 64, Blue Jays 40

SALEM — Calvin Sindlinger scored 18 points to lead St. John Bosco to a 64-40 win over Jewell Friday in Casco League action.

The Knights held a 40-17 lead over the Blue Jays, who were led by Ben Stahly (12 points, 15 rebounds) and Rylan Murray (11 points).

Comets 66, Acorns 55

NASELLE, Wash. — Hayden Gudmundsen scored 12 points, and freshman Cole Dorman added 12 off the bench to help Naselle to a 66-55 win over Oakville Friday.

The Comets had the game well in hand by halftime, leading 33-21.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

Girls Basketball — Astoria at Banks, 7:45 p.m.; Seaside at Scappoose, 7:45 p.m.; Portland Christian at Warrenton, 6 p.m.; Ocosta at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.

Boys Basketball — Astoria at Banks, 6 p.m.; Seaside at Scappoose, 6 p.m.; Portland Christian at Warrenton, 7:45 p.m.

Wrestling — Neah-Kah-Nie at Knappa, 6 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Astoria 52, Yamhill-Carlton 27
AST (52): Chloe Hunt 17, Hemsley 11, Mitchell 9, Mickle 7, Wallace 5, Rogers 2, Abrahams 1, Gimre, Dalton.

YC (27): Taylor Reimann 7, Gaibler 4, Sauers 4, Ready 3, Whitchurch 3, Carlgren 2, Home 2, Southard 2.
Astoria 19 12 15 6—52
Yamhill-C 7 3 9 8—27

Seaside 63, North Marion 45
SEA (63): Maddi Utti 30, Westerholm 11, Villegas 9, J. Ideue 5, Brown 4, Bodner 2, West 2, P. Ideue, Trot.

Seaside 11 9 20 23—63
North Marion 12 12 14 7—45

Clatskanie 53, Warrenton 49
CLA (53): Olivia Warren 17, Simmons 10, Haas 9, Lindblom 6, Sermino 5, Mitchell 3, Moravec 2, Dykes 1.
WAR (49): Tyla Little 15, Mieth

14, Blodgett 7, Thomas 6, Bussert 6, King 1, Morrill.
Clatskanie 11 17 7 18—53
Warrenton 11 7 16 15—49

Knappa 33, Nestucca 19
NES (19): Jaykayla Jackson 8, Chatelain 3, Wilkinson 2, Chavarin 2, Morgan 2, Logan 2.

KNA (33): Paris Vanderburg 10, Corder 8, Landwehr 8, McMahan 4, Truax 2, Vandergriff 1, Mieth, Strain.
Nestucca 8 3 2 6—19
Knappa 7 4 12 10—33

St. John Bosco 34, Jewell 23
JWL (23): Aly Littlepage 15, Morales 4, Olvera 2, Wammack 2, Kaczinski.

SJB (34): Megan Crowell 18, Emily Crowell 12, Moore 4, Sindlinger 2, Jewell 4 6 11 2—23
St. John 8 10 6 10—34

Naselle 60, Oakville 21
OAK (21): Chelsea Brays 10, Moore 4, Bray 4, Thediay 3.

NAS (60): Taylor Ford 16, Leeland 15, Chapman 9, TuTu 4, Zimmerman 4, Eaton 3, Gudmundsen 2, Jacot 2, Ridgway 2, Glenn 2, Weston 1.

Oakville 2 5 6 8—21
Naselle 24 11 18 7—60

BOYS BASKETBALL

Seaside 45, North Marion 37
SEA (45): Jaxson Smith 15, Eagon 12, Januik 9, Babb 6, Marston

2, Cazarez 1, Thompson, Lewis.
NM (37): Drew Torian 12, Scanlan 8, Martin 6, Barrow 2, Ramon 2, Barton 2, Robinson 2, Ledesma 1.
Seaside 10 18 10 7—45
North Marion 10 6 11 10—37

Clatskanie 61, Warrenton 30
CLA (61): Cooper Starkel 11, Wyatt McKay 11, McCallister 9, Sewald 7, Norgren 7, Karber 4, Watson 4, Nichols 4, Howard 3, Luquette 1.

WAR (30): Christian Holt 10, Anthony Cochran 10, Knight 6, Wilson 2, Fischer 2, Little, Whitaker, Alcobendas, Stein.
Clatskanie 18 11 19 13—61
Warrenton 10 6 9 5—30

St. John Bosco 64, Jewell 40

JWL (40): Ben Stahly 12, Murray 11, Hinson 6, Silva 6, Ritchie 3, Meehan 3.

SJB (64): Calvin Sindlinger 18, Crowell 10, J. Brophy 10, Andreas 8, Williamson 7, Kaleb Sindlinger 5, A. Brophy 5, Schulz 2.

Jewell 8 9 7 15—40
St. John 21 19 12 11—64

Naselle 66, Oakville 55

OAK (55): Devin Boyd 32, Youckton 16, Keller 2, Eichelberger 2, Boyd 2, Christin 1.

NAS (66): Hayden Gudmundsen 12, Cole Dorman 12, Estes 10, Scraback 8, Pine 7, Edwards 7, Lund 7, Wirkkala 3.

Oakville 8 13 10 24—55
Naselle 15 18 15 18—66

So white: 1853 ruling 'decided that slavery ... was illegal in Oregon'

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By 1845, the law softened to a flat ban on slavery in Oregon. But the law was loosely enforced, and slaveowners were given a three-year grace period to free slaves, leading to small numbers of slaves being brought in.

"In those days, the provisional government and the federal government allotted a square mile of land to the first settlers that came out," Nokes said. "A square mile of land is a lot of land. And so the temptation was for some of the slaveholders in Missouri to bring out a few slaves with them get their land cultivated."

Holmes v. Ford

"Breaking Chains" tells the story of one slave-owning

family, the Fords, who left Fayette, Missouri, in their own wagon train and settled around present-day Rickreall west of Salem in 1844.

With the family came six slaves, including Robin and Polly Holmes. Nathaniel Ford, a prominent politician and landowner, and some other offered the slaves freedom in exchange for work, Nokes said.

After several false promises and long after the expiration of the three-year grace period, the Holmes and their newborn earned their freedom in 1850. But three of

their children were still held in bondage by the Fords, who had secretly sought to sell them in Missouri using the Fugitive Slave Act.

Nokes' book details the landmark case of Holmes v. Ford, in which the Holmes sued their former owners in Polk County court for the freedom of their three children, two of whom died before being freed. The case went through three appointed territorial justices before a fourth, recently appointed Oregon Supreme Court judge George H. Williams from the abolitionist hotbed

of Massachusetts, ruled in the Holmes' favor in 1853.

"It was that ruling which really decided that slavery ... was illegal in Oregon," Nokes said.

No slaves, no blacks

"I was astounded in my research to discover there was no issue more compelling or controversial in that period than whether Oregon would become a slave state," Nokes said.

When the Oregon Constitution was under consideration in the late 1850s, it included three provisions

put forth to white male voters: whether to accept the Constitution as presented, whether Oregon should be a slave state and whether Oregon should exclude black people.

Nokes said economic reality, not altruism, led poorer, working-class white males in Oregon to oppose slavery. "It was very difficult for a white working man competing against a slave who was unpaid."

But when accepted by the Union in 1859, Oregon was the only state with an exclusion clause in its Constitution barring blacks, a clause which was not repealed until Nov. 3, 1926. Oregon did not ratify the 15th Amendment, which granted voting rights to black people, until 1959. The state re-ratified the 14th

Amendment, which granted U.S. citizenship to all native and naturalized people, including slaves, in 1973.

"It really only takes a generation for that history to be lost," Nokes said. He made a serendipitous discovery on page 367 of his family's 1,200-page genealogy, noting that his ancestors had brought several slaves on the Oregon Trail.

Nokes said he grew up as a child in largely white Portland thinking Oregon had no part in the institution of slavery, with no understanding of the integral role the issue of slavery played in the creation of Oregon.

"I think that's important for everybody to know," Nokes said. "Then we need to take that knowledge, and apply it to ourselves."