



Players, including Warrenton's Hunter Wilson, watch as a loose ball goes out of bounds during the basketball game against Portland Christian Tuesday. See more photos online at www.dailyastorian.com/sports

Gulls boys beat defending state champs in 59-56 win

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SCAPPOOSE — The two teams that tied for the Cowapa League championship last year opened the 2015-16 league season Tuesday night at Scappoose, in the Game of the Night in Class 4A boys basketball.

And — as expected — Round 1 went to the Seaside Gulls. But just barely, as the state's No. 2-ranked team had to hold on for a 59-56 win over the defending state champion Indians.

Seaside led Scappoose by as much as 17 points in the third quarter, only to watch a furious rally by the Indians in the fourth that brought Scappoose to within one point.

Meanwhile, the first half featured four ties and seven lead changes.

A pair of 3-pointers by Scappoose junior Tanner Kramer gave the Indians a 16-11 advantage in the first quarter, but the lead didn't last.

Scores by Jackson Januik and Hunter Thompson in the second quarter resulted in a 27-23 Seaside halftime lead.

And the momentum carried over into the third period, as a score by Austin Eagon, a 3-pointer by Thompson and a jumper by Januik gave Seaside a 34-26 advantage.

Baskets by Attikin Babb, Eagon and Thompson made it 40-26, and a 3-pointer from Januik gave the Gulls their largest lead at 45-28.

Trailing 49-34 to start the final quarter, the Indians rallied behind Joey Wagenknecht, Robert Lohman and Ian Donaldson, whose layup with just under a minute remaining cut Seaside's lead to 55-53.

Jaxson Smith scored inside for the Gulls to push it to 57-53, but Donaldson nailed a 3-pointer seconds later to bring the Indians to within 57-56.

Thompson hit two free throws with 15 seconds left, and Scappoose was unable to get off a potential game-tying 3-pointer.

Eagon led the Gulls with 17 points, followed by Januik with 13 and Thompson with 12. "We played well for the most part, but we didn't have good shot selection from about six minutes to three minutes left in the fourth quarter," Seaside coach Bill Westerholm said. "We didn't play well for that span. But it's a big win on the road, in a tough place to play."

Astoria 59, Banks 43

BANKS — A balanced scoring effort and a big half-time lead helped the Fishermen open the Cowapa League season with a 59-43 win at Banks Tuesday.

Derek Jarrett scored 13 points to lead Astoria, which had 11 points from Ryan Palek. Kyle Strange added nine points, Fridtjof Fremstad scored eight, Ole Englund had seven and Justin Fruith chipped in six.

The Fishermen led 27-12 at halftime, and a 22-6 run in the third made it 49-18.



Warrenton's Katelynn Blodgett, No. 33, fights for possession against Portland Christian's Caitlyn James, No. 33, during the game Tuesday.

"It was a good win over a good team, on the road," Astoria coach Kevin Goin said. "I was real happy with how we played, offensively and defensively. It was probably our most complete game of the season."

Astoria hosts Tillamook Friday.

Royals 51, Warriors 49

WARRENTON — Just over a month after Warrenton defeated Portland Christian on the Royals' home court, the Royals turned the tables and won at Warrenton Tuesday night, 51-49.

Pirates 60, Blue Jays 32

PERRYDALE — Trystan Silva and Ben Stahly scored 10 points apiece for Jewell, but the Blue Jays fell short in a Casco League game at Perrydale Tuesday, 60-32.

Haylen Janesofsky scored 12 points for the Pirates, who led 29-15 at halftime, then outscored Jewell 23-9 in the third quarter.

Stahly also pulled down 17 rebounds with three assists.

Girls Basketball Gulls 48, Indians 20

SCAPPOOSE — The No. 2-ranked Seaside Lady Gulls have dominated the Cowapa League for the past two years, and they're showing signs of doing it again.

Seaside led 20-0 after one quarter Tuesday night at Scappoose, on its way to an easy 48-20 win over the Indians.

Maddi Utti scored 21 of her game-high 25 points in the first half, which ended with a 3-pointer by Utti for a 33-10 lead.

Sydney Villegas scored nine points and Whitney Westerholm added eight for the Gulls, winners of nine straight.

Banks 61, Astoria 44

BANKS — A hot night from the 3-point wasn't enough for the Astoria girls basketball team, which fell short in a Cowapa League opener at Banks Tuesday.

The Braves jumped out to a 31-12 halftime lead, on their way to an eventual 61-44 win over the Lady Fishermen.

Chloe Hunt scored 18

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

Boys Basketball — Ilwaco at Ocosta, 7 p.m.

Swimming — Astoria at Seaside, 4 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

Girls Basketball — Tillamook at Astoria, 7:45 p.m.; Banks at Seaside, 7:45 p.m.; Warrenton at Catlin Gabel, 6 p.m.; Life Christian at Knappa, 6 p.m.; Crosshill Christian at Jewell, 5:30 p.m.

Boys Basketball — Tillamook at Astoria, 6 p.m.; Banks at Seaside, 6 p.m.; Warrenton at Catlin Gabel, 7:45 p.m.; Life Christian at Knappa, 8 p.m.; Crosshill Christian at Jewell, 7 p.m.

Swimming — Tillamook Cheese Relays, TBA

Wrestling — Astoria at Tillamook Duals, TBA

BOYS BASKETBALL

Seaside 59, Scappoose 56

SEA (59): Austin Eagon 17, Januik 13, Thompson 12, Babb 7, Smith 6, Marston 2, Lewis 2, Cazarez.

SCP (56): Ian Donaldson 19, Wagenknecht 9, Kramer 8, Davis 8, Lohman 7, Toman 2, Nelson 2.

Seaside 14 13 22 10—59

Scappoose 16 7 11 22—56

Astoria 59, Banks 43

AST (59): Derek Jarrett 13, Palek 11, Strange 9, Fremstad 8, Englund 7, Fruith 6, Gohl 3, Arnsdorf 2, Williams, Loughran, Burchfield, Meisner, O'Brien.

BAN (43): Dalton Renne 12, Sly 8, Gobel 7, McGough 5, Ward 4,

Schorn 2, Carrizales 2, Taylor 2, Kemper 1.

Astoria 14 13 22 10—59

Banks 6 6 6 25—43

Perrydale 60, Jewell 32

JWL (32): Trystan Silva 10, Ben Stahly 10, Murray 4, Ritchie 4, Hinson 2, Meehan 2, Munk.

PER (60): Haylen Janesofsky 12, Barnes 11, Bibler 9, Hawes 8, Bailey 6, Silver 6, Wills 4, Cruickshank 2, Fairchild 2.

Jewell 6 9 9 8—32

Perrydale 15 14 23 8—60

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Banks 61, Astoria 44

AST (44): Chloe Hunt 18, Mitchell 8, Hemsley 8, DeMander 6, Mickle 1, Wallace 3, Abrahams, Gimre.

BAN (61): Aspen Slifka 23, Megan Bunn 14, Ar.Slifka 9, Borchers 5, Klein 4, Streblov 3, Gregg 3.

Astoria 4 8 19 13—44

Banks 11 20 11 19—61

Seaside 48, Scappoose 20

SEA (48): Maddi Utti 25, Villegas 9, Westerholm 8, J.Ideue 4, Smart 2, Brown, P.Ideue.

SCP (20): Kaylie Kopra 8, Bailey 6, S.Smith 3, Fisher 2, B.Smith 1.

Seaside 20 13 5 10—48

Scappoose 0 10 4 6—20

Perrydale 25, Jewell 23

JWL (23): Gabi Morales 12, A.Littlepage 5, Olvera 4, Guillen 2, Wammack, Kaczanski.

PER (25): Hannah Hallock 6, Newton 5, Clark 5, McGill 4, Halverson 3, Perkins 2.

Jewell 6 4 11 2—23

Perrydale 9 8 5 3—25

points and was 3-for-7 from the 3-point line, where the Lady Fish connected on 8-of-16 shots.

Kaylee Mitchell hit two treys and scored eight points, freshman Sam Hemsley also had eight points, and Rylee DeMander had a pair of 3-pointers for six points.

Freshman guard Aspen Slifka scored a game-high 23 points for the Braves, Megan Bunn added 14 and Ariel Slifka scored eight.

Royals 56, Warriors 26

WARRENTON — Portland Christian remained undefeated in Lewis & Clark League girls basketball, with a 56-26 win at Warrenton Tuesday night.

Junior Demi Guild scored 20 points to lead the Royals (8-0 in league, ranked fifth in the 3A rankings), while Tyla

Little had eight points for the Warriors. Teammates Landree Miethe and Katelynn Blodgett added six points apiece.

Warrenton plays at Catlin Gabel Friday.

Pirates 25, Lady Jays 23

PERRYDALE — Perrydale outscored Jewell 3-2 in the fourth quarter Tuesday night, and the Pirates scored a dramatic 25-23 win over the Blue Jays in a Casco League contest.

Jewell led with seven minutes left, following a jump shot by Sophia Olvera.

The Pirates rallied however, and Perrydale improved to 8-1 in league, while Jewell falls to 0-7.

Gabi Morales had 12 points, 11 rebounds and three steals for the Jays, while Aly Littlepage had five points.

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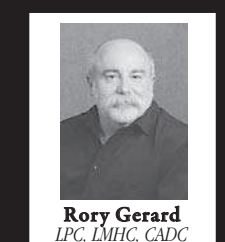
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