

# Valiants hold off Seaside rally, 40-31

## Lady Fish take win; Fishermen boys take a fall

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SEASIDE — Valley Catholic had more depth, more size and more experience Tuesday night against Seaside, in a Cowapa League girls basketball game at the Gulls' Nest.

The Valiants also had an 18-1 lead early in the second quarter. Yet there they were late in the game, having to run a spread offense to finally hold off a determined Seaside team, 40-31.

The Gulls — playing without junior Maddi Utti — struggled in the first half and trailed 20-9 at halftime.

Seaside committed 20 turnovers and shot 3-of-18 from the field in the first half, before outscoring Valley Catholic 22-20 in the second half. The Gulls even pulled to within 32-24 at the end of the third quarter.

But Valley Catholic's Molly Danielson scored six of her game-high 20 points early in the fourth to help the Valiants keep the lead.

Seaside coach Wally Hamer called it "a tremendous effort tonight," as the Gulls "found their footing to fight back and make a game of it," he said.

The Valiants committed 27 turnovers of their own, and finished 15-of-50 from the field.

Paige Ideue made three 3-pointers to lead the Gulls with nine points, while Whitney Westerholm added seven. Sydney Villegas had 13 rebounds for Seaside, which plays at Astoria Friday.

### Fishermen 33, Indians 23

SCAPPOOSE — Astoria tuned up for Friday's big Clatsop Clash showdown with a 33-23 win at Scappoose Tuesday.

Astoria was just 1-of-15 from the 3-point line, and was outrebounded 32-26. The Indians, however, struggled to score. The Lady Fishermen led 24-9 at halftime, then managed to hold off Scappoose in the second half.

Chloe Hunt led Astoria with 13 points to go with five rebounds, followed by Samantha Hemsley and Alexis Wallace with seven apiece. Kaylee Mitchell led with six rebounds and Hemsley had five.

### Gaston 43, Knappa 35

GASTON — Knappa's Kaitlyn Landwehr scored 18 points, to go with eight steals, six rebounds and three assists, but it wasn't enough for the Loggers, who came up short at Gaston Tuesday, 43-35.

Kaitlyn Truax added seven points, six boards and four steals for Knappa, which led 10-8 after one quarter.

### Boys Basketball Valiants 51, Gulls 46

SEASIDE — Two very hungry teams will take the floor Friday night at the Brick House, where Astoria and Seaside will meet in a key Cowapa League showdown between the Clatsop Clash rivals.

Both teams will be coming off tough losses Tuesday, as Valley Catholic rallied past Seaside 51-46, while Astoria lost at Scappoose (see story below).

The No. 3-ranked Gulls held a 17-9 lead over Valley Catholic in the second quarter, before the No. 7-ranked Valiants opened the second half with a quick 5-0 run to spark a 15-6 run.

Valley Catholic's Shankar Krishnakumar and Vlad Katin hit back-to-back 3-pointers to close the third period. Krishnakumar nailed another trey early in the fourth, and Avery Jones scored on two drives to the hoop with just under four minutes remaining to help the Valiants build a 48-42 lead with 2:19 left.

Seaside's Jackson Januik (14 points) hit a 3-pointer, drew the foul and converted a four-point play with 2:04 remaining, but those would be the final points of the night for the Gulls, who were just 2-of-15 from the 3-point line in the second half.

"We needed to lose that game," Seaside coach Bill Westerholm said. "You never say you 'need' to lose a game, but it will refocus our kids.

"We knew Valley Catholic has a really good team," he added. "They're long and they pose some problems. And we have to shoot the ball better. We didn't shoot very well. We had open looks in the second half, and they just didn't fall. We did not do what we had to do, and move the ball against their zone. We'll get better at it."

Andrew Plambeck was the only Valiant to score in double figures (10 points), while Austin Eagon added 13 for Seaside.

Astoria, Scappoose, Seaside and Valley Catholic — all ranked in the top 10 statewide — are tied for first in the Cowapa standings at 2-1.

### Indians 61, Fishermen 54

SCAPPOOSE — A 21-6 run by the Scappoose boys basketball in the third quarter sparked the Indians to a big 61-54 win over Astoria Tuesday night, in a Cowapa League showdown at Scappoose.

The Fishermen led 31-30 at halftime and outscored the Indians 17-10 in the final quarter — it was the third quarter that cost Astoria, said Fishermen coach Kevin Goin.

"Every once in while we'll have a quarter like that," he said. "We couldn't score, we didn't play very good defense, and I think we had turnovers on five-straight possessions at one point."

Scappoose senior post Ian Donaldson scored 25 points, while Derek Jarrett had 20 and Kyle Strange added 17 for Astoria.

The Fishermen are now in a four-way tie atop the Cowapa League standings at 2-1, with a key Clatsop Clash showdown Friday at the Brick House.

### Knappa 66, Gaston 38

GASTON — Knappa cruised past a struggling Gaston team Tuesday night, 66-38, in a Northwest League boys basketball game.

Knappa's Dale Takalo led all scorers with 30 points and Jason Miller added 18 points, nine rebounds, six assists and four steals for the Loggers, who defeated Gaston 82-44 in the first meeting. The Greyhounds drop to 2-14 overall, 1-9 in league.

Knappa (7-3) hosts Delphian (1-8) Thursday.

### Cougars edge Warriors

WARRENTON — The Portland Adventist girls' and boys' basketball teams — both ranked in the top 10 — left Warrenton with victories Tuesday night.

The No. 4-ranked Cougars defeated the Warrenton girls 51-34, as Portland Adventist improved to 17-3 overall. The Lady Warriors are still seeking their first league win.

Portland Adventist scored a 75-43 win over Warrenton in the boys' game.



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Seaside's Jackson Januik, No. 3, drives to the basket in the second quarter of the basketball game against Valley Catholic Tuesday. See more photos from the games online at [dailystorian.com/sports](http://dailystorian.com/sports)



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Whitney Westerholm, No. 24, lunges for a loose ball in during Seaside's basketball game against Valley Catholic Tuesday.



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Seaside's Sydney Villegas, No. 20, tries to move the ball down the court while defended by Valley Catholic's Noelle Mannen, No. 25, during the game.

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### PREP SCHEDULE

#### THURSDAY

**Boys Basketball** — Delphian at Knappa, 6 p.m.; Life Christian at Ilwaco, 5:45 p.m.

**Girls Basketball** — Life Christian at Ilwaco, 7:15 p.m.

**Swimming** — Scappoose at Astoria, 4 p.m.; Tillamook at Seaside, 4 p.m.

**Wrestling** — Astoria, Seaside at Banks, 5:30 p.m.

#### FRIDAY

**Girls Basketball** — Seaside at Astoria, 7:45 p.m.; Warrenton at Oregon Episcopal, 6 p.m.; Jewell at C.S. Lewis,

5:30 p.m.; Life Christian at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.

**Boys Basketball** — Seaside at Astoria, 6 p.m.; Warrenton at Oregon Episcopal, 7:45 p.m.; Jewell at C.S. Lewis, 7 p.m.; Life Christian at Ilwaco, 5:45 p.m.

**Swimming** — Seaside at Rainier, 3:15 p.m.

#### SATURDAY

**Girls Basketball** — Neah-Kah-Nie at Warrenton, 6 p.m.; Knappa at Vernonia, 4 p.m.

**Boys Basketball** — Neah-Kah-Nie at Warrenton, 7:30 p.m.; Knappa at Vernonia, 6 p.m.

**Wrestling** — Ilwaco Beach Brawl, 10 a.m.