

Fishermen score big road win, 56-47

By GARY HENLEY
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BEAVERTON — With five of the league's six teams all within a game of each other, it's a "first-place showdown" every night in the Cowapa League.

And the Astoria boys basketball team is meeting every challenge.

The Fishermen scored a key victory over another contender Tuesday, as they won 56-47 at Valley Catholic.

Astoria improves to 4-1 in league, tied with Scappoose atop the league standings.

"I was pretty happy with how we closed it out," Astoria coach Kevin Goin said. "We had some good quarters and some bad quarters, but we did a nice job defensively and made our free throws (15-of-22) down the stretch. We held a 13- to 15-point lead in the fourth quarter, so we're learning how to close out games."

Derek Jarrett was 7-for-8 from the field (2-for-2 on 3-pointers) and finished with a game-high 27 points for Astoria, while teammate Justin Fruith added 14.

The Fishermen host Banks Friday.

Gulls 58, Cheesemakers 41

TILLAMOOK — Seaside bounced back from Friday's loss at Astoria with a 58-41 win at Tillamook Tuesday.

The Gulls improve to 3-2 in league, to keep pace with Astoria and Scappoose (both 4-1), while Tillamook remains

winless (0-5) in league play.

Seaside outscored the Cheesemakers in every quarter and finished with three players in double figures, led by Jaxson Smith's 18 points.

Seaside was also on fire from the 3-point line in the first half, as Smith connected on four, Hunter Thompson made two and Attikin Babb added a seventh for a 36-27 halftime lead.

Austin Eagon finished with 11 points and Babb had 10 off the bench for the Gulls, who play three of their final five league games at home.

Loggers 69, Pirates 27

KNAPPA — The Knappa Loggers are right back in second place in the league standings Tuesday, as they pounded Neah-Kah-Nie 69-27 in a Northwest League game.

Coupled with City Christian's win over Life Christian, the Loggers are alone in second at 9-4.

Knappa built a quick 21-4 lead after one quarter in Tuesday's game.

"We just overwhelmed 'em early," Knappa coach Chris Spencer said. "Full court, man-to-man ... we had 16 steals, and most of those led to easy scores."

Dale Takalo outscored the Pirates all by himself with 30 points, with Timber Engblom and Jason Miller adding eight points apiece for the Loggers.

Girls Basketball

Valiants 76, Lady Fish 34

BEAVERTON — Astoria lost its second-straight league

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

Girls Basketball — Jewell at Livingstone Adventist, 5:30 p.m.

Boys Basketball — Jewell at Livingstone Adventist, 7 p.m.; Willapa Valley at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.

Wrestling — Astoria at Gladstone, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY

Girls Basketball — Ilwaco at Raymond, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

Girls Basketball — Banks at Astoria, 6 p.m.; Scappoose at Seaside, 6 p.m.; Riverdale at Warrenton, 6 p.m.; City Christian at Knappa, 6 p.m.; Country Christian at Jewell, 5:30 p.m.

Boys Basketball — Banks at Astoria, 7:45 p.m.; Scappoose at Seaside, 7:45 p.m.; Riverdale at Warrenton, 7:45 p.m.; City Christian at Knappa, 8 p.m.; Country Christian at Jewell, 7 p.m.; Raymond at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.

Swimming — Cowapa League Championships, St. Helens, 4 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Astoria 56, Valley Catholic 47

AST (56): Derek Jarrett 27, Fruith 14, Strange 6, Englund 5, Fremstad 4, Arnsdorf, Gohl.

VC (47): Colin Haggerty 9, Plambeck 9, Hardy 6, Krishnakumar 6, Parthasarathy 5, Jones 4, Welsh 2, Katin 2, Braun 2, Robbins 2.

Astoria 16 7 13 20—56
Valley C. 10 11 9 17—47

Seaside 58, Tillamook 41

SEA (58): Jaxson Smith 18, Eagon 11, Babb 10, Thompson 8, Januik 7, Lewis 2, Marston 2.

TIL (41): Jacob Berge 18, Collett 12, Moore 4, Malo-

ney 3, Johnson 2, Oldenkamp 2.

Seaside 21 15 11 11—58
Tillamook 17 10 6 8—41

Knappa 69, Neah-Kah-Nie 27

NKN (27): Croman 4, Spliethof 4, Marugg 4, Dilard 3, Halvorson 3, Deuel 2, Hooley 2, Davidson 2, Champ 2, May 1.

KNA (69): Dale Takalo 30, Miller 8, Engblom 8, Geisler 5, Rubus 5, Goodman 5, Eltagonde 4, Hunt 2, Severson 2, Hendrickson.

Neah-Kah-Nie 4 10 3 10—27
Knappa 21 18 19 11—69

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Valley Catholic 76, Astoria 34

AST (34): Chloe Hunt 14, Wallace 5, Mickle 4, Gimre 4, Mitchell 3, Rogers 2, Abrahams 2, Dalton, DeMander, Hemsley.

Astoria 2 9 10 13—34
Valley C. 25 20 11 20—76

Seaside 39, Tillamook 22

SEA (39): Jesse Trott 9, Westerholm 8, West 6, J. Ideue 5, Utti 4, P. Ideue 4, Villegas 3, Brown.

TIL (22): Jordan Zweifel 10, Kephart 5, Martin 2, Sherer 2, Dobby-Burns 2, Zuercher 1.

Seaside 14 10 6 9—39
Tillamook 6 7 6 3—22

Neah-Kah-Nie 40, Knappa 14

NKN (40): Annie Romig 9, Maddie Lambert 9, Sherman 8, Holm 6, Dunn 2, Booth 2, Phillips 2, Scull 2.

KNA (14): Devin Vandergriff 8, Landwehr 6, Corder, Vanderburg, Mieth, Strain, Truax.

Neah-Kah-Nie 10 18 4 8—40
Knappa 4 2 2 6—14

game Tuesday, as Valley Catholic beat the Lady Fishermen 76-34.

The Valiants took command early with a 19-0 run to start the game, and led 25-2 after one quarter.

Chloe Hunt led Astoria with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

Gulls 39, Lady Mooks 22

TILLAMOOK — The

Seaside girls closed out the first half of league play with a 3-2 record, following a 39-22 win at Tillamook Tuesday.

Jesse Trott scored nine points and Whitney Westerholm added eight points and eight rebounds to lead the Lady Gulls. Maddi Utti scored four points, then sat out the second half for Seaside, which hosts last place Scappoose Friday.

The Gulls had the game well in hand early in the second period, leading 18-6 following a bucket by Jetta Ideue.

Tillamook was within 26-18 in the third, but never seriously threatened, as Seaside went on a 13-4 run to close the game.

Paige Ideue (six), Westerholm (five) and Utti (four) combined for 15 of Seaside's 21 steals.

Pirates 40, Loggers 14

KNAPPA — Annie Romig and Maddie Lambert scored nine points apiece to lead Neah-Kah-Nie to a 40-14 win at Knappa Tuesday in Northwest League action.

Devin Vandergriff tossed in eight points and Kaitlyn Landwehr added six for all of Knappa's points.

Kaitlyn Truax had seven rebounds, while Landwehr finished with five boards and three steals.

Ilwaco 67, Willapa 30

ILWACO, Wash. — Ilwaco's Hannah Ellsworth dropped five 3-point bombs on Willapa Valley Tuesday, helping the Lady Fishermen to an easy 67-30 win.

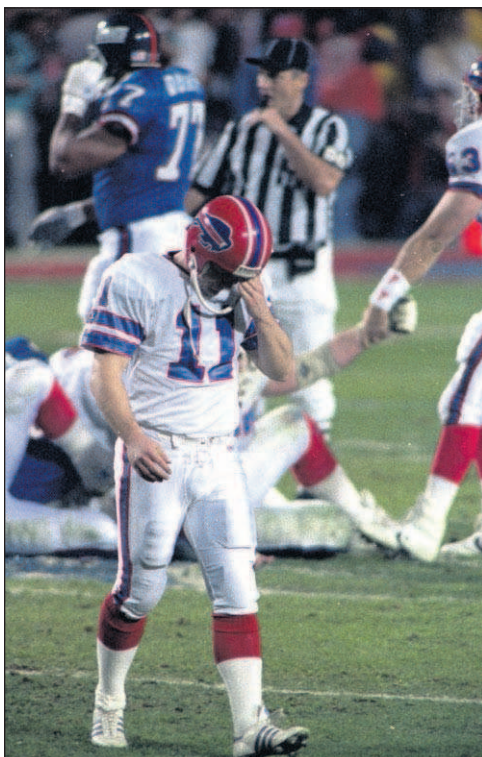
Ellsworth finished with 30 points and teammate Mackenzie Kaech added 15 for Ilwaco, which led 37-9 at halftime.

Knights sweep Warrenton

PORTLAND — The De La Salle Knights managed to hold off Warrenton 40-36 in a close girls game, and De La Salle defeated the Warriors 76-37 in the boys' contest for a doubleheader sweep Tuesday night.

De La Salle is ranked No. 5 in the latest Class 3A boys basketball rankings, while Warrenton drops to 1-12 in league play.

The Lady Warriors (0-12) will be looking for their first league win when they host Riverdale Thursday.



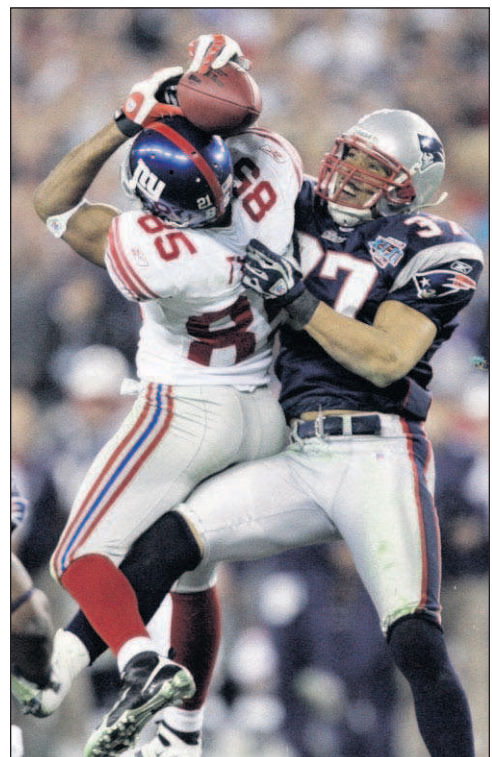
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Buffalo Bills kicker Scott Norwood walks off the field after missing what would have been the game-winning field goal in NFL football's Super Bowl XXV against the New York Giants in Tampa, Fla., Jan. 27, 1991. The Giants won 20-19.



Kathy Willens/AP Photo

New England Patriots cornerback Malcolm Butler (21) intercepts a pass intended for Seattle Seahawks wide receiver Ricardo Lockette (83) during the second half of NFL football's Super Bowl XLIX in Glendale, Ariz., Feb. 1, 2015. New England won 28-24.



Gene Puskar/AP Photo

New York Giants receiver David Tyree (85) catches a 32-yard pass in the clutches of New England Patriots safety Rodney Harrison (37) during the fourth quarter of the NFL football Super Bowl XLII in Glendale, Ariz., Feb. 3, 2008. The Giants won 17-14.

'What if' moments that defined Super Bowl legacies

By WILL GRAVES
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Imagine a world where the name Scott Norwood evokes awe in Buffalo, not "aww, dude."

A world where David Tyree is just another former NFL player with a two-sentence Wikipedia entry, not the guy who seemingly magnetized a ball to his helmet and helped spoil New England's shot at perfection.

A world where Marshawn Lynch gets to go full "Beast Mode" after getting the ball 3 feet away from giving the Seattle Seahawks back-to-back Super Bowl titles instead of serving as the world's most overqualified decoy on one of the more infamous calls in NFL history.

For five decades, Super Bowl legacies have been cemented or destroyed thanks to a sometimes fluky confluence of luck (good or bad), hubris (looking at you, Seahawks offensive coordinator Darrell Bevell) and the random bounce of a ball that will do and go wherever it well pleases, thank you very much.

A peek into what might have been (Bevell, a pass, really? Really?!?!?) if certain epic moments on the last Sunday of the NFL season had gone the other way.

THE GAME: 1991 Super Bowl

THE WHAT IF: Norwood's kick tucks just inside the upright to give the Bills and their Hall of Fame-laden roster the franchise's first Super Bowl title, the start of the greatest dynasty in league history.

THE BIZARRO WORLD:



John Gaps III/AP Photo

Tennessee Titans wide receiver Kevin Dyson (87) tries but fails to get the ball into the end zone as he is tackled by St. Louis Rams' Mike Jones on the final play of NFL football's Super Bowl XXXIV in Atlanta, Jan. 30, 2000. The Rams won 23-16.

The Bills run off four straight Super Bowl wins and Norwood retires with a fistful of rings and later runs for Mayor of Buffalo, where he continues to run unopposed. Giants head coach Bill Parcells decides to stick around rather than take a two-season sabbatical, keeping the Giants competitive in the NFC East (instead of bottoming out under Parcells' replacement Ray Handley), which keeps the Dallas Cowboys from running roughshod over the NFC East for the rest of the 1990s.

THE GAME: 2000 Super Bowl

THE WHAT IF: Tennessee wide receiver Kevin Dyson wriggles free from St. Louis linebacker Mike Jones ("Mike Jones!") and Jones' Pop

Warner perfect tackle at the goal line on the final play from scrimmage.

THE BIZARRO WORLD:

Contrary to popular belief (warning, rant upcoming), Dyson's score would have merely tied the game, assuming Tennessee converted an extra point, not won it for the Titans. Tennessee wins the overtime toss and Al Del Greco makes a 52-yarder that just sneaks over the crossbar. Kurt Warner and the Greatest Show on Turf never see the field in the extra period.

That leads to the NFL's competition committee — in a dash of sanity the rest of the world is still waiting on — coming up with a new overtime format that ensures each team gets the ball at least once no matter what. Dick Vermeil decides not to retire and Mike

Martz never becomes Rams coach. The Rams remain competitive into the late-2000s — winning it all in 2001 — and voters happily pass a measure for a new downtown stadium to keep one of the league's most profitable teams.

THE GAME: 2008 Super Bowl

THE WHAT IF: Tyree, he of the 54 career receptions, lets Eli Manning's desperation pass slip through his fingers after New England safety Rodney Harrison hits Tyree (legally, for once) so hard some enterprising young Patriots fan in Silicon Valley invents the GIF ahead of schedule.

THE BIZARRO WORLD: The Patriots hold on to complete a 19-0 season, forcing lazy sports writers

to come up with a new angle instead of calling Mercury Morris and other members of the '72 Miami Dolphins every time some team gets off to a hot start. Ralph Lauren begins a Bill Belichick line of signature hoodies — Tagline: "Who cares what you look like when you're perfect?"

The Patriots start a new tradition of popping a Sam Adams every year when the last unbeaten team is forced to put a crooked number in the loss column. Michael Strahan stays active for another year, killing his talk show career and forcing Kelly Ripa to eventually co-host with Josh Groban, cutting short his singing career and giving husbands all over the world one less lame anniversary gift idea.

THE GAME: 2015 Super Bowl

THE WHAT IF: The defending champion Seahawks give it to their running back with the ball at the 1 rather than trying to turn Russell Wilson and Ricardo Lockette into Joe Montana to John Taylor 2.0.

THE BIZARRO WORLD:

Lynch runs over Malcolm Butler to get into the end zone and Tom Brady drops to a mortal-like 3-3 in Super Bowls. Lynch is voted MVP and arrives at Disney World two days later, where he tells wide-eyed kids he's just there so he won't get fined. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell fines Brady \$20 for "Deflategate," figuring Brady and his team blowing it yet again was punishment enough. Brady responds by suing the league and makes Uggs fashionable courtroom attire.

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