

Astoria teams roll at Tillamook

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TILLAMOOK — The once-proud basketball tradition at Tillamook has fallen on hard times, while the Astoria Fishermen continue to climb the ladder of the 4A boys basketball ranks.

Astoria improved to 6-1 in league play Tuesday night, with a 60-41 win over the winless Cheesemakers (0-7). The Astoria Lady Fishermen defeated Tillamook (49-34, story below), as the Cheesemaker basketball teams are now a combined 1-13 in league play.

The Astoria boys are ranked No. 8 in the latest OSAA rankings, behind No. 2 Seaside and No. 6 Scappoose. The Gulls and Indians are both behind the Fishermen in the Cowapa League standings.

Astoria shot 78 percent from the field in the first quarter in Tuesday's win, for a 25-8 lead after one.

Derek Jarrett and Kyle Strange had 17 points apiece and Justin Fruiht added 10 for the Fishermen, who host Scappoose Friday.

Gulls 64, Braves 48

BANKS — Seaside moved into sole possession of second place in the Cowapa with a 64-48 win at Banks Tuesday.

The Gulls held a slim 29-26 lead at halftime, before outscoring the Braves 35-22 in the second half.

"We picked it up defensively in the second half," said Seaside coach Bill Westerholm, whose team improves to 5-2 in league play, a game behind Astoria. "We didn't stay attached to some of their shooters in the first half and gave up some easy hoops."

The Gulls also had a balanced attack offensively, as Jaxson Smith led with 16 points, followed by Hunter Thompson (15), Austin Eagon (14) and Jackson Januik (11).

Seaside plays at Valley Catholic Thursday (moved from Friday).

Columbians 60, Warriors 38

WARRENTON — Rainier broke open a close game just before halftime on its way to a 60-38 win on Senior Night at Warrenton Tuesday.

A 3-pointer by Warrenton's Dalton Knight had the Warriors in an 18-18 tie with Rainier, which went on an 8-4 run to close out the first half.

The Columbians were in early foul trouble, as they had seven fouls with 1:09 left in the first quarter.

Rainier's Patrick Hansen scored 12 of his game-high 22 points in the second period, and teammate Aaron Avery scored all 15 of his points in the third, helping turn a 26-21 lead into a 49-23 lead midway through the second half.

Knight led the Warriors with 10 points, followed by Christian Holt with nine.



Photos by Joshua Bessex/The Daily Astorian
Warrenton's Sophia Thomas, No. 4, goes up for a shot under heavy defensive pressure during the basketball game against Rainier Tuesday.



Warrenton's Anthony Cochran, No. 23, works for a shot during the basketball game against Rainier Tuesday.

Loggers 68, Falcons 37

PORTLAND — The Knappa Loggers were back to looking like the Knappa Loggers Tuesday, as they soared past Faith Bible 68-37 in a Northwest League game.

It was the final regular season game for Knappa, which snapped a two-game losing skid and moved into fourth-place in the standings.

Dale Takalo poured in 29 points, and Colton Weirup tossed in 17 as the two combined for 46 points.

Knappa had 13 steals and 12 assists, and shot 18-for-34 from the field.

Falls City 45, Jewell 22

FALLS CITY — Falls City posted a 45-22 win over Jewell Tuesday, in Casco League boys basketball action.

Trystan Silva led Jewell with 11 points, and Sean Hinson added five rebounds.

Jewell was coming off a 55-22 loss at Crosshill Christian Monday.

**Girls Basketball
Astoria 49,
Tillamook 34**

TILLAMOOK — The Astoria Lady Fishermen rallied from a brief deficit in the first half to score a 49-34 win at Tillamook in a Cowapa League girls game Tuesday.

Astoria out-rebounded Tillamook 49-22, and the Lady Fish had a solid night offensively, hitting 14-of-56 shots from the field and 19-of-37 at the free throw line, to Tillamook's 5-of-18.

Astoria's Chloe Hunt tossed in a game-high 21 points, while Taylor Mickle added 11.

Hunt had 18 rebounds, Kayle Mitchell had eight and Rylee DeMander and Sam Hemsley had seven boards apiece for the Lady Fish, who host winless Scappoose Friday.

In other Cowapa League action Tuesday, Banks defeated Seaside 45-19.

Columbians 55, Warriors 38

WARRENTON — Rainier took advantage of a rough start for Warrenton Tuesday night in a 55-38 win for the Columbians.

Rainier led 12-0 before the Warriors scored their first points on two free throws by Elle Schenbeck with 35 seconds left in the first quarter.

The Warriors were just 3-of-19 from the field in the first half, with 18 turnovers.

Still, Warrenton managed to close within 24-15 early in the third period, as Landree Miethe hit a 3-pointer, then delivered a pass to herself off the backboard for another two.

A trey from Rachel Dyer had Warrenton within 30-23, but that's as close as the Warriors could come.

Rainier went on an 11-2 run to close the third period, and the Warriors struggled from the 3-point line the rest of the way, finishing 3-for-23.

Rainier had to overcome early foul trouble, as the Columbians had seven fouls with 2:12 left in the first quarter.

Junior Julia Taylor led Rainier with 18 points, while sophomore Desirae Hansen added 11. Miethe had 11 for Warrenton on Senior Night, as lone senior Sophia Thomas was honored before the game.

Falcons 25, Loggers 20

PORTLAND — A big 10-5 run in the second quarter helped Faith Bible score a 25-20 Northwest League win over Knappa Tuesday.

Knappa led 4-1 after one quarter, but was outscored 24-16 the remainder of the game.

Kaitlyn Landwehr and Paris Vanderburg each scored seven points for Knappa.

Falls City 33, Jewell 23

FALLS CITY — Just 24 hours after scoring a dramatic 41-40 win at Crosshill Christian, Jewell was unable to stay with Falls City Tuesday, as the Mountaineers defeated

the Lady Jays 33-23.

Emma Guillen scored nine points with six rebounds and three blocks for Jewell, with Gabi Morales collecting eight rebounds.

In Monday's win over Crosshill, Jewell overcame an eight-point deficit with two minutes left, as Morales hit a pair of 3-pointers to tie the game, and Aly Littlepage made a free throw with 23 seconds left to win it.

Morales had 24 points and 13 rebounds, and Guillen added nine boards.

Ilwaco 63, Winlock 14

ILWACO, Wash. — Ilwaco's first playoff step in their quest for a state title was a fairly easy one Tuesday.

The Lady Fishermen held a 30-2 lead after just one quarter (50-8 at halftime), on their way to a 63-14 playoff win over Winlock.

Makenzie Kaech outscored the Cardinals all by herself with 19 points, followed by Hannah Ellsworth with 15.

Ilwaco plays at Adna Saturday.



Warrenton's Claire Bussert, No. 5, puts up a shot in the second quarter.



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SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

Boys Basketball — Onalaska vs. Ilwaco, at Montesano, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Girls Basketball — Seaside at Valley Catholic, 6 p.m.

Boys Basketball — Seaside at Valley Catholic, 7:45 p.m.

FRIDAY

Girls Basketball — Scappoose at Astoria, 6 p.m.; Warrenton at Clatskanie, 6 p.m.; St. John Bosco at Jewell, 5:30 p.m.

Boys Basketball — Scappoose at Astoria, 7:45 p.m.; Warrenton at Clatskanie, 7:45 p.m.; St. John Bosco at Jewell, 7 p.m.

Swimming — District 1/4A, at Astoria Aquatic Center, 1 p.m.

SATURDAY

Swimming — District 1/4A, at Astoria Aquatic Center, 11:30 a.m.

Wrestling — District 1/4A at Scappoose, 10 a.m.

Girls Basketball — Ilwaco at Adna, TBA

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Astoria 49, Tillamook 34

AST (49): Chloe Hunt 21, Mickle 11, Wallace 7, DeMander 6, Mitchell 3, Hemsley 1, Abrahams.

Astoria 7 16 7 19—49

Tillamook 9 9 8 8—34

Rainier 55, Warrenton 38

RAI (55): Julia Taylor 18, Hansen 11, Schimmel 10, Bush 6, Crape 6,

Guisinger 2, Biddix 2.

WAR (38): Landree Miethe 11, Little 6, Schenbeck 6, Dyer 6, Alvarez 4, Thomas 3, Bussert 2.

Rainier 12 12 17 14—55

Warrenton 2 8 15 13—38

Faith Bible 25, Knappa 20

KNA (20): Kaitlyn Landwehr 7, Paris Vanderburg 7, Vandergriff 4, Corder 2, Miethe, Truax.

FB (25): Jessica Irving 11, Masters 10, Cleary 4.

Knappa 4 5 7 4—20

Faith Bible 1 10 6 8—25

Falls City 33, Jewell 23

JWL (23): Emma Guillen 9, Morales 4, Littlepage 3, R.Wammack 3, Olvera 2, Kaczynski 2.

FC (33): Brittany Varney 11, Houghatling 10, Kidd 8, Davis 2, Tadlock 2.

Jewell 7 5 7 4—23

Falls City 7 7 9 10—33

Ilwaco 63, Winlock 14

WIN (14): Ramirez 8, Hammond 4, Howsden 2.

ILW (63): Makenzie Kaech 19, Ellsworth 15, Bannister 10, Jacobson 6, McMillan 4, Pierson 4, Bentley 3, Kulm 2.

Winlock 2 6 6 0—14

Ilwaco 30 20 11 2—63

BOYS BASKETBALL

Astoria 60, Tillamook 41

Astoria 25 10 15 10—60

Tillamook 8 15 7 11—41

Falls City 45, Jewell 22

JWL (22): Trystan Silva 11, Stahly 6, Murray 3, Gerken 2, Hinson, Ritchie, Munk, Meehan.

Jewell 0 13 2 7—22

Falls City 10 10 6 19—45