

# Loggers defeat Lions, advance to Sweet 16

By GARY HENLEY  
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DAYTON — The Knappa boys basketball team finished fifth in the Northwest League regular season standings.

But following two victories in loser-out playoff games, they've worked their way up to the No. 3 seed, and are on a roll.

The Loggers are just one win away from a return trip to the state tournament, following a 54-51 victory over Life Christian Saturday afternoon at Dayton High School.

Knappa will play at Western Mennonite Saturday. The winner advances to Pendleton to face either Toledo or Imbler at 3:15 p.m. March 3.

Logger sophomore Dale Takalo scored a game-high 27 points in the win over the Lions to help Knappa advance to the Sweet 16 for yet another season.

In addition to winning three straight, the Loggers can also overcome just about any deficit, as they did Saturday.

Knappa trailed by seven points in the third quarter, "and we just crawled back in it," Logger coach Chris Spencer said.

Sophomore Colton Weirup hit a 3-pointer in the closing seconds of the third (and made four 3-pointers on the night, for 12 points).

Still trailing by four points with three minutes left, Knappa junior Jason Miller hit two key 3-pointers to give the Loggers the lead for good.

"Those were the two biggest three's we've had all season," Spencer said. "Then Dale made 7-of-9 free throws and scored 12 in the fourth quarter, and we just kind of hung on. Colton led us in the first half, Jason in the second and Dale was there all night."

It was "a good, well-played game," he added. "We knew it was going to be close (the teams split close games during



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Knappa coach Chris Spencer and Logger players follow the action from the sidelines during Saturday's playoff win.

the regular season, Life Christian winning by three, and Knappa winning by four). The Quinlan brothers (Zeke and Bo) are tough players, and (Jesse) Newman is also tough to handle."

Those three players combined for 38 of Life's 51 points.

"I'm extremely proud of how hard our players worked," Spencer said.

**Naselle 45, Oakville 41**  
MONTESANO, Wash. — Naselle's Donny Edwards scored 18 points and Hayden Gudmundsen added 12, to help the Comets defeat Oakville 45-41 in the Southwest Washington District 1B third-place game, Saturday in Montesano.

The game was close throughout, until Naselle's Ramzi Estes

## SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE	BOYS BASKETBALL	GIRLS BASKETBALL
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>Girls Basketball</b> — Valley Catholic vs. Seaside, 6 p.m., at Clatskanie (KSWB 840 AM) <b>FRIDAY</b> <b>Girls Basketball</b> — Toutle Lake vs. Ilwaco, 6 p.m., WF West HS, Chehalis. <b>SATURDAY</b> <b>Boys Basketball</b> — Knappa at Western Mennonite, TBA; Shorewood Christian vs. Naselle, 2 p.m., at Renton HS	<b>Knappa 54, Life Christian 51</b> <b>LC (51):</b> Zeke Quinlan 21, Newman 16, Valeysev 5, B.Quinlan 5, Yang 2. <b>KNA (54):</b> Dale Takalo 27, Weirup 12, Miller 10, Severson 3, Rubus 2, Goodman, Geisler, Engblom. <b>Life Christian 12 11 1216—51</b> <b>Knappa 18 4 1220—54</b>  <b>Naselle 45, Oakville 41</b> <b>OAK (41):</b> Anthony Eichelberger 14, Youckton 13, Boyd 10, Boyd 2, Keller 2. <b>NAS (45):</b> Donny Edwards 18,	<b>Gudmundsen 12, Pine 7, Estes 3, Scrabeck 3, Lund 2.</b> <b>Oakville 9 4 1513—41</b> <b>Naselle 12 9 717—45</b>  <b>GIRLS BASKETBALL</b> <b>Ilwaco 51, Raymond 41</b> <b>RAY (41):</b> Freeman 26, Newman 5, Gardner 4, Williams 2, Flemetis 2, Collins 2. <b>ILW (51):</b> Makenzie Kaech 19, Jacobson 14, Ellsworth 11, McMillan 5, Pierson 2, Bannister, Kulm. <b>Raymond 11 9 714—41</b> <b>Ilwaco 11 17 518—51</b>

hit a 3-pointer to break a 41-41 tie with 52 seconds left.

Naselle improved to 13-10 overall, and helps the Comets advance to the 1B regionals vs. Shorewood Christian, 2

p.m. Saturday at Renton High School.

**Girls Basketball**  
**Ilwaco 54, Raymond 51**  
**ROCHESTER, Wash. —**

The No. 2-ranked Ilwaco girls basketball team went 1-1 over the weekend, to advance to the 2B Regionals.

The Lady Fishermen (22-4 overall) followed a surpris-

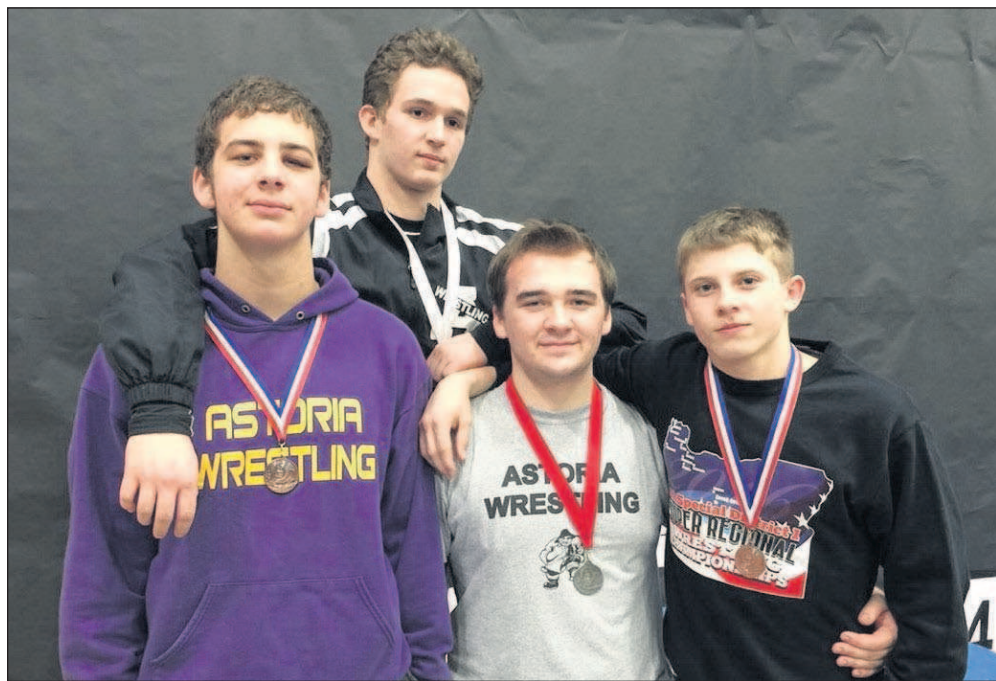
ing loss to unranked Wahkiakum with a 51-41 win over unranked Raymond Saturday in Rochester, Wash., in the fifth-sixth place game of the Southwest Washington 2B District IV tournament.

Ilwaco will play Toutle Lake at 6 p.m. Friday, at W.F. West High School in Chehalis.

Three Ilwaco players scored in double figures in the win over the Seagulls, led by Makenzie Kaech with 19 points. Madeline Jacobson added 14 and Hannah Ellsworth scored 11.

Wahkiakum (17-7 overall) posted a 65-55 upset over Ilwaco Friday, as Peyton Souvenir scored 24 points for the Mules.

Kaech scored 15 of her game-high 25 points in the first half, helping the Fishermen take a 32-30 halftime lead.



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Astoria wrestlers qualifying for the state tournament later this week are (left to right) Bronson Holthusen, Kaden Gilbert, Andrew Poplin and Trey Hageman.

## Astoria qualifies four wrestlers

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PRINEVILLE — Astoria will send four wrestlers to the state tournament later this week, as the Fishermen scored 106 points to finish sixth out of 11 teams in the Special District 14A regional tournament, Friday and Saturday at Crook County High School.

Crook County won the team title with a whopping 477 points, well ahead of Tillamook (248). Seaside placed 11th with 32 points.

Individually, the Fishermen had one second, one third and two fourth-place finishers.

Andrew Poplin was runner-up at 295 pounds, where the Astoria senior had a first-round bye, followed by a pair of decisions over Quentin Scott of Madras (3-2) and Christian Biggs of Crook County (8-2) to reach the championship.

In the title bout, Poplin was pinned in 3:02 by No. 1 seed Twister McComas of Banks.

Astoria's Kaden Gilbert took third at 182, where he had a first-round bye, then scored a 13-9 decision over Mitchell Merritt of Banks.

Gilbert was pinned by Crook County's Cade Woodward (1:00), but bounced back with falls over Zedd Jamerson of Scappoose (3:39) and Harrison Manu of Madras (3:58) in the third-place match.

Adding points for the Fish-

ermen was Trey Hageman, fourth at 138.

After a championship bracket loss to Colton Bush of Scappoose, Hageman scored consolation pins over Sergio Cruz of Tillamook (5:16) and Caleb Werner of Tillamook (5:53), before a loss to Colton Burkhardt of Crook County (4:48). Hageman won the fourth-place match vs. Werner by Rule.

Another fourth-place came from senior Bronson Holthusen at 220.

Holthusen had a championship bracket loss to Jhamante Wood of Scappoose (5-0), but bounced back strong in consolation.

He pinned Devin Thomas of Tillamook in 14 seconds, then took care of Seaside's Brandon Campuzano in 17 seconds.

Tillamook's Luke Martin scored a 5-2 decision over Holthusen, who rebounded with a 3-1 decision in a rematch with Wood, then finished with a pin over Molalla's A.J. Escalante, at the 4:24 mark.

**Team results:** Crook County 477, Tillamook 248, Banks 217.5, Scappoose 183.5, Estacada 115.5, Astoria 106, Molalla 97, Gladstone 64, Madras 55, Corbett 50, Seaside 32.

**Ilwaco fifth at state**  
**TACOMA, Wash. —** The

Ilwaco wrestling team came up about 100 points short of a state title, but still placed fifth in the 1B/2B Washington Mat Classic XXVIII Championships, Friday and Saturday at the Tacoma Dome.

Warden escaped with the team title, scoring 176 points to finish well in front of Tonasket (134.5), Reardan (117.5), Concrete (78.5) and Ilwaco (77.5).

The Fishermen had one state champion and one second-place, with a fourth and a sixth for additional points.

Ilwaco's Riki Thompson won the title at 138 pounds, where the senior went 2-0 on the mat to win the crown.

Thompson had a first-round bye, which was followed a 9-5 decision over Rade Pilkinton of Tonasket. Thompson advanced to the championship by injury default over Tristan Chantry of Selkirk; then scored a 4-2 decision over Colton Kuykendall of Reardan in the title bout.

Ilwaco teammate Alec Bell was second at 195, where Bell scored three-straight decisions, then lost a 9-6 decision to Donald Olmstead of Concrete.

Ilwaco's Daylin Kemmer, took fourth at 160, and Jack Kaino won two matches and lost three on the mat to finish sixth.

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