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Astoria middle schoolers basketball team. Front row, left to right: Hailey O'Brien, Tailiegh Cole, Libby Whitsett, Elizabeth Barnett. Back row: Julia Norris, Baylee McSwain, Brooklynn Hankwitz, Abby Albright and Grace Czarniecki.

Astoria youth basketball team off to state tourney

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The Astoria eighth-grade girls basketball is making its annual trip to the state tournament next month, and will be holding a car wash to raise expenses, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday at Astoria Ford.

For the third year in a row, Astoria will be competing in the Oregon Middle School State Basketball Championships, March 4-6 in Bend, Redmond and Sisters.

Teams qualify by placing first or second in a qualifying tournament or league. Astoria played in five tournaments this season, including a one-day December event in Clatskanie, where they went 1-2.

Astoria played in two Seaside Pacific Basketball League tournaments in January, placing second in one. They were awarded three-win and one-loss consolation medals the second weekend.

The Astoria team also played in two Clatskanie Tiger tournaments in February, taking second in both, with wins over Seaside, Tillamook, Scappoose, Grants Pass and Kelso.

Team members are Abby Albright, Elizabeth Barnett, Tailiegh Cole, Grace Czarniecki, Brooklynn Hankwitz, Baylee McSwain, Julia Norris, Hailey O'Brien and Libby Whitsett.

The team is coached by Nathan Hankwitz, and assisted by Pat O'Brien and Rob Niemi.

During the Astoria Middle School eighth-grade season, the Vikings (coached by O'Brien)

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

Boys Basketball — 4A Regional Play-in: Stayton at Astoria, 7 p.m.

Girls Basketball — Toutle Lake vs. Ilwaco, 6 p.m., WF West HS, Chehalis.

SATURDAY

Girls Basketball — 4A Regional Play-in: Astoria at Henley, 1 p.m.

Boys Basketball — Knappa at Western Menonite, 5 p.m.; Shorewood Christian vs. Naselle, 2 p.m., at Renton HS

had an undefeated season (11-0), and also got the opportunity to play at the Moda Center, where they beat St. Helens.

Play-in games set

The ninth-ranked Astoria boys basketball team will host the Stayton Eagles at 7 p.m. Friday, in a Class 4A Regional Play-in round game.

Astoria is 17-7 overall, while Stayton brings a 10-12 record to the Brick House.

The Astoria girls team (11-13 overall) will travel to Klamath Falls to face the Henley Hornets (16-7) for a 4A Play-in contest, 1 p.m. Saturday.

Admission for both games is \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. Only OSAA passes are allowed for free admittance.

Cook leads No. 13 Oregon past Washington State

By RON RICHMOND
Associated Press

EUGENE — About the only thing Elgin Cook couldn't play well Wednesday night was coy.

Asked if he knew about No. 9 Arizona's loss at Colorado earlier in the evening that helped give No. 13 Oregon sole possession of first place in the Pac-12, the senior forward pretended to be clueless.

"No, what went on? What happened?" Cook said as a big smile, as if the PA announcement during a timeout in his own game had fallen upon deaf ears. "Yeah, I heard about it. I'm happy with it."

The Ducks took care of their own business, with Cook scoring 16 of his 24 points in the second half to lead them to a 76-62 victory over Washington State.

Chris Boucher had 18 points and 13 rebounds, and Dillon Brooks added 17 points for the Ducks (22-6, 11-4), who set a school record with their 24th consecutive home win.

With three games left in the regular season, Oregon is within reach of its first regular-season conference title in 14 years. That alone calls for some scoreboard watching by the Ducks, who can wrap up an 18-0 home season Sunday against Washington.

Oregon State tops Huskies

CORVALLIS — Stephen Thompson scored 18 points, including a game-winning 3-pointer just before the buzzer, as Oregon State defeated Washington 82-81 on Wednesday night.

Oregon State inbounded the ball with 3.3 seconds left, trailing by two, as Thompson went the length of the court and heaved up a contested shot from the 3-point line. He appeared to shuffle his feet prior to the shot but it was not called.

Drew Eubanks added 17 points with 13 rebounds, Gary Payton II had 15 points, 10 rebounds and five steals, and Tres Tinkle scored 16 for the Beavers (16-10, 7-8 Pac-12).

Thompson, a freshman, also gave the Beavers a 71-69 win against Utah on Feb. 4 when he was fouled on a half-court shot as time expired and made all three free throws.

Andrew Andrews scored 30 points and matched a career-high with six 3-pointers for the Huskies (16-12, 8-8), who have lost five of their last six. Dejounte Murray scored 15 points and Marquese Chriss had 14 points.

The Huskies had a 77-72 lead with 2:25 left.

A Eubanks layup trimmed the Huskies' lead to 79-75 with one minute remaining. The basket was the Beavers first field goal in about nine minutes. Washington turned the ball over on its next possession and Tres Tinkle made a contested shot with his toe on the 3-point line with 22 seconds left for the Beavers.

Crisp was fouled with 20.5 seconds left and made 1 of 2 free throws for an 80-77 lead.

Payton inbounded the ball to Tinkle, but officials ruled Tinkle was fouled before he could shoot. He made both free throws, and Andrews was fouled.

Andrews made 1 of 2 at the stripe, and the Beavers inbounded the ball to Thompson.

Up next

Washington State plays at Oregon State on Sunday.

Oregon hosts Washington on Sunday.



Ryan Kang/AP Photo

Oregon's Dillon Brooks, right, drives towards the basket against Washington State's Charles Callison, left, during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game Wednesday, in Eugene.



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Oregon State's Drew Eubanks gets an uncontested dunk in the second half of an NCAA college basketball game against Washington, in Corvallis, on Wednesday. Oregon State won 82-81.



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Oregon State's Jarmal Reid, right, goes to the basket over Washington's Noah Dickerson, center, during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in Corvallis, Wednesday.