

North Coast United extinguishes Crossfire, 8-0

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Both sides of the North Coast United Soccer Club were in action last weekend.

The boys overpowered Crossfire on the road, winning 8-0. Christian Christobal tallied five goals, Alex Luna had two, and Michael Postlewait added a goal.

Assists were made by Postlewait, with two; Josh Condit, Aldo Cruz and Christian Aldo each had one.

The defense was extremely strong, led by Aldo and supported by Julio Ortiz, Cruz and Riley Cameron. Goalkeeper Jake Hurd made three saves, with four saves by Jesus Perez.

The NCU girls followed with a strong road performance against the champion-level Westside Timbers in a 4-0 loss.

It was a rematch of two weeks ago, and marked significant improvement by the NCU girls, who lost the last meeting 8-0. NCU had much more of an attack and tested both the Timbers' defense and keeper.

Jenna Rudolf, McKenzie Ramsey, Claire Albright and Hayley Kelley had standout performances, covering both ends of the field.

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Submitted Photo

Michael Postlewait pushes the attack for NCU, which won its most recent game, 8-0.



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Cheyenne McDonald, No. 24, possesses the ball for the NCU girls' team in action last weekend.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

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.

Wrestling — OSAA State Tournament, Portland Memorial Coliseum

SATURDAY

Girls Basketball — 4A Regional Play-in: Astoria at Henley, 1 p.m.
Boys Basketball — Knappa at Western Mennonite, 5 p.m.; Shorewood Christian vs. Naselle, 2 p.m., at Renton HS

Wrestling — OSAA State Tournament, Portland Memorial Coliseum

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Mariners' Cano responds to ex-coach's offseason criticism

By JOSE M. ROMERO
 Associated Press

PEORIA, Ariz. — Robinson Cano didn't spend much time dwelling on the searing comments a former assistant coach made about him.

He was home in the Dominican Republic, recovering from surgery to repair a sports hernia that he played through for the final two months of last season.

The Seattle Mariners' six-time All-Star second baseman addressed former assistant hitting coach Andy Van Slyke's offseason criticism of him on Thursday before the first full-squad workout of spring training.

"Honestly it didn't hurt me. Coming from a guy like him, it doesn't bother me at all because I know how I play," Cano said. "If you hear the comments, first he threw me under the bus and then he was like (saying) what's so great about myself. So you didn't know what he was trying to say. But Andy, I don't know, it doesn't even matter to me."

Van Slyke, in an interview with a St. Louis radio station last November, labeled Cano the worst everyday No. 3 hitter he'd ever seen in the first half of a season. He said he played the worst defense at second base that the former big leaguer had seen in 20 years. He then backtracked and complimented Cano's throwing arm.

Van Slyke also said former Mariners manager Lloyd McClendon and hitting coach Howard Johnson were fired after the season because of Cano, who hit .238 with four home runs and 24 RBIs over the first 74 games.

"It's something as a player that you don't want to go through," Cano said.

He was much more pro-

ductive after that, hitting .330 with 17 homers and 55 RBIs from July 1 on, much of that time while dealing with abdominal pain.

His 179 hits led the Mariners in 2015, though his final average of .287 was the first

time since 2008 he hit under .300.

Van Slyke's rant elicited an apology from the Mariners to Cano, he said, even though Van Slyke had since been let go along with the other coaches from the previous staff.



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