

Clatsop SMASHED; Gulls sweep Astoria

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The Seaside Lady Gulls took another small step Tuesday night, and one giant leap for the volleyball program.

For the first time since 2010, the Gulls have more than one 'W' in the Cowapa League win column.

Seaside scored its second league victory of the season, a three-game sweep over Astoria at the Brick House, 25-21, 25-14, 29-27 — a positive step for a program that had just four total victories in league play from 2011 to 2015.

It wasn't perfect, said Seaside coach Angie Huntsman, but any win is nice in the Cowapa League.

"We did some good things tonight, but we also had some mental lapses that we can't afford to have," she said. "We need to minimize those. Too many service errors, and too many communication errors on things that we should have control over."

Maddi Utti pounded out 20 kills, and Jetta Ideue had 22 digs and six kills for the Gulls.

Seaside's last three league wins have come over the Lady Fishermen, who came close to winning their first game in league play this season, but lost a late lead in Game 3.



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Madi Landwehr of Astoria blocks the ball after a spike by Seaside's Jetta Ideue on Tuesday at Astoria High School.

"Astoria played scrappy tonight," Huntsman said. "They definitely looked better than the last time we played them. In our league, anything can happen on any given night. You have to come out ready to play your game every night. We talk a lot about that — not who's on the other side of the net."

Game 1 was back-and-forth, with 10 ties and several lead changes. The largest lead was four points, which the Gulls scored at game point.

Utti had her best game of the night, hammering out seven kills, while Anna Huddleston set up kills for Tori Tomlin and Alyssia Gonzales to help snap a 19-19 tie.

Annaka Garhofer's service ace made it 23-20, and Utti had a kill at game point.

Seaside led from start to finish in Game 2, in which the Gulls jumped out to a 7-0 lead.

Two stuff blocks by Astoria's Jacqueline Jarrett had Astoria within 8-7, but Seaside reeled off an 11-2 run

from there, thanks to some hot serving from Ideue, who had four aces in five serves.

Ideue also capped the rally with an off-speed kill for a 19-9 lead.

The Lady Fish saved their best for last, in Game 3.

Consecutive ace serves by Jarrett had Astoria in front 7-6, and Darian Hageman had a kill to break an 18-18 tie.

Madi Landwehr set up Hageman for a tap over the net and a 20-18 advantage, and a kill off the block by Aurora Grafton made it 22-19.

But it wasn't to be for Astoria.

A service error by the Fishermen, a kill by Gonzales, and a rotation error on Astoria helped the Gulls tie it at 22-22.

The two teams followed with ties at 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27.

An off-speed kill by Utti made it 28-27, and the Gulls finished off a long rally — and the match — with a kill off a block by Utti, and an assist from Huddleston.

Gonzales added 10 kills for Seaside, Utti had 21 digs and four blocks, and Garhofer finished with four ace serves.

Junior varsity: Seaside def. Astoria, 25-22, 16-25, 20-25, 25-15, 16-14.

SPORTS IN BRIEF SOCCER

Scappoose slips by Astoria, 3-2

SCAPPOOSE — It will be a wild race in the second half of the Cowapa League boys soccer season, with every game crucial in the league standings.

Scappoose scored a big victory Tuesday afternoon, as the Indians got past Astoria 3-2 on the Indians' home field.

Scappoose (2-1-1) remains in second place behind Tillamook (4-0), while Astoria drops to 1-3 with another four games remaining for all three teams.

The Fishermen begin the second half of league play Thursday at Valley Catholic, then finish with three-straight home games (Seaside, Tillamook and Scappoose).

Scappoose edges Astoria girls

The Scappoose and Astoria girls soccer teams played one of their closest matches in years Tuesday night at CMH Field.

And while the Indians won again, the Lady Fishermen threw a scare into 11th-ranked Scappoose, which escaped with a 2-0 victory.

In two games last year, Scappoose outscored Astoria 16-0; and the Indians defeated the Lady Fish by 9-0 and 8-0 scores in 2013.

With the win, Scappoose improves to 4-1 and keeps pace with first place Valley Catholic (5-0), while Astoria slips to 1-3-1 and hosts the Valiants Thursday.

VOLLEYBALL

Warrenton sweeps Riverdale

WARRENTON — The Warrenton Lady Warriors finished their home season with a three-game sweep over Riverdale Tuesday, 25-17, 25-19, 25-19.

Following a forfeit win over De La Salle Saturday and Tuesday's victory, the Warriors are within a half-game of Catlin Gabel for fifth place in the Lewis & Clark League standings.

The Warriors have road matches at Clatskanie (2-6) and Rainier (8-0) to finish the league season.

"It was a good way to end the home season," said Warrenton coach Jim Hackwith. "Asia Lambert did a great job serving tonight, especially when we needed it. She was 14-for-15, and served out Game 3."

Elsewhere, "Katey (Blodgett) and Landree both had great matches at the net," he said, with Miethe leading Warrenton with 11 kills. Blodgett was 15-of-16 on attack, with four kills.

Lambert was also 12-for-12 on digs.

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Faith Bible rallies for five-game win

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KNAPPA — The Faith Bible volleyball team did something no Northwest League team has been able to do this season at Knappa — the Falcons posted a win over the Loggers, in five games.

Faith Bible had to rally from a two games-to-none deficit to win Tuesday's match, 13-25, 17-25, 25-17, 25-23, 15-8. The victory

keeps the Falcons in second place in the league standings at 7-1 (behind Gaston's 8-0). Knappa drops to 5-3 (4-1 at home).

"I was pretty happy with how we played for most of the match," said Knappa coach Jeff Kaul. "We definitely showed we can compete at this level. We just need to figure out how we can maintain that level of competitiveness to finish the match."

The Loggers missed 17 serves, which hurt their cause.

On the plus side, Kaul said, "We logged 23 kills, so that is a good sign that our hitting also continues to improve."

After dominating the first two games, the momentum shifted in Game 3, Faith Bible winning by eight points.

Game 4 was close throughout before the Falcons managed to score the final two points to even the match.

Strong serving in Game 5 helped Faith Bible finish off the match.

Kaitlyn Landwehr's all-around game for Knappa was highlighted by nine digs, nine kills, eight assists and two blocks; Alisha Murphy was 18-of-20 serving with three aces; and Paris Vanderburg added six assists and six kills.

Jaden Miethe led the Loggers with 15 digs.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY
Cross Country — Astoria at Estacada Invitational, TBA

THURSDAY
Volleyball — Astoria at Tillamook, 7 p.m.; Seaside at Valley Catholic, 7 p.m.; Gaston at Knappa, 6 p.m.
Football — Washington School for the Deaf at Naselle, 7 p.m.
Girls Soccer — Valley Catholic at Astoria, 7:30 p.m.; Scappoose at Seaside, 7:30 p.m.

Boys Soccer — Astoria at Valley Catholic, 7:30 p.m.; Seaside at Scappoose, 4:15 p.m.

FRIDAY
Football — Astoria at Tillamook, 7 p.m.; Seaside at Valley Catholic, 7 p.m.; Blanchet Catholic at Warrenton, 7 p.m.; Nestucca at Knappa, 7 p.m.; Raymond at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY
Volleyball — Seaside Tournament, 9 a.m.

Cross Country — Seaside at Philomath Invitational, 1 p.m.

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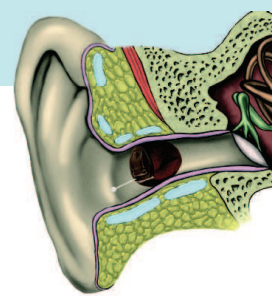
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