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Lady Gulls win, move on to state

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ESTACADA — The Seaside Lady Gulls showed just how strong Cowapa League volleyball really is Saturday afternoon.

With three Cowapa League teams ranked in the top five of the latest OSAA Rating Percentage Index (RPI) rankings, the Gulls are ranked 16th, despite a 2-8 league record.

Seaside took its No. 16 ranking to 17th-ranked Estacada, and scored a four-game win over the Rangers, 17-25, 25-23, 25-16, 25-22.

With the victory, Seaside advances to the state playoffs for the first time since 2005, when the Gulls defeated Cascade in a state playoff and took part in the state tournament, where they defeated North Bend, followed by losses to Henley and La Grande.

The Gulls will play a road match Saturday, with the winner advancing to the Class 4A state tournament, Nov. 4-5 at Forest Grove High School.

More details Tuesday.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

Volleyball — L&C League Playoff: Warrenton at Portland Christian, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY

Girls Soccer — Astoria at Scappoose, 4:15 p.m.; Seaside at Banks, 4:15 p.m.

Boys Soccer — Scappoose at Astoria, 7:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL

Astoria 25, Scappoose 22

Astoria 3 8 7 7—25
Scappoose 0 7 15 0—22

First Quarter

Ast: Andrew Schauer mann 20 FG

Second Quarter

Scp: 7 run (kick good)
Ast: Samboy Tuimato 65 pass from Fridtjof Fremstad (Schauer mann kick)

Third Quarter

Ast: Ryan Palek 17 pass from Fremstad (Schauer mann kick)

Fourth Quarter

Scp: Nate Rieman 46 run (pass good)
Ast: Michael Gift 8 int. return (kick good)
Ast: Olaf Englund 22 pass from Fremstad (Schauer mann kick)

Clatskanie 53, Warrenton 0

Warrenton 0 0 0 0—0
Clatskanie 21 18 14 0—53

C: Ian Griffith 35 pass from Bryce Puckett (Brenden Hicks kick)

C: Kees Tjaarda 44 run (Hicks kick)

C: Tjaarda 8 run (Hicks kick)

C: Tjaarda 54 run (kick failed)

C: Ian Griffith 5 run (kick failed)

C: Griffith 39 pass from Puckett (kick failed)

C: Isaac Points 2 run (Hicks kick)

C: Justice Osborne 58 int. return (Hicks kick)

Knappa 50, Vernonia 6

Knappa 16 6 20 8—50
Vernonia 0 0 0 0—6

(Knappa scores)

K: Andrew Goozee run (run good)

K: Kaleb Miller 32 run (run good)

K: Goozee run (run failed)

K: Timber Engblom 32 run (run failed)

K: Ethan Rubus 1 pass from Miller (Goozee run)

K: Mitch Geisler 1 run (run failed)

K: Geisler 22 pass from Miller (run good)

Ilwaco 54, Ocosta 6

Ocosta 0 6 0 0—6
Ilwaco 21 20 7 6—54

Ilw: Alec Bell 5 pass from Jack Odneal (Calvin Baze from Odneal)

Ilw: Bell 6 pass from Odneal (pass failed)

Ilw: Brandon Duke 20 run (Jorge Galvan kick)

O: Matthew Hart recovered fumble in end zone (kick blocked)

Ilw: Brandon McMullen 41 run (kick failed)

Ilw: Odneal 45 run (Galvan kick)

Ilw: McMullen 6 run (Galvan kick)

Ilw: Alex Kaino 10 pass from Odneal (Galvan kick)

Ilw: Parker Kaech 2 run (conversion failed)

Ilwaco Statistics

Rushing: McMullen 8-131, Bell 9-111, Odneal 4-65, Duke 4-28, Baze 2-18, Kemmer 1-15, Kaech 6-14, T.Cox 2-10, Tsai 1-1, Hutson 3-13, A.Cox 1-2.

Passing: Odneal 7-11-92-0, Kaech 0-1-0-0.

Receiving: Bell 5-72, Kaino 1-10, Te.Ramsey 1-10.

Naselle 56, Oakville 14

Oakville 0 6 0 8—14
Naselle 22 18 16 0—56

(Naselle scores)

N: Donny Edwards 59 run (DJ Wirkkala from Cole Dorman)

N: Brian Smith 21 fumble return (Smith from Dorman)

N: Erik Lund 70 run (pass failed)

N: Lund 18 run (pass failed)

N: Wirkkala 12 pass from Dorman (Lund from Dorman)

N: Parker Dalton 52 kick return (Lund run)

N: Edwards 35 int. return (Cameron Burch run)

N: Fa'aoso Tutu'u 48 pass from Dorman (pass failed)



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The post-game celebration was big in the Astoria locker room, following Saturday's win at Scappoose.

FISHERMEN REEL IN A LEAGUE TITLE

By GARY HENLEY

The Daily Astorian

SCAPPOOSE — That ol' swagger is back with the Astoria football program.

Presented with a chance to win their first outright Cowapa League title since 2009, the Fishermen said they were going to win it, and even the coach stated, "We'd like to get that No. 1 seed, and we'd like to have it by ourselves."

And that's exactly what they've got, with a big side order of drama in a 25-22 win at Scappoose.

Indeed, the Fishermen reeled in a whopper Saturday night.

In the end, Astoria's "Scandinavian Connection," — Fridtjof to Olaf — will be a play that goes down in Astoria history as "The Catch." The biggest catch.

Running the high school equivalent of the two-minute drill, Tom Brady and Peyton Manning never did it better than Astoria quarterback Fridtjof Fremstad, who took the Fishermen on an 84-yard scoring drive to win a league title.

And — like Tom Brady might have — Fremstad left the Indians feeling deflated, and the Fishermen elated.

The Fishermen finish 5-0 in league play, while the Indians — who may or may not even be in the Cowapa League next season — finish 3-2.

Astoria will bypass the Regional Play-in round, and will likely have home field advantage all the way to their destination, the Nov. 26 state championship game.

Fremstad's 22-yard touchdown pass to Olaf Englund with 11 seconds left was the game-winner, and capped two road trips down Highway 30, and two crazy days of football in Scappoose.

Originally scheduled Friday, the game at Scappoose was moved to Saturday, when an accident resulted in a power outage during the first quarter of Friday's game.

The Fishermen were outplaying the Indians that night, and they picked up right where they left off for Saturday's replay.

It took just six plays for the Fishermen to score in Part II, a 20-yard field goal by Andrew Schauer mann.

After a big sack by the Indians and a partially blocked punt, Scappoose answered with a four-play drive and a touchdown for a 7-3 lead.

But Astoria responded. Facing a third-and-10 from their own 35, Fremstad found Samboy Tuimato on a sideline route, and "Sammy" did the rest, taking it 65 yards for the go-ahead score. The two-point conversion gave Astoria an 11-7 lead.

Pouring it on

The Fishermen started to pour it on in the third quarter, marching 80 yards in seven plays on their second possession.

Sparked by completions of 12 yards and 35 yards to Ryan Palek, Fremstad ran for 17 yards, then capped the drive with a 17-yard strike to Palek for an 11-point lead.

But until the late score, that was it for the Fishermen, who watched helplessly as Scappoose rallied from the 18-7 deficit.

Scappoose senior Nate Rieman broke about 10 tackles on a 46-yard TD run with 7:50 left in the fourth quarter, and the two-point conversion brought the Indians to within 22-15.

Fremstad threw an interception on the next Astoria drive, and tossed another costly one on the drive after that — a short pass over the middle that was intercepted by Scappoose senior Michael Gift, who returned it

eight yards for a touchdown.

That set the stage for Astoria's Drive of the Century.

Sparked by a personal foul penalty on the Indians on first down, the Fishermen quickly found themselves at the Scappoose 49, following a big completion to Tuimato.

A sack by Scappoose and a holding penalty on Astoria had the Fishermen backed up in a third-and-long situation, but a big pass interference call on the Indians put Astoria at the Scappoose 27.

A pass to Palek had the Fishermen had the 13, but Fremstad was sacked at the 22, with 19 seconds left.

On the next play, Fremstad rolled left, and found Englund near the goal line, near the left sideline.

Englund made the catch and powered his way to pylon, crossing the goal line with 11 seconds left.

"After the costly interception, I looked at the scoreboard and saw we had about three minutes left (3:02)," Fremstad said. "Coach Rub just reminded me of our 'Fishermen never give up' attitude. In practice, we always end with our two-minute drill. And we ran our two-minute offense the best we've ever run it."

"Every play added up," he said. "We had a holding call, they had a P.I. (pass interference) call ... I have to credit to coach (Fa'aleao) Poyer and coach Rub for drawing up the last play. We hadn't run that play in over a year."

"I was reading the free safety on the left, and Ole was my primary read. I got it to him at about the 5, he saw a guy coming at him, and Olaf has never wanted a touchdown more than he wanted that one."

A desperation pass by the Indians from midfield fell incomplete as time expired, sparking a league title celebration, Astoria Style.

Knappa back on top of league

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VERNONIA — After missing the playoffs in 2015, the Knappa Loggers are back to their 2014 form.

The Loggers completed another unbeaten league season Friday at Vernonia, where Knappa pounded last year's league champion, 50-6.

Knappa finishes 4-0 in league play, and after one more nonleague game, it's on to the state playoffs for the Loggers, who will host a first round game Nov. 4 or 5.

And with the best running back in the state at the 2A level, and a team that's averaging 54 points per game over the last four weeks, the Loggers will be a tough team to beat in the upcoming post-season.

Still, "We played a little sloppy in the first half," said Knappa coach Aaron Barendse, whose team had a short week after playing Monday. "The boys responded really well in the second half and put a stamp on the league title. I couldn't be more proud of this group of young men and our staff. Great team win."

Knappa's Andrew Goozee rushed for 139 yards and two touchdowns (plus one receiving), as he finished the league season with 17 touchdowns and 984 yards rushing, all in just four games.

"We had a few good defensive stands to keep (Vernonia) out of the end zone," Barendse said. "Our line did a great job grinding in the mud. Goozee had to earn every yard he got."

They definitely had an all-in plan for him."

To pick up the slack, Knappa quarterback Kaleb Miller completed 14-of-24 passes for 187 yards, with touchdown passes to Goozee, Ethan Rubus and Mitch Geisler.

"Kaleb did a great job taking advantage of them stacking the box," Barendse said. "He made good decisions, threw well and our receivers made some great plays. Mitch, Rubus, (Andrew) Alder, Timber (Engblom), Braeden (Eltagonde), Mason (Hoover), and Kanai (Phillip) all played exceptionally well. They blocked, ran good routes and competed for every ball thrown."

Knappa plays a nonleague game Friday at Central Linn.

Knappa volleyball finishes fourth in league tourney

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VERNONIA — The Knappa volleyball team rode the Playoff Bus as far it would go over the weekend. Unfortunately for the Loggers, the final stop ended one win short of the state playoffs.

Delphian's three-game sweep over Knappa (25-16, 25-14, 25-16) Saturday gave the Northwest League's No. 3 seed to the Dragons, with the Log-

gers placing fourth in the league's annual tournament Friday and Saturday at Vernonia High School.

"The Dragons had just a few more hitters than we did," said Knappa coach Jeff Kaul. "We will all miss (Knappa's two seniors, Kaitlyn Landwehr and Alisha Murphy) and what they both brought to the team this year. It has been a fun season and these girls have all been a joy to work with."

Landwehr had six digs, five kills, five assists and three blocks, while Murphy was 7-for-7 serving with two aces. Paris Vanderburg added five assists and four kills.

The match against Delphian was Knappa's third in two days at the tournament.

Knappa opened Friday with a five-game win over Faith Bible (15-25, 25-17, 25-14, 22-25, 15-9), followed by a three-game loss to Gas-

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Braves beat Gulls in Cowapa season finale

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BANKS — A slippery football and muddy conditions led to some early turnovers by Seaside, which led to a big lead for Banks Friday night, in a Cowapa League regular season finale.

The Braves took advantage of Seaside miscues to build a 21-0 halftime lead, on their way to a 34-6 win over the Gulls.

Banks senior Milo Applebee had a pair of touchdown runs in the first half, the second with 34 seconds left in the second quarter.

Seaside's Cameron King kept the Gulls competitive with a few big runs and pass receptions on offense, as well as some big tackles on defense that ended drives for the Braves.

Banks answered with two scores in the third quarter, a touchdown pass from Jake Evans to Gunnar Partain, and a 34-yard run by Hayden Vandehey.

The Gulls scored their first points with 11:51 left in the fourth quarter on a long run by Alex Teubner.

Tigers defeat Warrenton, 53-0

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CLATSKANIE — A solid defensive effort by Clatskanie helped the Tigers score a 53-0 win over visiting Warrenton Friday night, in a Lewis & Clark football game.

Clatskanie held the Warriors to minus-9 yards in total offense, while the Tigers racked up 399 yards in offense.

Clatskanie's Kees Tjaarda ran just seven times, but gained 133 yards and scored three touchdowns. Teammate Ian Griffith also scored three touchdowns in the first half, which ended with the Tigers ahead, 39-0.

Ilwaco crushes Ocosta, 54-6

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ILWACO, Wash. — The Ilwaco Fishermen were unstoppable on offense Friday night, in a 54-6 romp over Ocosta in a Pacific 2B League football game.

Ilwaco rolled up 510 yards in total offense on 54 plays (9.4 yards per play), while the Fishermen defense held Ocosta to just 49 yards offense on 21 plays.

Ilwaco's Brandon McMullen rushed for 131 yards on just eight carries, while Alec Bell carried nine times for 111 yards.

Comets crush Acorns, 56-14

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NASELLE, Wash. — The Naselle Comets continue to go through their league season unchallenged, as they demolished Oakville Friday, 56-14.

Donny Edwards and Erik Lund scored two touchdowns apiece for the Comets (3-0 in league), who are gearing up to make another run at the 1B state title.

Naselle plays a makeup game at Taholah at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

ton, as the No. 1 seed Greyhounds defeated the Loggers, 25-13, 25-12, 25-21.

Friday's combined stats included 15 kills for Vanderburg, with eight service aces and eight assists.

Landwehr was 23-for-24 serving, with 11 kills, 10 assists and four blocks. Jaden Miethe added 18 digs, Kaitlyn Truax had six kills and three blocks, and Murphy finished with 11 digs.