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Lady Fish fall to Scappoose in soccer finale

The Daily Astorian

SCAPPOOSE — Scappoose held a slim 1-0 lead at halftime, then pulled away in the final 40 minutes for a 4-0 win over Astoria Tuesday, in a Cowapa League girls soccer season finale at Scappoose.

Astoria coach Tim Fastabend said his team didn't have a lot of opportunities on offense, while the Fishermen did what they could defensively.

"Lexi (Law) played well for us," he said. "She came out and made some big stops, and did what good keepers do. Claire Albright also had a nice game. All of the seniors played well."

Astoria finishes 3-9-2 overall, 2-6-2 in league play.

In other Cowapa League action Tuesday, the regular season came to a close for the Seaside girls, as Banks posted a 3-1 win over the Lady Gulls on the Braves' home field.

Warriors forfeit football finale

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Due to multiple injuries, the Warrenton football team has forfeited its season finale at Rainier Friday.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

Cross Country — Cowapa League Championships, Camp Rilea, 2 p.m.

Football — Naselle at Taholah, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY

Cross Country — 3A/2A/1A District 1 Championships, Tualatin Hills, 3:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Football — Knappa at Central Linn, 7 p.m.; Ilwaco at North Beach, 7 p.m.

Sweet 16

Blazers continue home opener win streak

Associated Press

PORTLAND — Damian Lillard scored 39 points and the Portland Trail Blazers extended their winning streak in home openers to a league-record 16 straight games with a 113-104 victory over the Utah Jazz on Tuesday night.

CJ McCollum added 25 points for the Blazers, who trailed 83-77 at the start of the fourth quarter. They were still down 102-99 with under 5 minutes left before McCollum made a pull-up jumper and 3-pointer to give Portland a 104-102 lead.

Lillard made a pair of free throws before nailing a 3-pointer that put Portland up 109-102 with 1:02 left and the Jazz couldn't catch up.

Joe Johnson scored 29 points in his debut with the Jazz and Rodney Hood added 26, including a rim-rattling dunk in the third quarter.

The Jazz were without several key players. Gordon Hayward is out with a broken finger, while Derrick Favors played in just one preseason game. Alec Burks continues to rehab from surgery.

TIP-INS: The Blazers linked arms in unity during the national anthem. ... With his first assist of the night, Damian Lillard passed Jim Paxson for sixth on the franchise all-time list (2,008).

NEXT GAME

• Portland vs. Los Angeles Clippers

• Thursday, 7:30 p.m. TV: TNT



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Rafael Alcantar goes up for a header as Astoria played against Scappoose on Tuesday at CMH Field. Scappoose won 4-0 in what may be the Fishermen's last game this season.

Fishermen drop league finale at CMH

The Daily Astorian



Astoria's Jonathan Jimenez battles for ball control with Caden Verzino.

The worst loss of the season for the Astoria boys soccer team came in the season opener, a 7-1 loss to Catlin Gabel.

And the second-worst loss of the season for the Fishermen took place in the final game of the regular season, a 4-0 setback to Scappoose Tuesday night at CMH Field.

In between, Astoria went 5-5 and played some pretty good soccer this season.

But unless a late playoff spot opens up, the season came to a close for the Fishermen.

The Indians built a 2-0 lead in the first 14 minutes, then cruised to the win to close out the Cowapa League season.

Scappoose finishes 3-3-1 in league (third place, behind Tillamook and Scappoose), 5-3-4 overall, and jumped to 18th in the latest OSAA rankings.

The Fishermen dropped one spot to 24th, and finish fourth in the Cowapa at 2-5, 5-7 overall.

The first half was the decisive 40 minutes in Tuesday's encounter.

Just 2 minutes, 50 seconds into the game, Scappoose freshman D.J. Backus scored off a deflected shot, when a close-range attempt by teammate Robby Walsh was stuffed by Astoria goalkeeper Kyle Birge. The ball landed right at the feet of Backus,

who scored into an open net.

Birge had a couple more stops in the following minutes, but the Indians kept up the pressure and scored in the 13th minute, with Blake Peterson tapping the ball in off a corner kick from Tyler Cooper.

Scappoose made it 3-0 when Alex Varga chased down a long pass and scored on a breakaway.

The Fishermen created more opportunities in the second half, which included open shot on goal attempts from Rafael Alcantar and Gustavo Velázquez — but both shots deflected off Scappoose defenders before the ball got to the net.

Another attempt by Alcantar off a free kick was just a few inches too high, and a fourth shot on goal was saved by the Scappoose keeper. Astoria finished with five shots on goal in the second half.

The only second half shot that went in belonged to the Indians, as Kevin Bachman won a scramble in front of the net to make it 4-0 with 6:02 remaining.

While the season will likely continue for the Indians and their 10 seniors, the Fishermen will have to wait for the final rankings to see if they make the playoffs.

The Fishermen honored four seniors before the game, as Luis Herrejon, Jorge Herrejon, Alcantar and Birge all closed out their home careers.

Kluber, Perez, Indians blank Cubs 6-0 in opener

By **RONALD BLUM**
AP Baseball Writer

CLEVELAND — Corey Kluber and the Cleveland Indians are off to a pitch-perfect start in the World Series.

The Chicago Cubs, meanwhile, fell completely flat in their first appearance since 1945.

Kluber dominated into the seventh inning, Roberto Perez had four RBIs with a pair of home runs and the Indians beat the Cubs 6-0 in Tuesday night's opener of a highly anticipated matchup between the teams with baseball's longest championship droughts.

"It's almost like you have that extra level of intensity," said Kluber, who became the first Series pitcher to strike out eight batters in the first three innings.

AL Championship Series MVP Andrew Miller escaped a bas-

es-loaded, no-out jam in the seventh and stranded runners at the corners the eighth, preserving a three-run lead and delighting the sellout crowd of 38,091 in Cleveland's first-ever Series home opener.

"The atmosphere in the World Series is so great," Miller said. "You can't help but get caught up in it and enjoy it."

The Indians pitched their fourth shutout in nine games this post-season. After stifling two dangerous lineups in Boston and Toronto during the AL playoffs, Cleveland shut down a hard-hitting Cubs team that scored 23 runs against the Dodgers in the final three games of the NLCS.

Back in the Series for the first time since 1997, the Indians scored twice in the first off October ace Jon Lester.

Perez hit a fourth-inning solo shot and added a three-run drive in the eighth against Hector Rondon,

WORLD SERIES: GAME 2

- Chicago Cubs at Cleveland
- Today, 4 p.m. TV: Fox
- Cleveland leads series 1-0

becoming the first Cleveland player and the only No. 9 batter to homer twice in a Series game.

"Oh, I don't think I've ever had a night like that," Perez said.

He has three home runs in 27 at-bats during the postseason after hitting three in 153 during the regular season.

"I've come a long ways," Perez said,

Francisco Lindor added three hits as the Indians improved to 8-1 this postseason. Cleveland manager Terry Francona is 9-0 in the Series, including sweeps by his Boston teams in 2004 and '07.

The Game 1 winner has taken the title in the last six Series and 17 of 19.

"I have no concerns," Cubs manager Joe Maddon said. "It's the first game. I'm fine. We're fine."

Trevor Bauer, trying to come back from a sliced pinkie caused by a freak drone accident, starts Game 2 for the Indians on Wednesday night against Jake Arrieta. Because the forecast called for an increased chance of rain later in the evening, Major League Baseball took the extraordinary step of moving up the first pitch by an hour to 7:08 p.m.

Kluber struck the corners, and 24 of his 59 strikeouts were called by plate umpire Larry Vanover. Twelve batters were caught looking, including seven Cubs.

"I think his ball was moving too much today," said Perez, Cleveland's catcher. "We got guys off balance the whole night."