

SPORTS

CONTACT US
Gary Henley | Sports Reporter
 ghenley@dailyastorian.com

FOLLOW US
 facebook.com/
 DailyAstorianSports

SEASIDE'S JANUIK SCORES HAT TRICK IN PLAYOFF WIN

Gulls couldn't have been much more dominant in Saturday's win

By **GARY HENLEY**
The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — The Seaside boys soccer team missed out on their Cowapa League title this season — but the Gulls more than made up for it Saturday night on their home field.

Seaside's Chase Januik scored three goals and the defense pitched a shutout for the Gulls, who defeated Cottage Grove 3-0 in a Class 4A Regional Play-in at Broadway Field.

And from all appearances, Seaside isn't going to stop at just one playoff win. The Gulls could be playing for a while.

Their next action will be 1 p.m. Wednesday at La Grande for a Sweet 16 game. The winner will face either Madras or McLoughlin, and the Gulls are already talking about the possibility of hosting a game in the quarterfinals.

"Without being overconfident, I think it's important in the playoffs that you do look ahead," said Seaside coach John Chapman. "Our boys are focused for the next couple games, that we have a very good chance of succeeding."

"We didn't finish the league the way we wanted to," he said. "But we think we can still compete well in the playoffs. We're fit, we're uninjured and we're peaking right when we want to be."

The Gulls couldn't have been much more dominant in Saturday's win.

From the opening kick, Seaside was threatening to score. The Gulls did all the possessing, passing and shooting in the first half, while the Lions crossed midfield just a few times, with no shots on goal.

Meanwhile, Seaside had the Cottage Grove defenders with their backs to the wall from the outset.

The Gulls had seven shots on goal in the first 10 minutes, including a breakaway by Will Garvin just minutes into the game. Lion keeper Zachariah Stewart managed to stop the shot, then smothered another attempt by Garvin off a deflection of the first shot.

Additional attempts by Colton Carter, Jackson Januik and Brent Walsh were all saved by Stewart, who played a solid first half under pressure.

The first goal finally came off the foot of Chase Januik, the younger brother of Jackson. Chase actually outran is older brother to run down a pass in the 34th minute, and once he caught up to the ball, Chase — from 30 yards out — sent a left-footed shot into the lower right corner of the net for the game's first score.

"We were wondering when that first goal was going to slip in," Chapman said. "It didn't happen until the end of the first half, and it was just another momentum change for us. We went from fourth gear to fifth gear."

"I was very pleased with how the boys came out," he added. "Poised,



Teammates celebrate after Seaside Seagulls' Chase Januik, center, scores his third goal of the night as Seaside faced off against Cottage Grove on Saturday at Broadway Field in Seaside. Seaside defeated Cottage Grove 3-0. More photos online at DailyAstorian.com

strong and committed to what we wanted to do with the ball, and we immediately controlled the middle of the field."

The sophomore scored again with just 1:09 left in the half, when a shot by Garvin deflected back to Januik, who scored from close range.

While there was very little action at the northwest end of the field in the first half, and there wasn't much more at the southeast end in the second half.

Seaside goalkeeper Jesus Perez only had to make one stop in the final 40 minutes.

The Gulls also had fewer shots on goal in the second half (just five), as a free kick from Carter bounced off the left post in the 57th minute, and another attempt by Walsh was saved.

Januik recorded his third goal with 15:11 remaining in the game, as Chase chased down a pass up the middle from Carter, and scored from the left side of the penalty area, from 20 yards out.

"Cottage Grove plays in a tough division with Sisters and some of those others," Chapman said. "They haven't scored many goals, but they've also kept some of the strong teams close at hand. They challenged hard, but our guys were a step ahead for most of the game."

The Lions will also be tough in the future, with only one senior on the roster.

Meanwhile, the Gulls gave a glimpse of their own future, with the younger Januik.

"I believe he has scored before, but I can't think of another time when a sophomore has scored a hat trick in a playoff game," Chapman said of Chase Januik. "Give credit to Chase for putting it in the net, and give credit to the rest of the team for getting him into a position to do it."



Seaside Seagulls' Jackson Januik goes up for the ball.



Seaside Seagulls' William Garvin collides with Cottage Grove's goalkeeper.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Ilwaco defeats North Beach

The Daily Astorian

OCEAN SHORES, Wash. — Ilwaco locked up the No. 2 seed in the Coastal 2B division with a 37-14 win at North Beach Friday.

The Fishermen improved to 6-3 overall, and will host the No. 3 team from the River division, the winner of a three-way, Kansas Plan tiebreaker Monday in Kalama, between Mossyrock, Toutle Lake and Wahkiakum.

In Friday's win, Ilwaco quarterback Jack Odneal threw for 143 yards and two touchdowns, on 10-of-17 passing.

Brandon McMullen led the ground attack with 122 yards rushing on 16 attempts, while Alec Bell added 47 yards on 11 carries, with two touchdowns.

Central Linn edges Knappa

The Daily Astorian

HALSEY — The Knappa Loggers scheduled another tough non-league opponent as they tune up for the Class 2A football state playoffs.

After marching through the league season with a 4-0 record, the Loggers fell to 1-4 against non-league competition Friday, as Central Linn scored a 41-20 win over Knappa.

The Loggers will host St. Paul in a first round state playoff at 2 p.m. Saturday, at CMH Field.

Season ends for Seaside spikers

The Daily Astorian

SISTERS — The Cowapa League won three matches and lost two Saturday in the Sweet 16 of the Class 4A state playoffs.

Unfortunately for Seaside, the Gulls were one of the two losses, as Sisters swept Seaside in three games, 25-14, 25-16, 25-18.

The season comes to a close for the Gulls, who advanced to the final 16 despite a 2-8 record in the Cowapa League.

Sisters advances to the state tournament Friday and Saturday at Forest Grove High School, where the Outlaws will play Henley in a quarterfinal.

Alyssia Gonzales had seven kills for Seaside, which loses just three seniors.

Six-foot-2 junior Hawley Harter led the offensive attack for Sisters, while setter Alex Hartford and libero Jessie Brigham highlighted the strong passing for the Outlaws.

In other playoff action Saturday, No. 1-ranked Valley Catholic swept Sutherlin; Banks defeated Philomath in four games; and Tillamook swept Scappoose to round out the day for the Cowapa League, which will have three teams in the final eight.

Saints get physical, outlast Seahawks

Seattle falls to 4-2-1

By **BRETT MARTEL**
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Sean Payton had a surprise in store for a Seattle defense that thrives on harassing quarterbacks and physically intimidating receivers.

The Saints coach dialed back New Orleans' prolific passing game and challenged his running backs and offensive line to deliver as much punishment to Seahawks defenders as they could.

Drew Brees wound up well short of his typical passing numbers in the Superdome 265 yards and one touchdown but the Saints (3-4) pulled out a 25-20 victory they sorely needed to improve their prospects for climbing back into the NFC playoff picture.

"It doesn't really have to be

aesthetically pleasing to be effective," Payton asserted. "The key is winning."

The victory wasn't assured until the New Orleans' much-maligned defense, which entered the game ranked 29th in the NFL, came up with a stop on the Seahawks' final drive, which started on the Seattle 32 with 1:50 left. Russell Wilson took the Seahawks (4-2-1) to the New Orleans 10, where he had one final play. He lofted a pass toward the corner of the end zone, where Jermaine Kearse caught the ball, but landed out of bounds.

"It was close. I tried to give him a shot," Wilson said of his last throw to Kearse, adding that cornerback B.W. Webb "did a good job of trying to drive him out of bounds. I think he got one (foot) in and was trying to get the second one down. The last drive was a testament to our resilience."

Cubs, Indians hope to celebrate championship in Cleveland

By **ANDREW SELIGMAN**
Associated Press

CHICAGO — One way or another, there will be a championship celebration in Cleveland.

Still to be determined? Whether the Indians or Cubs will be popping the champagne.

The Cubs won a World Series game at Wrigley Field for the first time since 1945 and at least delayed Cleveland's big party with a 3-2 victory Sunday night.

Aroldis Chapman got the final eight outs in the longest appearance of his career, Jon Lester pitched six strong innings and Kris Bryant homered as Chicago cut the Indians' lead to 3-2.

So a World Series between the teams with baseball's longest title droughts goes back to Cleveland, with 2015 NL Cy Young Award winner Jake Arrieta set to start for the Cubs



AP Photo/Matt Marton
Chicago Cubs fans celebrate outside of Wrigley Field after Game 5 of the Major League Baseball World Series against the Cleveland Indians on Sunday in Chicago.

and Josh Tomlin going on short rest for the Indians in Game 6 on Tuesday night.

"We're writing our own history," Chicago shortstop Addison Russell

WORLD SERIES: GAME 6

- Chicago Cubs at Cleveland
- Tuesday, 5 p.m. TV: Fox
- Cleveland leads series 3-2

said. "We're making history. Why stop?"

His team rolled through the regular season with a major league-leading 103 wins, took out playoff-tested San Francisco in the NL Division Series and rallied to beat the Los Angeles Dodgers in the NL Championship Series. The Cubs were so dominant at times they had their long-downtrodden fans believing that, after decades of supposed curses and sincere heartbreak, this just might be the year.

It still could be but it would take an historic effort. Only five teams have come back from a 3-1 deficit to win a best-of-seven World Series, most recently Kansas City in 1985.