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Astoria opens with win

KNAPPA — Astoria opened the season Friday night with a 56-38 win over Clatskanie, in a first round game of the Knappa Tip-Off Classic.

The Fishermen had the game well in hand after one half, leading 29-9 at halftime, and 44-16 after three quarters.

Ryan Palek scored 12 points and Jasyng Gohl added 11 for the Fishermen, with eight points apiece from Ole Englund, Fridtjof Fremstad and Karsten Johnson.

Loggers top Toledo

KNAPPA — Knappa's 1-2 scoring punch of Dale Takalo and Colton Weirup combined for 34 points Friday night, in a 46-38 win over Toledo on Day 1 of the Loggers' Tip-Off Classic.

Toledo rallied from a 27-18 halftime deficit and pulled to within 36-29 to start the final quarter, before the Loggers closed it out with a 12-9 run.

Jason Miller had six of Knappa's 12 steals, to go with seven rebounds and five assists.

Ilwaco wins at Warrenton

WARRENTON — Ilwaco took advantage of a tough night from the field for the Warrenton Warriors, as the Fishermen made the road trip to the south side of the Columbia River Saturday and returned home with a 50-38 win, in a nonleague boys basketball game.

Ethan Bannister scored 13 points and Robert Woods added 11 for the Fishermen, who outscored Warrenton 21-9 over the second and third quarters.

Dalton Knight scored 15 points and Christian Holt added 10 for Warrenton, which played without Tyler Whitaker (injured in the second quarter) in the second half.

Warriors open with win

WARRENTON — Warrenton had a successful season opener Friday, as the Warriors picked up a combined 31 points from Tyler Whitaker and Christian Holt for a 46-34 win over Waldport.

The Irish and the Warriors were tied 17-17 at halftime, before Warrenton went on a 13-4 run in the third quarter. The Warriors maintained a five-to-10 point lead the rest of the way, to defeat Waldport for the second straight season.

Open Door closes on Jewell

JEWELL — The Jewell boys were unable to take advantage of their home court Saturday, as Open Door Academy powered past the Jays, 47-39, in a 1A nonleague boys basketball game.

Junior Ben Stahly had a double-double to lead Jewell, scoring 20 points with 12 rebounds, and teammate Ryan Kane added seven points, six rebounds and four steals.

Open Door led 23-11 after one quarter, but the Blue Jays rallied to within 40-37 with four minutes left, before the Huskies were able to close out the win.



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Gladstone's Alex Stinson and Seaside's Payton Westerholm dive for the ball Saturday at Seaside High School.

Seagulls top Gladstone

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SEASIDE — The Seaside boys basketball team may not out-rebound a lot of teams this year ... but when the Gulls can run opponents out of the gym, they won't need to.

Last year's state runner-ups at the 4A level were right back in mid-season form Friday night at home, as the Gulls demolished Gladstone 71-55 in a nonleague season opener at the Gulls' Nest.

Seaside's pressure defense forced 18 turnovers in the first half, and the Gulls beat the Gladiators from the 3-point line and the free throw line to pick up their first win of the season.

The Gulls were 8-of-23 from beyond the arc, and Seaside knocked down 21-of-33 free throws, to Gladstone's 11-for-23.

In the first regular season game featuring the OSA's new three-man officiating crew, the two teams combined for 49 fouls and 56 free throws.

Meanwhile, the state's Player of the Year at the 4A level has a new scoring partner. Seaside senior Jackson Januik tossed in a game-high 18 points, followed closely by little brother Chase Januik, who scored 17 in the first game of his sophomore season.

The Januik Bros., combined to make 16-of-19 free throws. Hunter Thompson added 10 points for the Gulls, who led 20-9 after one quarter, and 39-16 at halftime.

There's always room for improvement after Game 1, but Seaside coach Bill Westerholm was pleased with the opening night effort.



Chase Januik shoots against Gladstone's Lyric Warren Saturday.

"We could have shared the ball a little bit better, and done a better job from the free-throw line," he said. "But I was pleased with how we played defensively. We came out scrappy and hustled, we forced turnovers and did well on the boards.

Considering that we're not a big team, we only gave up two offensive boards in the first half.

"I was happy with all the kids who played," he said. "Everyone produced, and we had five different guys hit 3s."

Fishermen win 'old time showdown'

By GARY HENLEY
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KNAPPA — Very few teams go to Knappa and leave with a win — but that's just what Astoria did Saturday night, in a "throwback rival" showdown between the Loggers and Fishermen.

In a game both schools and their fans were looking forward to, Astoria outscored Knappa 17-9 in a decisive third quarter, helping the Fishermen to a 54-47, nonleague boys win.

"I was real impressed with Knappa," said Astoria coach Kevin Goin. "They came out charged, and we were a little too stationary. The (Jason) Miller kid played a great

game for them, and did a nice job penetrating."

Goin, himself, never played at Knappa during his days as a player at Astoria.

"I didn't even know where the locker room was," he said. "The only time I played there was in the sixth grade. But I'm glad Chris (Spencer) invited us, and we talked about doing this every year, and maybe getting some more local teams involved."

The two teams played twice in 2009-10, in the Seaside tournament and also the Dulcich Tournament.

It was Astoria's first regular season game at Knappa since Jan. 31, 2008 (the Loggers won that game, 41-34).

Spencer said in the preseason,

"Astoria at home should be a great environment. They don't come out here very often. We need to get these local rivalries going again and packing the house."

As for Saturday's game, a few Astoria players with Knappa connections did most of the damage.

Fridtjof Fremstad led the Fishermen with 18 points, followed by Ole Englund with nine and former Logger Ryan Palek scored eight.

The Fishermen held a 16-15 lead at halftime, in a game that was slowed by fouls. Both teams combined to shoot 48 free throws.

Miller scored 18 points to lead the Loggers, with Dale Takalo adding 15 and Eli Takalo scoring nine.

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Astoria sprints past Knappa

KNAPPA — Both teams had slow starts, but the Astoria Lady Fishermen recovered better than Knappa Saturday night, on Day 2 of the Knappa Tip-Off Classic.

Astoria eventually won the nonleague girls basketball game, 44-24, as Alexis Wallace scored 11 points and Sam Hemsley tossed in eight to help the Lady Fish bounce back from a loss to Clatskanie the night before.

The Lady Fishermen were ahead after a low-scoring first quarter, 5-0, then extended their lead to 16-3 by halftime and 33-11 by the end of the third quarter.

Kaitlyn Landwehr scored 12 points to go with seven rebounds, four blocks and three steals for the Loggers. Ressa Inman added seven points and eight boards.

Tigers rally to win

KNAPPA — Astoria's 43-40 lead in the fourth quarter did not hold up Friday night, in a first round game of the Knappa Tip-Off Classic.

Clatskanie rallied and scored the final 10 points of the game for a 50-43 win over the Lady Fishermen, in Astoria's season opener.

Freshman Brooklyn Hankwith scored 14 points to lead the Lady Fish, with sophomore Sam Hemsley adding nine points.

Gladiators hold off Gulls, 32-31

GLADSTONE — Gladstone scored the final basket with 14 seconds left, capping a back-and-forth game that resulted in a 32-31 win for the Gladiators, in a nonleague girls basketball game Friday.

The Gulls missed a final desperation shot, after rallying from a halftime deficit and holding a lead deep into the fourth quarter.

Seaside had just 12 turnovers in its first game of the season, but "we could just not put the ball in the hoop," said Mike Hawes, in his first game as the Gulls' head coach. "We missed five lay-ins in the first half. They just had a lot more opportunities than we did, and took advantage. Gladstone's a big team, and we struggled from the field (the Gulls shot just 28 percent in the first half)."

Madi Mott scored nine points to lead Gladstone, while Seaside senior Maddi Utti led all scorers with 18. Sydney Villegas added six for the Gulls.

Warrenton falls to Junction City

JUNCTION CITY — One night after a 77-point win over Waldport, the Warrenton Lady Warriors suffered a 63-55 loss at Junction City Saturday, in nonleague action.

With two starters (Tyla Little and Landree Miethe) having fouled out, the Lady Warriors still cut a 23-point deficit to 53-49 with just under three minutes remaining.

But the Tigers made a few free throws down the stretch to hold off the Warriors, who fall to 1-1.

"We hit a lull to start the second quarter," said Warrenton coach Robert Hoepfl.

Rachel Dyer led Warrenton with 18 points, followed by Little with nine.

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