

# SPORTS

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## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Warrior girls beat Comets

NASELLE, Wash. — Warrenton improved to 2-1 overall with an easy 52-29 win at Naselle Tuesday, in a nonleague girls basketball game.

Tyla Little scored 13 points and Fernanda Alvarez added 12 for the Warriors, who led 17-3 after one quarter and 27-5 at halftime.

Rachel Dyer added nine points for Warrenton, which connected on eight 3-pointers.

The Warriors play at Knappa Thursday.

### First loss for Lady Jays

JEWELL — The Jewell girls basketball team suffered its first loss of the season Tuesday night at home, as Willamette Valley Christian posted a 37-29 win over the Lady Jays in a Casco League opener.

Alyscia Littlepage scored 10 points for Jewell, which slips to 3-1 overall. Emma Guillen had 10 rebounds for the Jays, who outscored the Knights 7-3 in the second quarter, but trailed 13-11 at halftime.

### Ilwaco girls score 38-point win

PUYALLUP, Wash. — It was another easy win for the Pacific 2B League favorites Tuesday night, as the Ilwaco girls basketball team cruised past Chief Leschi, 71-33.

After a close win over R.A. Long in the season opener, Ilwaco has won its last three games by a combined 115 points (205-90).

Madeline Jacobson and MaKenzie Kaech scored 20 points apiece in Tuesday's win.

The Lady Fishermen improved to 3-0 in league play.

### Gulls boys win

YAMHILL — Seaside broke open a close game at halftime by outscoring Yamhill-Carlton 21-13 in the third quarter, on its way to an 83-65 win over the Tigers Tuesday night, in a Class 4A non-league boys basketball game.

The Gulls held a slim 41-40 lead at halftime over the former Cowapa League team, before outscoring Yamhill 42-25 in the second half.

"We were real lackadaisical in the first half," said Seaside coach Bill Westerholm. "We came out slow, and we just didn't give Yamhill enough respect in the first half."

"I thought the kids responded well in the second half," he said. "The beginning and end of the third quarter and into the fourth, we played better defensively."

Two last names — Januik and Thompson — combined to score 66 of Seaside's 85 points.

Chase Januik and Jackson Januik scored 21 points apiece to lead the way; Attikin Babb added 14 points; Hunter Thompson scored 13 and Duncan Thompson finished with 11 for the Gulls, now 2-0.

Seaside plays at Corbett Friday.

### Warriors hold off Comets boys

NASELLE, Wash. — Christian Holt erupted for a career-high 31 points, and the Warrenton boys basketball team held off Naselle 61-52 in a cross-state game Tuesday night at Naselle.

The Warriors held a slim 27-24 lead at halftime, before gradually building a 13-point lead with four minutes left in the fourth quarter.

"Naselle's a good team, and they just kind of hung around," said Warrenton coach Nate McBride, whose team managed to hold off the Comets for their second win of the season.

Holt was 11-for-21 from the field, 6-of-7 at the free throw line, and made three 3-pointers on his way to a career high. Tyler Whitaker was Warrenton's next-highest scorer, with nine points.

Donny Edwards and sophomore transfer Antonio Nolan scored 16 apiece for Naselle.

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# USF's Taggart to be next Oregon coach



South Florida head coach Willie Taggart shouts instructions to his team against Central Florida, in Tampa, Fla., on Nov. 26. AP Photo/Chris O'Meara

*Associated Press*

**S**outh Florida football coach Willie Taggart has informed the school that he is leaving to become the coach at Oregon, a person with direct knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity Wednesday because neither school was prepared to make an official announcement. ESPN first reported Oregon had hired Taggart.

Taggart is in his fourth season at USF and has gone 18-7 the last two seasons, including 10-2 this year. He also spent three seasons as coach of Western Kentucky, his alma mater,

and was an assistant coach at Stanford under Jim Harbaugh.

Oregon fired Mark Helfrich last week after the Ducks went 4-8.

Taggart, 40, is the first coach Oregon has hired from outside the program since 1976. The Ducks' previous three coaches, Mike Bellotti, Chip Kelly and Helfrich, were all assistants who were promoted.

Taggart will be the first black head football coach at Oregon. The length and terms of his contract with the Ducks were not immediately released.

Taggart was 16-20 at Western Kentucky, taking over when it was first transitioning to FBS. He went 7-5 in his last two seasons

with the Hilltoppers and then moved to USF, not far from where he grew up in Bradenton, Florida.

It took two seasons and a change in offensive philosophy from more pro-style, West Coast schemes to a spread, but he now has the 25th-ranked Bulls rolling. They finished second in the American Athletic Conference East Division to Temple and will play South Carolina on Dec. 29 in the Birmingham Bowl.

This is the second straight day the AAC has lost one of its best coaches, and the third the conference has lost since Thanksgiving weekend. Temple's Matt Rhule was hired by Baylor on Monday and Tom Herman left Houston for Texas on Nov. 26.



Seaside's Jetta Ideue, right, hits the floor for a loose ball in Tuesday's game with Yamhill-Carlton. Photos by Jeff Ter Har/For the Daily Astorian

## Gulls jump on Tigers early in win

*The Daily Astorian*

SEASIDE — The Seaside Lady Gulls were back to winning how they usually win Tuesday night — a hot start, pressure defense and forcing turnovers. Lots of turnovers.

Seaside scored on its first four possessions in a 52-25 win over Yamhill-Carlton, in a nonleague girls basketball contest at the Gulls' Nest.

Maddi Utti led the Gulls with 17 points, while the Seaside defense forced 39 turnovers, 24 in the first half.

The Tigers had 11 turnovers before they even scored their first points, as Seaside built a 12-2 lead after one quarter.

Utti scored twice off steals midway through the second period, while Bryre Babbitt was hot from the outside early, scoring 10 of her 12 points in the first half.

Sydney Villegas added 11 points for the Gulls, who were 21-of-60 from the field, to Yamhill's 9-for-35.



Seaside senior Sydney Villegas, No. 20, battles for a rebound in Tuesday's win over Yamhill-Carlton.

## SCOREBOARD

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### Seaside 52, Yamhill-Carlton 25

YC (25): Reilly Southard 10, O'Loughlin 4, Dixon 3, Horne 3, Reimann 2, Galtner 2, Carlgren 1.

SEA (52): Maddi Utti 17, Babbitt 12, Villegas 11, Ideue 6, Kiser 4, Garhofer 2, Smart, Huddleston, Bodner, Turner, Falleur.

Yamhill-C 2 10 6 7—25  
 Seaside 12 16 14 10—52

Field goals: Yamhill-Carlton 9-35; Seaside 21-60. 3-Point goals: Yamhill-Carlton 1-7 (Dixon); Seaside 0-12.

Free throws: Yamhill-Carlton 5-9; Seaside 10-18. Turnovers: Yamhill-Carlton 39, Seaside 12.

JV: Seaside 44, Yamhill-Carlton 37

#### Warrenton 52, Naselle 29

WAR (52): Tyla Little 13, Alvarez 12, Dyer 9, K.Blodgett 6, Mieth 6, Bussert 4, Morrill 2, M.Blodgett, Schenbeck, DeJesus, Diego, Heyen.

NAS (29): Ellie Chapman 7, Harman 4, Ford 4, Tu Tu'u 4, Zimmerman 4, Scraback 2, Glenn 2, Weston 2, Jacot 2.

Warrenton 17 10 11 14—52  
 Naselle 3 2 14 10—29

#### Willamette VC 37, Jewell 29

JWL (29): Alyscia Littlepage 10, Guillen 5, G.Morales 4, Kaczynski 4, Wammack 2, Olvera 2, Hollenbach 2, N.Morales, Norman, Shaw.

Willamette VC 10 3 12 12—37  
 Jewell 4 7 8 10—29

### BOYS BASKETBALL

#### Seaside 83, Yamhill-Carlton 65

SEA (83): Chase Januik 21, Jackson Januik 21, Babb 14, H.Thompson 13, D.Thompson 11, Westerholm 2, Hague 2, Hoekstre 2, Sibony, Landwehr, Johnson, Meyer.

YC (65): Hunter Horne 21, Garrison 15, Frost 12, Morris 5, Stepper 5, Long 2, Davis 2.

Seaside 25 16 21 21—83  
 Yamhill-C 23 17 13 12—65

#### Warrenton 61, Naselle 52

WAR (61): Christian Holt 31, Whitaker 9, Knight 6, Fischer 6, Alcobendas 6, Jackson 3, Kapua, Fowler, Bingham, Oseguera.

NAS (52): Donny Edwards 16, Antonio Nolan 16, Lund 6, Eaton 4, Fauver 3, Lopez 3, Lindstrom 2, Dorman 2, Fontanilla.

Warrenton 17 10 20 14—61  
 Naselle 15 9 14 14—52

#### Willamette Valley 66, Jewell 34

JWL (34): Ben Stahly 15, Littlepage 7, N.Kane 6, Hinson 3, Meehan 2, R.Kane 1, Culp, Lilley, Godwin, Lyon.

Willamette VC 12 10 21 23—66  
 Jewell 8 8 6 12—34