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Loggers pound the Dragons

The Daily Astorian

SHERIDAN — The Knappa boys opened the Northwest League season with an easy win Friday, 73-38, at Delphian.

Leading 19-13 after one quarter, the No. 3-ranked Loggers outscored the Dragons 44-14 over the second and third quarters.

Dale Takalo led all scorers with 28 points, with Joe Ramvick tossing in 15 and Timber Engblom adding 12.

Jason Miller hauled in nine rebounds with four assists and four steals for the Loggers.



AP Photo/Steven Senne

Patriots running back LeGarrette Blount tries to shake free from Ravens safety Eric Weddle during the second half, Monday in Foxborough, Mass.

Patriots win, inch toward playoffs

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — By the time the Patriots took the field Monday night against the Ravens, they knew they'd have to wait at least another week to wrap up their eighth consecutive playoff berth.

It didn't stop New England from producing a postseason-quality effort.

The Patriots overcame a pair of miscues on special teams and provided some timely offense late to beat the Baltimore Ravens 30-23 on Monday night.

New England enters its final three regular season games in great position for an eighth straight AFC East crown.

Tom Brady carved up the NFL's top-ranked defense for 406 yards passing and three touchdowns, saving his best for last with a 79-yard strike to Chris Hogan in the fourth quarter.

He became just fourth NFL quarterback with at least 450 career touchdown passes.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY

Girls Basketball — Rainier at Warrenton, 7:45 p.m.; Gaston at Knappa, 6 p.m.

Boys Basketball — Rainier at Warrenton, 6 p.m.; Gaston at Knappa, 8 p.m.; Ilwaco at Raymond, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Girls Basketball — Falls City at Jewell, 5:30 p.m.

Boys Basketball — Falls City at Jewell, 7 p.m.

Swimming — Scappoose at Seaside, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY

Girls Basketball — Warrenton at Clatskanie, 7:30 p.m.; Knappa at Vernonia, 6 p.m.; Ilwaco at Raymond, 7 p.m.

Boys Basketball — Warrenton at Clatskanie, 6 p.m.; Knappa at Vernonia, 8 p.m.

Seaside Holiday Classic Thursday's Schedule

Girls
 10 am-Astoria vs. Cottage Grove
 1:00-South Whidbey vs. Newport
 4:00-Crook County vs. TBA
 7:00-Sisters vs. Seaside

Boys
 11:30-Cottage Grove vs. Astoria
 2:30-Newport vs. Montesano
 5:30-Elma vs. Madras
 8:30-Sisters vs. Seaside

BOYS BASKETBALL

Knappa 73, Delphian 38
KNA (73): Dale Takalo 28, Ramvick 15, Engblom 12, Miller 7, E.Takalo 6, Weirup 3, Goodman 1, Hunt 1, Rubus, Vanderburg, Geisler.
DEL (38): Leo Wang 11, Hung 8, Marrazzo 6, Xu 5, Morales 3, Jin 2, Abuloum 2.
Knappa 19 21 23 10—73
Delphian 13 6 8 11—38

Ilwaco wins annual Warrior Wrestling Invite



Photos by Damian Mulinix/For The Daily Astorian

Astoria's Matthew Hubbert pins his opening round opponent during Saturday's Warrenton Wrestling Tournament.



Vernonia's Nick Bennett brings down Warrenton's Giovanni Martinez during the Warrenton tournament.



Seaside's Donald Latourette tries to flip Astoria's Dalton Sommers during their match at the Warrenton tournament.

By **GARY HENLEY**
The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — The Washington schools ruled the day at the annual Warrenton Wrestling Tournament, hosted by the Warriors Saturday.

Ilwaco, Washington, left with the team victory, as the Fishermen racked up 260 points to top second-place Willapa Valley, followed by Castle Rock.

Vernonia took fourth in the team standings, followed by Clatskanie, Seaside, Knappa, Rainier, Warrenton and Astoria.

Ilwaco had four individual champions, with six more taking second place and two third place finishers. The individual champions were Jack Odneal at 145 pounds; Daylin Kemmer at 170; Brandon McMullen (182) and Alec Bell (285).

"The annual Warrenton Tournament is a great chance to showcase our team to our home crowd," said Warrenton coach Corey Conant. "Our young team continued to earn valuable mat time on Saturday with the added bonus of putting on a pretty good show for the fans."

The Knappa Loggers placed seventh, with just seven wrestlers, with the Goozee brothers scoring most of the points.

At 126 pounds, Luke Goozee pinned his first two opponents in the first round, then struggled in his championship match against Ilwaco's Trenton Cox, before finally pinning Cox.

Andrew Goozee also opened with two pins, then held on for a 7-2 decision over Astoria's Kaden Gilbert in the title bout at 195.

In his second year of wrestling,

Knappa's Spencer Fulton is now 8-2 this season.

After second round pins over his first two opponents, Fulton lost the championship match to Odneal of Ilwaco.

Knappa's Dawson Whiteside had two pins at 152 before losing to Storm Henson of Vernonia.

Knappa is still missing David Patterson at 220, but "I was extremely pleased with our small team (seven wrestlers) at the tournament," said Knappa coach Dan Owings. "If you figured out the percentage wins, we actually did better than Ilwaco. That's encouraging."

The home Warriors had four wrestlers end up with third-place finishes, including Ivy McCargish (106 pounds), Armin Rodriguez (126), Giovanni Martinez (152) and Thomas Atwood (170).

"We are really happy with the work our wrestlers are putting in, and now that we have a handful of matches under our belts, we can start building some momentum towards the end of the season," Conant said.

Astoria had one individual champion, as Juan Jimenez wrestled up a weight class and won the championship at 113 pounds.

Elsewhere, Kaden Gilbert won his first two matches, and wrestled tough before losing to Andrew Goozee in the finals.

Astoria's Riley Ashton (120) and Jeff Stutznegger (220) both tied for third in their respective weight classes.

Second-place finishers for Ilwaco included: Aaron Chatwood (106), Ghannon Whelden (120), Trenton Cox (126), Royce Murry (152), Landin Frank (170) and Marcus Connor (220).

Clippers sweep Blazers in three-game series

By **STEVE DILBECK**
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — J.J. Redick came through at the free-throw line in the closing seconds to help the Los Angeles Clippers pull out a win in a game that saw the teams trade leads until the final minutes.

Blake Griffin had 26 points and 12 rebounds, Chris Paul had 21 points and 14 assists, and the Clippers held off the Portland Trail Blazers 121-120 Monday night to sweep the three-game season series.

Redick finished with 19 points, hitting all eight of his free throws — including three in the final seconds to push Los Angeles' lead to four points. Portland's Damian Lillard hit a 3-pointer with 1.7 seconds left for the final margin.

"It was an up-and-down game, back and forth," Blazers coach Terry Stotts said. "Each team made not big runs, but little runs and that was kind

UP NEXT: BLAZERS

- Oklahoma City Thunder (15-9) at Portland Trail Blazers (12-14)
- Today, 7:30 p.m. TV: ESPN

of the ebb and flow of the game."

The final minutes saw Clippers center DeAndre Jordan and Blazers forward Evan Turner ejected. Portland center Mason Plumlee was hit with a technical after he elbowed Griffin on a drive in his face, causing a cut on his upper lip that needed three stitches after the game.

That only highlighted what was a roughly played game throughout.

"I'm sure there is no love lost," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said. "We play each other a lot and whenever you play each other a lot it seems like you get testy. We don't really care if you like us or not."

Paul was also charged with a flagrant foul.

"It's just competition," Paul said. "Guys out there fighting and trying to get a win and stuff happens."

Paul hit a three-pointer with just over 2 minutes to play, and later added a pair of free throws to give the Clippers a 118-113 lead with 18 seconds to play.

But the Blazers responded again, Lillard hit a pair of free throws himself. After Lillard's last 3 the Clippers ran out the clock.

"It was probably our most competitive game of the year," Stotts said. "It was a tough loss but I like the way we competed throughout the game. We got down and came back. It was a very good effort."

C.J. McCollum had 25 points and Lillard finished with 24 points and eight assists for the Trail Blazers, who lost their fourth straight — all on the road.

"The way we played tonight is the way we're supposed to play," Lillard said.

MLB hazing rules ban dressing rookies as women

Associated Press

NEW YORK — That baseball hazing ritual of dressing up rookies as Wonder Woman, Hooters Girls and Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders is now banned.

Major League Baseball created an Anti-Hazing and Anti-Bullying Policy that covers the practice. As part of the sport's new labor deal, set to be ratified by both sides, today the players' union agreed not to contest it.

The policy, obtained by The Associated Press, prohibits "requiring, coercing or encouraging" players from "dressing up as women or wearing costumes that may be offensive to individuals based on their race, sex, nationality, age, sexual orientation, gender identify or other characteristic."