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## Loggers 9th at Wahkiakum challenge

The Daily Astorian

CATHLAMET, Wash. — The Knappa Loggers went up against more top-notch competition in Washington over the weekend, and placed ninth in Wahkiakum's Down River Challenge.

Adna won the team title with 194 points, followed by Mark Morris and Kelso. Clatskanie took fifth and Warrenton placed 11th in the 13-team tournament.

Knappa had one individual champion, as senior Andrew Goozee was 3-0 at 195 pounds, scoring two first-round pins, followed by a 1-0 decision over the No. 1 seed.

Luke Goozee was 2-1 at 126 for a second-place finish, while Dawson Whiteside was 4-1 at 152, where he placed fifth.

"Luke Goozee lost a heartbreaker in the finals in the third round," said Knappa coach Dan Owings. "He was leading 6-2 and ended up being pinned in a unusual situation."

"Dawson had a decent tournament, winning by two pins and two decisions for fifth place," Owings said. "His only loss was to the eventual first place winner, who also won outstanding wrestler in the upper weight divisions."



Kathy Morgan/For The Daily Astorian

**Junior Sanchez of Warrenton, right, battles Lucas Beres of Mark Morris in Saturday's Down River Challenge.**

Complete team results: Adna 194, Mark Morris 154, Kelso 153.3, Wilapa Bay 134.5, Clatskanie 102, White Salmon 100.5, Ocosta 99, Castle Rock 85, Knappa 74, Napavine 47, Warrenton 46, North Beach 30, Wahkiakum 11.

**Nestucca Hagerty Tournament**  
CLOVERDALE — The Sea-

side wrestling team competed in the Hagerty Tournament, held Dec. 17 at Nestucca High School.

Will Kautz had the top finish of the day for the Gulls, placing second at 220 pounds. He scored a fall (5:35) over Angel Torres of Tillamook in the semifinals.

Kautz lost by a fall to Tillamook's

Levi Crabtree in the first-place match, for the second-place finish.

Adding points for the Gulls was Andrew Gastelum, third at 113 pounds. He highlighted his day with a fall (5:28) over Vernonia's Kailia Jackson in the third-place match.

Seaside's Donald LaTourette took fourth at 132 pounds.

## Knight scores 22 in defeat

By GARY HENLEY  
The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — The Warrenton Warriors had one big momentum swing Monday night at home, and that had the Warrior fans hoping for a victory against winless Portland Adventist.

Unfortunately, the Cougars had four or five momentum swings of their own, which led to an 80-54 win over the Warriors, in a Lewis & Clark League boys basketball game.

The Cougars' start would have been enough to take the drive out of any team.

Three 3-pointers from Portland Adventist's Dylan Irvine had the Cougs ahead 22-4 just minutes into the game.

But the never-say-die Warriors charged back and outscored the Cougars 22-9, and actually pulled to within 31-26 midway through the second period. Warrenton's Dalton Knight keyed the comeback with four 3-pointers in a four-minute span, with another trey from Christian Holt.

But too much Irvine — with help from Brent Knight, Kieran Colinet and Kenalo Cooper — led to another momentum shift in favor of Portland Adventist, which left the floor at halftime with a 48-33 advantage.

A hot night from the field for Holt and Knight just wasn't enough to keep pace with the deep and talented Cougars, who won for the first time this season. Portland Adventist came into the game with an 0-6 record, against some tough nonleague opponents including Dayton, Horizon Christian, Regis and Life Christian.

On any other night, Knight's 22 points would have been plenty, along with 15 points apiece from Holt and Tyler Whitaker. But the only other Warrior to score was Kaleo Kapua, with two points late in the game.

Portland Adventist countered with four players in double figures, led by Irvine's 18 points. Tyler Couch added 13 off the bench, with 12 from Colinet and 11 by Cooper.

If that wasn't enough, six other players also made the scoring column for the Cougars.

It was Portland Adventist's 13th straight win over the Warriors, going back to Feb. 15, 2010, when Warrenton defeated the Cougars in a league playoff, 65-63 in overtime.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Oregon State women rally to nip UNLV 62-59

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Sydney Wiese scored 25 points and No. 25 Oregon State scored the last seven points of the game to defeat UNLV 62-59 in the Play4Kay Shootout on Monday night.

The Rebels missed all five of their field goals in the last four minutes and didn't score after a pair of free throws from Brooke Johnson at 3:27 made it 59-55.

Two free throws by Breanna Brown tied it with 47 seconds left. After a UNLV miss, Gabriella Hanson made one free throw at 22.8 seconds and Mikayla Pivec made a steal and two free throws at 14 seconds. A 3-point attempt by Johnson with 2 seconds left was off the mark.

Oregon State (8-1) had 22 turnovers. Wiese had four 3-pointers and is two behind Candice Wiggins' Pac-12 record of 295.

Dakota Gonzalez had 16 points for UNLV (8-2). Her jumper had the Rebels, who lost point guard Nikki Wheatley to a knee injury in the third quarter, up nine with 7:12 to play.

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SCHEDULE

#### TODAY

**Girls Basketball** — Seaside at North Bend, 6 p.m.; Knappa at Rainier, 6 p.m.; Jewell at Seaside JV2, 11 a.m.; North Beach at Ilwaco, 5:45 p.m.

**Boys Basketball** — Seaside at North Bend, 7:45 p.m.; Knappa at Rainier, 8 p.m.; North Beach at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY

**Girls Basketball** — Seaside at Marshfield, 6 p.m.; Jewell at Astoria JV, 5:30 p.m.

**Boys Basketball** — Seaside at Marshfield, 7:45 p.m.; Jewell at Astoria JV, 7 p.m.

**Wrestling** — Astoria at Gladstone Invitational, 10 a.m.

#### THURSDAY

**Girls Basketball** — Scappoose at Warrenton, 5 p.m.; Montesano at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.

**Boys Basketball** — Montesano at Ilwaco, 5:45 p.m.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### Cougars 55, Warriors 27

**PA (55):** Kira LaSage 20, Halversen 15, Johnson 9, E.MacLachlan 8, E.Blank 2, Petersen 1.

**WAR (27):** Tyla Little 15, Dyer 3, K.Blodgett 2, Bussert 2, Schenbeck 2, Alvarez 2, Diego 1, Miethe, M.Blodgett, Dejesus, Heyen.

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### BOYS BASKETBALL

#### Cougars 80, Warriors 54

**PA (80):** Dylan Irvine 18, Couch 13, Colinet 12, Cooper 11, Knight 8, Booze 6, Roberts 4, Garcia 4, Ford 2, Cereghino 2.

**WAR (54):** Dalton Knight 22, Whitaker 15, Holt 15, Kapua 2, Fowler, Fischer, Jackson, Alcobendas, Bingham, Oseguera.

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AP Photo/Ross D. Franklin

**Arizona Cardinals running back David Johnson (31) scores a touchdown as New Orleans Saints cornerback B.W. Webb defends during the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday in Glendale, Ariz.**

## AFTER ANOTHER LOSS, ARIZONA GETS SEATTLE ON CHRISTMAS EVE

By BOB BAUM  
Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — Now that his team is guaranteed to have a losing record for the first time in his four seasons in Arizona, Cardinals coach Bruce Arians' next chore is to prepare a team headed nowhere for a Christmas Eve encounter with the Seahawks in Seattle.

"It's the Seahawks," Arians said at his Monday news conference, "so we should be ready to play."

Arians liked everything but his defense in Sunday's 48-41 home loss to the New Orleans Saints. The outcome left Arizona at 5-8-1. The Cardinals finish the season with road games at Seattle and Los Angeles, and the best they could hope for is to wind up 7-8-1.

But Arizona is 1-5 on the road with the only victory away from home at San Francisco, a team that stands 1-13.

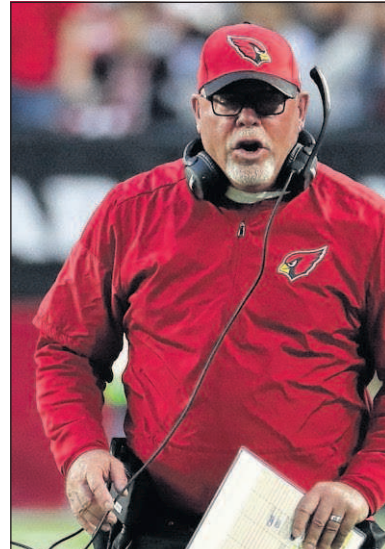
And a strong finish to the season would entail beating a Seahawks team that will have extra rest and something to play for when the teams meet at Century Link Field.

Arizona has won in Seattle two out of three times under Arians, including last season's 39-32 back-and-forth triumph en route to a 13-3 season and an NFC West title for the Cardinals.

"The way it went, to get way ahead," he said, "to lose it, and then come back, it was very special."

Now, Seattle (9-4-1) has sewn up the division title and is a half-game ahead of Detroit and Atlanta for the No. 2 seed in the NFC and the first-round bye that goes with it.

Arians has a healthy respect for the Seahawks.



AP Photo/Rick Scuteri

**Cardinals head coach Bruce Arians Sunday in Glendale, Ariz.**

### UP NEXT: SEAHAWKS

• Arizona Cardinals (5-8-1) at Seattle Seahawks (9-4-1)  
• Saturday, 1:25 p.m. TV: FOX

"Every time you play them," he said, "you better have your big-boy pants on."

That will be a big challenge for an inexperienced, makeshift offensive line that held up well against the Saints. So will the next game, the season finale against the rugged front of the Rams.

"They'll have their hands full both times," Arians said. "Being on the road with arguably the two best, most disruptive players in (Michael) Bennett and Aaron Donald, we have our hands full when we have a healthy offensive line."

Two months ago in Arizona, the Cardinals and Seattle fought to an odd 6-6 tie with both teams missing chip-shot field goals that would have won the game in overtime.

This is a much different Arizona squad, though, after a series of injuries.

"We don't have the same team we played them here with, but I like the way we played this past week offensively," Arians said. "Special teams, other than the (missed) extra point, were good. We had a couple of good kickoff returns. Defensively, we've got to show up."

The coach described the play of his secondary as "very, very below par for us."

He said safety Tyrann Mathieu, playing despite a shoulder injury, "gave it everything he had."

There were some bright spots.

In addition to the overall strength of the inexperienced offensive line, Arians also liked the play of defensive tackle Robert Nkemdiche, the first-round draft pick who played after being inactive for most games this season.

"Robert did well," Arians said. "The stat sheet didn't look it, but he was explosive. He's been practicing really well."

David Johnson set an NFL record by topping 100 yards from scrimmage in the first 14 games of the season. But Arians didn't like Johnson's chances for reaching another huge milestone — 1,000 yards rushing and 1,000 yards receiving.

Johnson needs 200 yards receiving to reach the goal.

"I'll be surprised if he gets it," Arians said.

## No. 4 Cougs too much for Warrior girls

The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — The Warrenton girls basketball team had a tough task Monday night, as they hosted No. 4-ranked Portland Adventist in a Lewis & Clark League showdown.

Just six days following a 59-31 loss to Rainier, the Warriors were going up against a team that beat the same Rainier team 49-43 just two days prior.

And the Cougars indeed proved to be worthy of their ranking, as they left town with a 55-27 win over Warrenton.

Portland Adventist (5-1 overall, 3-0 in league) outscored the Warriors in every quarter, which included a 27-8 lead midway through the second period, and 34-12 at halftime.

Warrenton was actually within 10-8 following a 3-pointer from Rachel Dyer late in the first quarter, but the next 17 points belonged to the Cougars, who were scoring off turnovers, offensive rebounds, in transition and from the outside.

Senior sparkplug guard Kira LaSage scored 17 of her game-high 20 points in the first half, while 6-foot senior Sarah Halversen finished with 15 points.

Tyla Little led Warrenton with 15 points, but the next highest scorer was Dyer, with three.

The Warriors host a nonleague game with Scappoose Thursday.