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Utti nets 29 in Lady Gulls road win



Maddi Utti

The Daily Astorian

NORTH BEND — A quick basket and two turnovers gave Seaside a 6-0 lead just seconds into the game, and that set the tone for the night, as the Lady Gulls cruised to a 63-41 win Tuesday night at North Bend

in a nonleague girls basketball game.

Ranked eighth in the latest 4A coaches poll, the Gulls had everything going their way in the first quarter, highlighted by seven straight points from Maddi Utti, whose three-point play gave Seaside a 17-3 lead.

A basket by Anesha Smart had the Gulls in front at the end of the quarter, 22-9.

The lead reached 30-11 before the Bulldogs made a brief run and closed to within 34-23 at halftime.

Utti — who finished with a game-high 29 points — put the

game away early in the third with a pair of 3-pointers, with additional scores from Sydney Villegas, who finished with 21 points, as the senior duo combined for 50 points.

The Gulls continue their road trip Wednesday with an afternoon game at Marshfield.

Seaside shooters too hot to stop

The Daily Astorian

NORTH BEND — The South Coast saw the best in North Coast basketball (as well as 4A basketball) Tuesday night, as North Bend hosted Seaside for a nonleague boys' contest.

And the No. 1-ranked Gulls gave the fans all they wanted, with an impressive 82-64 win over the host Bulldogs.

Seaside put a lock on its sixth straight victory with a flurry of 3-pointers in the third quarter.

Leading 42-35 at halftime, the Gulls went ballistic in the third period, with six 3-pointers from Chase Januik and Hunter Thompson (two apiece), Jackson Januik and Attikin Babb.

Thompson had 14 points in the quarter, and Chase Januik's second trey gave the Gulls a 70-47 lead.

Payton Westerholm's 3-pointer early in the fourth gave Seaside its largest lead at 77-52.

Chase Januik led the Gulls with 21 points, followed by Westerholm with 20. Babb added 17, and Thompson finished with 14.

"We didn't defend well, and we missed some opportunities early," said Seaside coach Bill Westerholm. "But I was happy with it. We had a six-hour bus ride and the eating schedule was a little weird.

"And they're a big team," he said of the Bulldogs. "Six-7, 6-3, 6-2 ... we're going to be out-matched like that every game."

The 3-pointers in the third quarter "came in a barrage," he said. "We had six in about a minute-and-a-half, and I don't think we missed one that quarter.

"Jackson (Januik) and Hunter didn't score at all in the first half, but we have some other guys off the bench who are starting to step up."

North Bend was missing Brody Lucero, the Bulldogs' quarterback in football, currently out with a torn meniscus.

Seaside plays at Marshfield Tuesday.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Logger boys top Columbians

The Daily Astorian

RAINIER — A big second quarter led to a big win for the Knappa Loggers Tuesday at Rainier, in a nonleague boys basketball game.

Trailing 12-7 after one quarter, the Loggers outscored the Columbians 21-6 in the second, on their way to a 48-39 victory over 3A Rainier.

"I'm really happy with the win," said Knappa coach Chris Spencer. "It was ugly at times (19 Knappa turnovers), but we played well for being off a week."

Jason Miller had 14 points, 13 rebounds and five assists for the Loggers ("all he didn't do was drive the bus," Spencer said), while Colton Weirup tossed in 14 points, which included four 3-pointers in the second quarter run.

Dale Takalo added 12 points for Knappa, which made 10-of-10 free throws in the fourth quarter.

Rainier defeats Lady Loggers

The Daily Astorian

RAINIER — Rainier built a 31-11 halftime lead, on its way to a 65-27 win over Knappa Tuesday, in a nonleague girls basketball game.

Desirae Hansen led the Columbians with 21 points, followed by Aspen Norman with 12.

Devin Vandergriff paced the Lady Loggers with nine points, while Madeline Weaver added seven points and six rebounds.

Knappa hosts a makeup game with Warrenton Dec. 30.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

Girls Basketball — Seaside at Marshfield, 2:30 p.m.; Jewell at Astoria JV, 5:30 p.m.

Boys Basketball — Seaside at Marshfield, 4:15 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, 7:30 p.m.

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

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Seaside 63, North Bend 41

SEA (63): Maddi Utti 29, Villegas 21, Babbitt 8, Smart 4, Kiser 1, Ideue, Hoekstre.

Seaside 22 12 21 10—63
N.Bend 9 14 12 6—41

Rainier 65, Knappa 27

KNA (27): Devin Vandergriff 9, Weaver 7, Landwehr 5, Vanderburg 4, Miller 2, Strain, Inman.

RAI (65): Desirae Hansen 21, As.Norman 12, Gray 7, Sanchez 4, Au.Norman 4, Taylor 4, J.Crape 4, Schimmel 3, Har-kleroad 2, Farrell 2, Biddix 2.

Knappa 7 4 6 10—27
Rainier 18 13 19 15—65

BOYS BASKETBALL

Seaside 82, North Bend 64

SEA (82): Chase Januik 21, Westerholm 20, Babb 17, H.Thompson 14, D.Thompson 5, J.Januik 3, Hoekstre 2.

Seaside 17 25 30 10—82
N.Bend 16 19 14 15—64

Knappa 48, Rainier 39

KNA (48): Jason Miller 14, Colton Weirup 14, D.Takalo 12, Ramvick 6, Engblom 2, Geisler 2, Goodman.

RAI (39): Caymon Rea 9, Carr 8, Tripp 8, D.Blodgett 5, Crape 4, Karber 4, C.Blodgett 1.

Knappa 7 21 4 16—48
Rainier 12 6 6 15—39



AP Photo/Thomas Boyd

Oregon guard Tyler Dorsey (5), drives between Fresno State forward Cullen Russo (13), and guard Paul Watson (3) during an NCAA college basketball game Tuesday in Eugene.

Bell leads No. 20 Oregon past Fresno State 75-63

Associated Press

EUGENE — Oregon will return from its holiday break on Christmas night with a very large challenge awaiting in a juggernaut that's turned even coach Dana Altman into a fan.

"I enjoy watching UCLA," Altman said of the Ducks' next opponent that's scoring 97 points per game. "They're must-watch TV. ... They're ball movement is unbelievable, the best I've seen in years."

Jordan Bell scored a career-high 23 points and No. 20 Oregon beat Fresno State 75-63 on Tuesday night for its ninth straight victory.

Dylan Ennis added 13 points for the Ducks (11-2), who finished non-conference play on a 33-game home winning streak.

Paul Watson scored 15 points and Karachi Edo had 12 for the Bulldogs (8-4), who pulled within 53-50 midway through the second half before five straight points by Bell gave Oregon some breathing room.

The Ducks played their second game without scoring leader Chris

UP NEXT: DUCKS

• No. 2 UCLA Bruin (12-0) at No. 20 Oregon Ducks (11-2)
 • Dec. 28, 6 p.m. **TV:** ESPN2

Notes: Oregon plays its eighth of nine games without leaving the state this month when No. 2 UCLA comes to Eugene on Dec. 28. That would make the Bruins the highest-ranked team to play in Matthew Knight Arena since it opened six years ago.

Boucher, who sprained his left ankle in practice last Thursday but has since shed his walking boot. In Boucher's absence, Bell shot 8 of 11 after going 7 of 8 and scoring 16 points against UNLV on Saturday.

"He's had two really good offensive games and hit his free throws," Altman said. "With some of our other guys struggling offensively, it's good that he gave us some firepower."

Bell also had eight rebounds as the teams battled to a 31-31 draw on the

glass. He hit 7 of 8 at the foul line as Oregon finished 22 of 30 there to offset a 3-for-15 performance from the 3-point line.

"Jordan's always been extremely skilled around the basket," teammate Casey Benson said. "Now he's just taking his time. ... People can't guard him. It's just been awesome to see him playing so well."

The Ducks used a 9-0 run to take control at 31-17 late in the first half. They made only 1 of 9 3-point attempts but were 16 of 21 from inside the arc to lead 39-25 at halftime.

Fresno State opened the second half with a 15-6 run to get within five points but finished 6 of 22 from 3-point range.

Fresno State's Jahmel Taylor, second in the nation in 3-point shooting at 59.3 percent, went 0 for 7 from long range and finished with four points, nine below his average.

Altman said he wasn't certain if Boucher, who will head home to Toronto for the holiday break, would be available for the start of Pac-12 play against the Bruins.

Cousins scores 55, Kings rally over Blazers

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Fined, ejected and then retrieved from the locker room, DeMarcus Cousins capped a tumultuous day with his dominant performance on the court.

Cousins returned from a brief ejection in the fourth quarter and finished with a season-high 55 points, ending a wild night for the hot-tempered big man and sending the Sacramento Kings past the Portland Trail Blazers 126-121 on Tuesday.

Hours after he was fined by the Kings for his profanity-laced tirade against a newspaper columnist last week, Cousins pulled down 13 rebounds and rallied Sacramento in the fourth quarter.

"Kind of a crazy game," Kings coach Dave Joerges said. "Certainly Cousins had a nice game. OK, that's an understatement. But I was very impressed. That any of us who would get thrown out in that we think is a questionable deal, then to come back and step out and make the free throw was very impressive."

Cousins hit two huge 3-pointers and scored 17 in the fourth, falling one point shy of his career high of 56. The win avenged an earlier overtime loss this season in Portland and



AP Photo/Rich Pedroncelli

Kings forward DeMarcus Cousins, left, goes to the basket against Trail Blazers' Meyers Leonard Tuesday in Sacramento, Calif.

UP NEXT: BLAZERS

• Dallas Mavericks (7-21) at Portland Trail Blazers (13-17)
 • Today, 7 p.m. **TV:** NBATV, CSNW

snapped Sacramento's seven-game losing streak to the Blazers.

Cousins made 17 of 28 shots, connecting on five 3s, and 16 of 17 free throws. He also had three blocks and five of Sacramento's 10 turnovers.

"No, we didn't stop him," Portland guard CJ McCollum said. "We tried to make it difficult for him, but he's a skilled player. He's got a lot of ways to score. He hit some 3s tonight, got to the free throw line, played bully ball. He did a little bit of everything."

McCollum scored 36 points and Plumlee had a career-high 27 points to go with 13 rebounds for the Blazers, who have dropped three straight and seven of eight. Damian Lillard had 24 points and 15 assists.

OSU's Wiese sets record for career 3s in win

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Sydney Wiese set the Pac-12 record for career 3-pointers and had 17 points and 11 rebounds to help No. 25 Oregon State beat Quinnipiac 75-60 in the semifinals of the Play4Kay Shootout on Tuesday night.

Wiese passed Candice Wiggins (Stanford, 2005-08) on a catch-and-shoot from a step behind the arc on the right wing. It was the Beavers' fourth straight 3-pointer, capping a 12-4 run to make it 52-44 with 1:28 left in the third quarter.

Wiggins held the previous record at 295 career 3s. Wiese made 3 of 5 from 3-point range to finish the night at 296.

Mikayla Pivec scored 18 for the Beavers (10-1), who will face undefeated Oklahoma State in the championship on Wednesday night. The Bobcats play Long Beach State for third place.

Sarah Shewan had 19 points for Quinnipiac (8-4), which tied it at 40 with a 12-4 run before the Beavers pulled away.