

# SPORTS

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## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Blazers snap 6-game losing streak with 102-89 win

Associated Press

PORTLAND — As CJ McCollum sees it, there's no time like the present for the Trail Blazers to snap out of their defensive funk.

McCollum scored 20 points and Portland snapped a six-game losing streak with a 102-89 victory over the Sacramento Kings on Wednesday night.

The win ended the Blazers' longest skid of the season and was the second straight game they have shown intensity on defense — something that has eluded them at times this season.

"The sense of urgency has risen. We understand where we're at in the season. We understand where we turned the corner at last year, about the same time. So if we want to get better, the time is now," McCollum said.



AP Photo/Timothy J. Gonzalez Oregon State's Stephen Thompson Jr., center, is double teamed by Southern California's Nick Rakocevic, left.

### Metu leads USC past Oregon State

Associated Press

CORVALLIS — Chimezie Metu had 19 points and eight rebounds and No. 22 Southern California stayed undefeated with a 70-63 victory over Oregon State on Wednesday night in the Pac-12 opener for both teams.

Jordan McLaughlin added 10 points, eight rebounds and four steals and Jonah Mathews had 10 points for the Trojans (14-0, 1-0).

Stephen Thompson Jr. scored a career-high 24 points and Drew Eubanks had 15 points and 15 rebounds for the Beavers (4-10, 0-1).

Southern Cal went on a 13-0 run about midway through the first half to take a 24-9 lead. Oregon State was held scoreless for nearly 5 minutes during the surge.

The Trojans led 34-17 at halftime.

Southern California led by double digits most of the second half, but Oregon State was able to cut the deficit to six points in the final minute on a layup by Eubanks.

### No. 21 Oregon squeaks past No. 2 UCLA

Associated Press

EUGENE — Ten years ago at McArthur Court, it was Oregon's Aaron Brooks with the shot that knocked off No. 1 UCLA.

This time the dagger was in the hands of Dillon Brooks, and he delivered against the No. 2 Bruins, too.

Brooks hit a 3-pointer with 0.8 seconds left to give No. 21 Oregon an 89-87 victory Wednesday night in the Pac-12 opener for both teams.

Brooks, who finished with 23 points and nine rebounds, grabbed Bryce Alford's missed free throw with 8.9 seconds to go, dribbled to the right wing and pulled up for the game-winning shot.

"It's amazing," Brooks said. "You work on your game every day and you dream of that moment."

"I want more moments like that for my team."

## Astoria's 'Big O' scores 28 in double OT loss

By GARY HENLEY  
*The Daily Astorian*

The Astoria Fishermen did everything but win Wednesday night, in one of the wildest games the Brick House has seen in a few years.

The final count on the big scoreboard had Heritage winning in double overtime, 79-71 ... but if you're a Fishermen Fanatic, you had to appreciate Astoria's effort.

Down another starter, the Fishermen were also down and just about out in the fourth quarter, trailing the Timberwolves 57-49 with a little over two minutes left in regulation.

That's where it got a little crazy, as Heritage was called for a foul at the 1:47 mark, with a technical foul tacked on, as Brenden Comstock was whistled for a little unsportsmanlike conduct.



Danny Miller/The Daily Astorian

Astoria's Olaf Englund takes a shot.

Astoria's Olaf Englund made 3-of-4 free throws, bringing the Fishermen to within 57-52.

Seconds later, Englund drove to the hoop, scored on a little up-and-under, drew the foul and completed a three-point play. The six-point play had Astoria within 57-55 with 1:39 left.

The Timberwolves made 2-of-4 free throws and Astoria's Tristan Wallace converted two foul shots, and Heritage held a 59-57 lead with one minute remaining.

And after trailing most of the game since an 8-8 tie in the first quarter, Astoria's Jackson Arnsdorf pulled the Fishermen even, as he scored

on a backdoor cut to tie the game at 59-59 with 53 seconds left. Both teams were scoreless the remainder of regulation, with the Wolves missing a shot at the buzzer.

Heritage built a 65-62 lead in the first overtime, after making four-straight free throws.

Astoria's Jasyn Gohl scored on a layup at the 26-second mark, the senior made 1-of-2 free throws, and Wednesday's Player Who Could Not Be Stopped — Englund — hit a running jump shot with 12 seconds left to tie the game, 66-66.

Astoria's "Big O" would finish with 28 points, before the senior fouled out with 1:54 left in the second overtime.

The Fishermen were leading 70-67 at the time, following a 3-pointer by Wallace with 2:29 left.

But Englund's fifth foul seemed to give an emotional lift to the Timberwolves, as Heritage went on a 9-0 run, highlighted by two-straight free throws from La'Trell Johnson, and a 3-pointer by Johnson moments later.

A technical foul on Astoria resulted in two more made free throws, and the Wolves closed it out at the line, making 7-of-10 in the final 43 seconds.

Astoria finished 21-of-28 at the free throw line (Heritage was 21-of-34), while Arnsdorf added 11 points and Ryan Palek scored 10 for the Fishermen.

Astoria will be without Fridtjof Fremstad for six weeks, after the senior suffered a fractured ankle in Tuesday's game.

The Fishermen close out the tournament tonight vs. Hockinson at 8:30 p.m.

## 2016 Athletes of the Year

*The Daily Astorian*

### Female

#### Darian Hageman, Astoria

There was no "Sophomore Jinx" year for Hageman. In her second year of high school, Hageman helped lead the Astoria girls track team to their second-straight state title in May.

At the state meet, she was honored as the 4A girls High-Point Athlete with 32.5 points in her four events — which would have been an eighth-place finish in the team standings, just ahead of Scappoose (31).

Hageman's highlight came with a win in the triple jump, where she set the state record twice — 37 feet, 2.5-inches on her first attempt; a 4A state mark at 38-1 on her next jump; and she soared 38-6½ on her fifth attempt. Even her shortest jump would have won the competition by more than a foot.

Hageman cleared 5-8 to win the high jump, and she went 17-7½ to win the long jump. She placed sixth in the pole vault.

In the fall, Hageman (now a junior) was selected to the Cowapa All-League volleyball team.

### Male

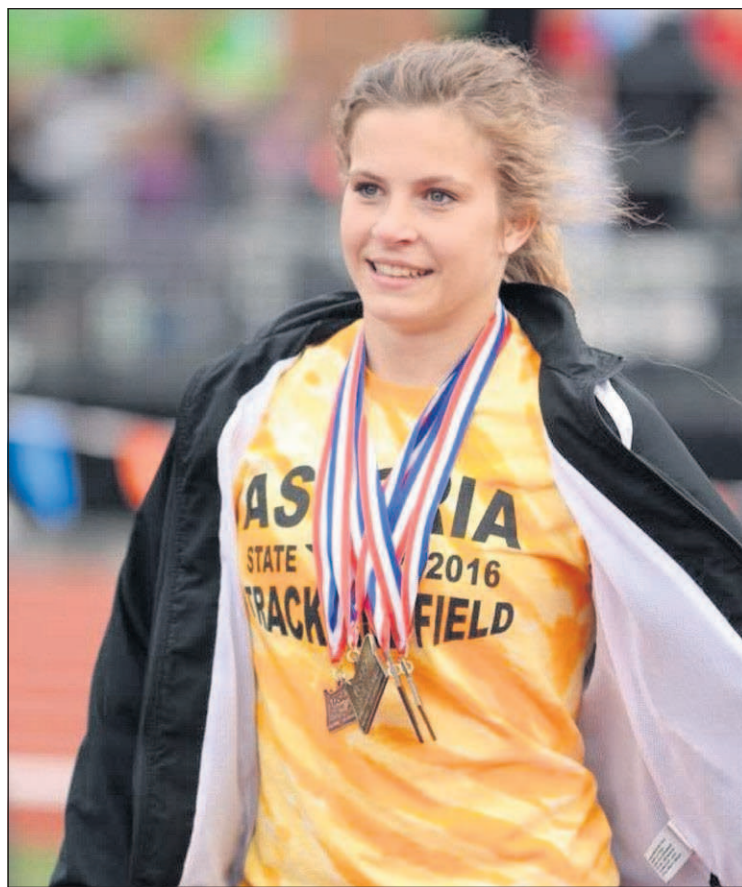
#### Jackson Januik, Seaside

He doesn't do it by himself, but Januik has played a key role in all four sports in which he competes.

Beginning in January, Januik helped lead the Gulls to their first-ever appearance in a boys basketball state championship game. Seaside came up short in the final, but Januik was named the 4A state Player of the Year for his efforts, in addition to being selected to several all-tournament teams.

In the spring, he chased down an individual state championship in the 800-meter final at the state track meet in Eugene, running a 1:58.42.

This fall, Januik was one of Seaside's top runners in cross country, as the Gulls won the league title and placed second at state, with Januik finishing 14th individually. He capped his fall sports season with another selection to the Cowapa All-League soccer team, and is currently one of the leading scorers for Seaside's basketball team, ranked No. 1 in the state as of Wednesday.



Darian Hageman



Jackson Januik

## Lady Gulls demolish 5A Lions, 82-46

*The Daily Astorian*

ST. HELENS — St. Helens tried to run with the Gulls Wednesday night, in a nonleague girls basketball game at St. Helens.

And that was a big mistake by the Class 5A Lions, as Seaside cruised past the former Cowapa League team, 82-46.

"St. Helens wanted to press the tempo and get into a track meet," said Seaside coach Mike Hawes. "Fortunately we had the best runner."

That was Seaside senior Maddi Utti, who scored 31 points, with eight rebounds, seven assists and six steals.

"Maddi was Maddi, but we had contributions from everyone," Hawes said. "Lucy Bodner continues to give us good play, and Gretchen Hoekstre and Anesha Smart played their best games. Annaka Garhofer came off the bench for a career-high 14, including three treys. Everybody played well and contributed."

## Hawks fly past Lady Fish, 55-34

*The Daily Astorian*

The Astoria girls basketball team faced a tough team from across the river Wednesday night, as Hockinson of Brush Prairie, Wash., came calling at the Brick House, in a semifinal game of the Vince Dulcich Memorial Tournament.

The Hawks had a seven-point lead after the first period, and added to it after every quarter for an eventual 55-34 win over Astoria.

The 48th annual tournament wraps up today, with the Lady Fishermen facing Rainier in tonight's third-place game on the girls' side (5 p.m.).

Hockinson, a 2A Washington school, will play North Marion in the girls' championship at 6:45 p.m.

Astoria was just 3-of-10 from the field in the first half, with 14 turnovers. Still, Astoria was within 26-14 at halftime.

But any hopes of another comeback went by the boards, as the Hawks came out on fire in the third quarter, hitting five straight 3-pointers for a 45-24 lead. Hockinson led 51-25 by the end of the third.

Alexis Wallace had eight points for Astoria, which was 9-of-19 at the free throw line, to Hockinson's 15-for-28. Payton Wangler scored 17 for the Hawks.

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

#### TODAY

**Girls Basketball** — Alsea vs. Jewell (at Eddyville), Noon

**Boys Basketball** — Jewell at Eddyville, 2 p.m.

**Vince Dulcich Tournament at Astoria High School Today's Schedule**

**Girls**

5 p.m.: Rainier vs. Astoria

6:45: North Marion vs. Hockinson

**Boys**

1:30: Molalla vs. Rainier

3:15: Heritage vs. The Dalles

8:30: Hockinson vs. Astoria

**Wrestling** — Knappa at Clatskanie Holiday Meet, TBA

#### FRIDAY

**Girls Basketball:** Warrenton at Knappa, 6:15 p.m.

**Boys Basketball:** Warrenton at Knappa, 8 p.m.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

#### Heritage 79, Astoria 71

**HER (79):** Jander Cline 19, Johnson 17, Singh 11, Pitre 8, Patton 8, Peneueta 6, Taras 5, Morse 3, Garrison 2.

**AST (71):** Ole Englund 28, Arnsdorf 11, Palek 10, Gohl 8, Wallace 7, Olson 4, Johnson 2, Burchfield 1, O'Brien, Schumacher, Kanonohi, Hunt, Sharp.

**Heritage 18 13 16 12 7 13—79**

**Astoria 8 18 11 22 7 5—71**

#### Seaside 93, St. Helens 62

**SH (62):** Drake Dow 21, Anderson 15, Minich 7, Ramos 7, Snyder 6, Shaffer 4, Rea 2.

**SEA (93):** Jackson Januik 24, Westerholm 19, C.Januik 18, H.Thompson 15, D.Thompson 12, Babb 4, Hoekstre 1, Hague, Landwehr, Johnson, Meyer.

**St. Helens 19 14 23 6—62**

**Seaside 23 22 25 23—93**

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### Hockinson 55, Astoria 34

**HOC (55):** Payton Wangler 17, Russell 13, Fisher 9, Dietel 6, Paulsen 5, McGuire 3, Ellensohn 2.

**AST (34):** Alexis Wallace 8, Hemsley 6, Cummings 6, DeMander 4, Hankwitz 4, O'Brien 3, Burnett 2, Norris 1, Rogers, Gimre, Nash.

**Hockinson 13 13 25 4—55**

**Astoria 6 8 11 9—34**

#### Seaside 82, St. Helens 46

**SEA (82):** Maddi Utti 31, Garhofer 14, Villegas 10, Smart 8, Babbitt 8, Ideue 7, Kiser, Bodner, Turner, Falleur.

**Seaside 26 25 11 20—82**

**St. Helens 19 9 11 7—46**