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## Loggers build big lead, defeat Warriors

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KNAPPA — After winning a fairly close, low-scoring game at Warrenton last year (35-25), the Knappa Loggers felt much better at home Friday night, where they scored a 66-38 win over the Warriors in nonleague boys basketball action.

The No. 10-ranked Loggers surpassed last year's score in the first half, as they built a 40-13 halftime lead.

Knappa's Colton Weirup had three 3-pointers in the first half, helping the Loggers take an early 26-6 advantage.

"We had three guys in double figures," said Knappa coach Chris Spencer. "Jason Miller had 14, and also had five rebounds, seven assists, three steals and two blocks, so he was doing a little bit of everything."

Teammate Dale Takalo also scored 14 points, with eight boards and three steals.

Colton Weirup had 12 points, "And we had Timber Englom come off the bench to score eight, with six rebounds," Spencer said.

Defensively, Knappa held Warrenton's high-scoring duo of Christian Holt and Dalton Knight to a combined seven points. Tyler Whitaker led the Warriors with 20.

Warrenton bounced back Saturday with a 46-43 nonleague win over Gaston, while Knappa returns to action Tuesday at home versus Neah-Kah-Nie, followed by a Wednesday contest at Vernonia.

Knappa has games Friday and Saturday at Faith Bible and Regis for four games in five days.

"If we can come out of that 3-1 or 4-0, we'll be happy," Spencer said. "It's going to be a tough week."

## Warriors close out 2016 with major victory

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KNAPPA — Warrenton closed out 2016 with a 44-24 win Friday night at Knappa in a nonleague girls basketball game.

The Lady Warriors built a 29-13 halftime lead, as they held the Loggers to just five shot opportunities in the first quarter.

"We played extremely hard," said Warrenton coach Robert Hoepfl, whose team improved to 6-4 overall. "We didn't play super well Wednesday (in a 33-27 loss at St. Paul), but we played some incredible defense tonight."

"Landree Miethe and Krista Morrill both had big games defensively, Katelynn Blodgett did a good job down low, and even Sagi Diego had 10 rebounds off the bench."

Knappa coach Marie Green said, "the first four minutes we were going toe-to-toe with them. What killed us most of all was turnovers and giving up offensive rebounds."

"And we just weren't getting the shot opportunities in the first quarter," she said.

Tyla Little scored 18 points to lead the Warriors, with Miethe the next-highest scorer with seven.

More importantly, Warrenton held Knappa's Kaitlyn Landwehr to just three points, although Landwehr finished with 15 rebounds, five blocks and three steals.

Paris Vanderburg and Devin Vandergriff were Knappa's high scorers with six points apiece.

Madelynn Weaver and Mack Strain had five rebounds each for the Loggers.

"It was a great atmosphere," Hoepfl said. "It always is with Knappa. The seniors especially look forward to this game. And the win is a good way to end our nonleague schedule, before we go back to league next week."

Warrenton plays at Catlin Gabel Tuesday, while Knappa will have four games in five days, beginning Tuesday at home versus Neah-Kah-Nie.



AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez

Seattle Seahawks defensive end Michael Bennett (72) celebrates with defensive end Frank Clark after sacking San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick during the second half of an NFL football game in Santa Clara, Calif., on Sunday.

## Seahawks wrap up their regular season with 25-23 win over 49ers

### Seattle hosts the Lions in playoffs

By JOSH DUBOW  
Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — With his game still in doubt, Seattle coach Pete Carroll made what he described as an uncomfortable decision. With the chance of a first-round bye all but gone with Atlanta holding a comfortable lead, Carroll pulled quarterback Russell Wilson and other key players to keep them fresh for next week's playoff game.

Wilson threw for 258 yards and a touchdown before being replaced in the fourth quarter and the Seahawks rallied from an early 11-point deficit to beat San Francisco 25-23 on Sunday in what was coach Chip Kelly's final game with the 49ers.

Hours after the game, the team announced that Kelly and general manager Trent Baalke had been fired.

"I hate backing off any time ever," Carroll said. "I can't remember doing it very many times. I just thought we were able to do something to protect ourselves for next week. I did not want to be planning for that. It just kind of happened and it just seemed like we (were) able to do something

to help, and it worked out fine."

The Falcons wrapped up a bye with a 38-32 win over New Orleans, sending the NFC West champion Seahawks (10-5-1) to the playoffs as the third seed. The Seahawks will host Detroit next week.

Seattle had control of the race for the No. 2 seed before losing at home last week to Arizona, but heads into the playoffs with the confidence of a team that has been to two of the past three Super Bowls, winning it all after the 2013 season.

"Sometimes you get it and it knocks you off your rhythm," cornerback Richard Sherman said. "Sometimes you get it and it gives you a chance to rest. At this point we're about as healthy as we're going to be. We don't need it."

The loss capped a disappointing season for the 49ers (2-14), who matched the franchise record for losses in a season previously reached in 1978, '79 and 2004.

"It's a bottom line business," Kelly said before getting the news from CEO Jed York. "So, we probably didn't win enough games."

The Niners started fast with touchdowns on two of their first three drives, but were outgained 366-99 over the final three quarters as Wilson delivered numerous big plays and Seattle shut down Colin Kaepernick

and the San Francisco offense.

Trevone Boykin, who replaced Wilson, converted a pair of third downs with Seattle protecting a two-point lead to help run out the clock.

"It was a great job of getting in there and get it done," Carroll said. "He put together a great drive with the guys up front, to finish the game."

**FAST START, SLOW FINISH:** Kaepernick completed his first 10 passes and Shaun Draughn scored on a pair of 1-yard runs to give the Niners a 14-3 lead. That marked the fifth time this season San Francisco led a home game by at least 11 points in the first half, but the Niners won only the opener against the Rams. San Francisco blew 14-point leads to Dallas, Tampa Bay and the Jets.

**MILESTONE:** Seattle receiver Doug Baldwin caught two passes for 44 yards, tying the franchise record for catches in a season with 94. Baldwin tied Bobby Engram's mark set in 2007 with an acrobatic 41-yard catch in the second quarter.

**DUBIOUS RECORD:** Jimmy Graham used his basketball skills to box out safety Antoine Bethea on a 42-yard catch in the second quarter that set up Thomas Rawls' go-ahead 1-yard run. With that play, San Francisco broke the franchise record for most yards allowed in a season. The Niners had already

set franchise worsts for most points and yards rushing allowed in a season. This year's team gave up 6,502 yards, breaking the mark of 6,259 set in 2005. The Niners had already set franchise worsts for most points and yards rushing allowed in a season.

**FIGHT:** Seattle defensive tackle Jarran Reed was ejected after a scuffle following an extra point. Reed was called for a personal foul for throwing a punch in the fourth quarter. Reed then got into a yelling match with teammate Frank Clark near the Seattle sideline as he walked off the field. Teammates had to separate the two.

"Somewhere in there he threw a punch," Carroll said. "So he deserved to get ejected."

**DRAFT POSITION:** San Francisco will have the second pick in the draft, the highest for the team since taking Alex Smith No. 1 overall in 2005. The Niners had a shot at the No. 1 pick if Cleveland won, but the Browns lost 27-24 in overtime at Pittsburgh.

**ROUGH WARMUP:** The 49ers lost tight end Je'Ron Hamm to a broken leg in warmups. Hamm had an air cast placed on his left leg and was carted off the field following the injury. San Francisco also lost cornerback Rashard Robinson to an ankle injury in the first half.

## Ilwaco wins Clatskanie Winter Classic

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CLATSKANIE — With 12 teams competing, the only school from Washington state won the team title last week in the Clatskanie Winter Wrestling Classic held Thursday.

One of the top wrestling programs at the Washington 1B level, the Ilwaco Fishermen racked up 233 points to win the team championship, ahead of second-place Scappoose (180).

Knappa and Neah-Kah-Nie tied for seventh with 74 points, with Warrenton ninth (57).

Knappa's Andrew Goozee went 3-0 and took first place in his weight division, and earned the Outstanding Wrestler Award for the upper weights (152-285).

Elsewhere, "Luke Goozee is still being very competitive for a sophomore, placing fourth," said Knappa coach Dan Owings. "Dawson (White-side) and Spencer (Fulton) are still holding their own," as both finished 2-2 in the tournament. Justin Perdew was 3-2 at 285. Clatskanie Winter Classic Team results: Ilwaco 233, Scappoose 180, Rainier 124, Warrenton 123, Clatskanie 115, Jefferson 90, Knappa 74, Neah-Kah-Nie 74, Warrenton 57, Amity 54, Nestucca 54, Taft 26.

Most wrestling teams in the region will take part in Seaside's annual Pac Rim Invitational on Friday and Saturday.



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Knappa's Spencer Fulton, top, wrestles Brian Sheppard of Warrenton earlier this season. Fulton was 2-2 in last week's Clatskanie Winter Classic.

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SCHEDULE

#### TODAY

Girls Basketball — Ilwaco at Kalama, 7 p.m.

#### TUESDAY

Girls Basketball — Union (Wash.) at Astoria, 7 p.m.; Warrenton at Catlin Gabel, 7:45 p.m.; Neah-Kah-Nie at Knappa, 6 p.m.; Vernonia JV at Jewell, 5:30 p.m.

Boys Basketball — Warrenton at Catlin Gabel, 6 p.m.; Neah-Kah-Nie at Knappa, 7:45 p.m.; Astoria JV2 at Jewell, 7 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY

Girls Basketball — Knappa at Vernonia, 6 p.m.  
Boys Basketball — Knappa at Vernonia, 7:45 p.m.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Knappa 66, Warrenton 38  
WAR (38): Tyler Whitaker 20, Fischer 7, Knight 4, Holt 3, Jackson 2, Alcobendas 2, Fowler, Kapua, Oseguera.  
KNA (66): Dale Takalo 14, Jason Miller 14, Weirup 12, Engblom 8, Goodman 3, K.Miller 3, Geisler 3, E.Takalo 3, Vanderburg 2, Rubus, Eltagonde, Hunt.  
Warrenton 7 6 14 11—38  
Knappa 14 26 13 13—66

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Warrenton 44, Knappa 24  
WAR (44): Tyla Little 18, Miethe 7, K.Blodgett 4, Bussert 4, Morrill 4, Alvarez 4, Dyer 3, M.Blodgett, Dejesus, Diego, Heyen.  
KNA (24): Paris Vanderburg 6, Devin Vandergriff 6, Inman 5, Weaver 4, Landwehr 3, Strain.  
Warrenton 15 14 9 6—44  
Knappa 8 5 7 4—24