

# SPORTS

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## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Lady Loggers hold off Pirates, 49-42

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ROCKAWAY BEACH — Knappa coach Marie Green called it “a fantastic win that we massively needed” Tuesday night, as her team scored one of its biggest victories of the season, 49-42 at Neah-Kah-Nie.

The Lady Loggers improve to 6-4 in league play, keeping themselves in the title hunt, behind Faith Bible (9-0) and Vernonia (7-2). Knappa can pull to within a half-game with a win over Vernonia Thursday at Knappa.

In Tuesday’s win, Kaitlyn Landwehr scored 15 of her game-high 18 points in the second quarter, as Knappa held a 29-19 half-time lead.

The Pirates closed to within 43-41, but Knappa won it at the free throw line late, as Madelynn Weaver made two free throws with 1:00 left, and Aiko Miller was 4-for-6 in the final minute.

Weaver had nine points and three steals, while Landwehr also had 13 rebounds.

### Cougars sweep Warriors in double header

*The Daily Astorian*

PORTLAND — Portland Adventist won its seventh straight game Tuesday night, 51-31 over Warrenton in a Lewis & Clark League girls basketball game in Portland.

The first-place Cougars are 11-0 in league play (15-3 overall), and ranked fourth in the latest OSAA rankings.

Warrenton slips to 4-5, 9-7, and hosts Catlin Gabel (1-9) Friday.

In the boys’ game, Portland Adventist defeated the Warriors 84-33, helping the Cougars improve to 8-11 overall.

No details were reported from either game.

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SCHEDULE

#### WEDNESDAY

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

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

#### THURSDAY

**Girls Basketball** — Vernonia at Knappa, 6 p.m.

**Boys Basketball** — Vernonia at Knappa, 8 p.m.

**Swimming** — Valley Catholic at Seaside, 4 p.m.

**Wrestling** — Warrenton at League 4-Way, Sheridan, 5 p.m.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

**Seaside 65, Valley Catholic 42**  
 VC (42): Jack Grasberger 11, Katin 9, Haggerty 7, Hardy 4, Braun 4, Robbins 4, Plambeck 2, Eberhart 1.

**SEA (65):** Jackson Januik 19, Westerholm 14, H.Thompson 10, C.Januik 8, Babb 6, Hague 3, D.Thompson 2, Hoekstre 2, Landwehr 1.

**Valley C.** 16 6 9 11—42

**Seaside** 15 18 16 16—65

**JV:** Valley Catholic 61, Seaside 59

**Knappa 74, Neah-Kah-Nie 44**  
 KNA (74): Dale Takalo 25, Engblom 14, E.Takalo 13, Rubus 11, Vanderburg 4, Weirup 3, K.Miller 2, Ramvick 2, Goodman 1, J.Miller.

**Knappa** 15 16 25 18—74

**Neah-Kah-Nie** 7 12 9 16—44

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Seaside 56, Valley Catholic 47**  
 SEA (56): Maddi Utti 27, Villegas 12, Babbitt 8, Garhofer 6, Ideue 3, Smart, Bodner.

**Valley C.** 12 14 8 13—47

**Seaside** 20 10 13 13—56

**Astoria 61, Tillamook 35**  
 TIL (35): Madi Reeves 14, Zuercher 10, Sherer 5, Zweifel 4, Tuatagaloa 2.

**AST (61):** Julia Norris 15, Hankwitz 12, O’Brien 10, Hemsley 8, Wallace 8, Gimre 4, Cummings 2, DeMander 2, Burnett, Jackson.

**Tillamook** 6 15 10 4—35

**Astoria** 11 17 17 16—61

**Knappa 49, Neah-Kah-Nie 42**  
 KNA (49): Kaitlyn Landwehr 18, Weaver 9, Inman 7, Miller 6, Vandergriff 5, Vanderburg 2, Strain 2.

**NKN (42):** Maddie Lambert 17, Clifford 8, Booth 6, Dunn 4, Ramirez 3, Soans 2, Cruz Lilly 1.

**Knappa** 9 20 11 9—49

**Neah-Kah-Nie** 8 11 8 15—42

# Gulls dominate Valiants



Photos by Danny Miller/The Daily Astorian

Seaside’s Chase Januik, center, battles for ball control during a game against Valley Catholic.

## Seaside wins 13th straight game

By GARY HENLEY  
*The Daily Astorian*

SEASIDE — To borrow an old phrase from Oregon State football (circa 1967), the Seaside boys basketball team can now call themselves “Giant Killers.”

Not that Valley Catholic was any better coming into Tuesday night’s game than the No. 1-ranked Gulls, but the Valiants were certainly bigger.

With more size at pretty much every position, the Valiants were still no match for the state’s best team at the Class 4A level, as Seaside made it look routine, winning 65-42 in a Cowapa League game at the Gulls’ Nest.

We all know the Gulls can bomb away from the 3-point line (which they did, 7-for-17), but Seaside showed a defense Tuesday night that could potentially win the Gulls a state championship.

Quick hands and a harassing defense forced steal after steal for the Seaside defense, which set the tone and had the Valiants flustered and frustrated by game’s end.

Valley Catholic had 12 turnovers in the first half, and even the easy shots weren’t falling for the Valiants, who were 6-for-23 in the first half, and finished 15-for-45 from the field.

“Our motto tonight was to play fast, play smart defense, and defensive transition,” said Seaside coach Bill Westerholm. “Early on in the second half, we didn’t play too smart defensively, because we put them on the free throw line. We want to keep our guys on the court. We can’t give up stupid fouls.”

Instead, it was Valley Catholic that ended up with 20 fouls for the game, losing starter Aidan Welsh midway through the second half.



Seaside’s Jackson Januik goes up for a shot during a game against Valley Catholic on Tuesday.

Jackson Januik was 6-for-6 at the free throw line in the fourth quarter, and finished 11-for-16. Seaside was 20-for-28 overall, to Valley Catholic’s 11-for-16.

Offensively, the Gulls were on target for most of the night (19-for-39 from the field), and Seaside had locked up win No. 13 in a row by the end of the third period, leading 49-31.

Payton Westerholm had two scores off steals in the second quarter, as Seaside turned a 16-15 deficit into a 33-22 lead by halftime.

Januik and Hunter Thompson both hit 3-pointers in the third quarter, and late in the period freshman Ryan Hague connected on a trey, and freshman Duncan Thompson scored off a steal and feed from Chase Januik for an insurmountable 18-point lead.

The Valiants’ size, for the most part, was a nonfactor.

“All week, everybody was saying, ‘Oh boy, what are you going to do against their tall guys? They’re 6-6, 6-6, 6-7, 6-5 ...’ But they

have to deal with our quickness, our ball handlers and our shooters,” coach Westerholm said.

“And our kids are the hardest-working kids that I know,” he said. “They’re in the weight room, we train them twice a week on speed and quickness stuff. They get three days of pretty hard work. They hate it, but they know it’s the best thing for them.”

And that seemed to make the difference, as the Gulls got into their running game in the third quarter.

“We made our little patented run there in that stretch,” Westerholm said. “We were able to stretch the lead, and we did a nice job towards the end of the third quarter, holding the ball for about a minute-and-a-half to get the last shot.”

Jackson Januik finished with a game-high 19 points, followed by Westerholm (14) and Hunter Thompson (10).

“We came out aggressive defensively, and stayed that way throughout the whole game,” Januik said. “All seven or eight guys who played bought into that defense.”

“We knew that (the Valiants) were bigger than us, and that we were going to have to be aggressive and all over the place on defense. And that led to some offense, and we were able to get into some fast breaks and run the floor.”

“I don’t know what their game plan was,” he said, “but I assume it was to slow it down and beat us in the half-court. We were able to speed the game up, and they couldn’t handle it. At the end of the third quarter, Ryan Hague hit a big three, Chase got a steal and got it to Duncan, and that kind of lifted everybody up.”

Chase Januik said the Valiants “were frustrated the rest of the game after that. And they couldn’t make a push.”

The Gulls will hit the road for a game Friday at Tillamook, then Seaside returns home to face Banks.

## Lady Gulls fly past Valiants

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SEASIDE — The Seaside girls basketball team cleared one more obstacle Tuesday night between themselves and a Cowapa League title.

Seaside — ranked seventh in the latest 4A coaches poll — led from beginning to end in a 56-47 win over No. 8-ranked Valley Catholic.

After a game at Tillamook (0-3 in league) Friday, the Gulls (3-0) host Banks (3-0) next Tuesday, in Part I of a league championship showdown.

Maddi Utti scored 27 points to go with seven rebounds and five assists, while Sydney Villegas added 12 points and 10 boards in Tuesday’s win.

Seaside coach Mike Hawes said he was “just really pleased and hoping to keep getting better.” “I’m not really sure how good we are or can be, but we want to find out,” he said.

The Gulls led 20-14 after one quarter, before the Valiants rallied and tied the game at 26-26, on a 3-pointer by Matti Thurman.

Seaside answered with an offensive rebound basket from Bryre Babbitt and a layup by Sydney Villegas off a pass from Lucy Bodner, and the Gulls led 30-26 at halftime.

Valley Catholic managed to keep it close until midway through the third



Danny Miller/The Daily Astorian

Seaside’s Maddi Utti drives to the basket during a game against Valley Catholic on Tuesday in Seaside.

period, when a short jump shot by Utti sparked a 9-0 run, turning a 36-34 lead into a 45-34 lead.

Utti was 11-of-25 from the field, and Villegas 5-of-10.

“The seniors were tremendous,” Hawes said. “We just need Maddi and Sydney to be studs, and they were tonight, though they had to fight and struggle.”

The Gulls also had “great contri-

butions from Jetta (Ideue) and Bryre, and Lucy just plays her heart out,” Hawes said. “Annaka Garhofer came off to hit a couple 3’s to get us a nice margin in the first half.”

“We got some separation in the third quarter and kind of shakily hung on the final four minutes,” he said. “We rebounded pretty well and only had 11 turnovers, though my brain thought we had a lot more.”

## Lady Fish cruise past Tillamook, 61-35

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“Freshmen Power” was all it took for the Astoria girls basketball team Tuesday night at the Brick House.

Astoria freshmen Julia Norris, Brooklynn Hankwitz and Hailey Obrien all scored in double figures, as the trio combined for 37 points in a 61-35 win over Tillamook in Cowapa League action.

Norris led the way with 15, followed by Hankwitz (12) and Obrien (10), with sophomore Sam Hemsley and senior Alexie Wallace adding eight apiece.

Astoria led 28-21 at halftime, then dominated the second half (33-14), helping the Fishermen improve to 1-2 in league. Tillamook falls to 0-3.

Astoria plays at Banks Friday.

In the boys’ game at the Brick House, Tillamook defeated Astoria, 47-37. No details were available.