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Loggers still in first after loss to Knights

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KNAPPA — With a lot riding on the outcome Monday night at Knappa, Columbia Christian's Zach Barbarick came up with the big hoop that made the difference.

After a teammate recovered a loose ball and passed it to Barbarick, the 6-foot-6 senior scored on an easy

layup in the closing seconds to give the Knights a 42-40 win at Knappa, where very few teams in the Northwest League come away with a victory.

"It was a great high school basketball game," said Knappa coach Chris Spencer. "Close the whole way (with neither team holding more than a four-point lead), great atmosphere ... they just made the last shot."

The Loggers had a good look at a game winner, but the shot missed and a tip-in came after the final buzzer.

As a result, Columbia Christian improves to 10-1 — still a half-game behind the first-place Loggers (11-1) in the league standings.

But the Knights now hold a home court advantage, as the Loggers still play at Columbia Christian Feb. 7,

and Knappa also plays Life Christian twice.

"Columbia Christian is definitely the favorite now," Spencer said. "This was a huge game, for what was on the line. We're going to have to play some good basketball just to finish in the top three."

The Loggers were 12-of-20 from the free-throw line — "you have to

do better than 60 percent at the line to expect to win a game like this," Spencer said.

Levi Dalzell had 13 points for Columbia Christian, all in the second half; while Dale Takalo and Timber Engblom had 12 points apiece for Knappa, which plays today at City Christian, the first of four straight road games for the Loggers.

Lady Loggers cruise to win

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KNAPPA — The Knappa girls basketball team trailed 19-10 at halftime, but the Lady Loggers are a second-half team, as they showed again Monday night.

Knappa had five players with seven or more points, and the Loggers had their usual second-half rally to post a 41-29 win over Columbia Christian.

The Loggers (7-5 in league) continue to close in on second-place Vernonia (9-2) and City Christian (8-3) in the Northwest League standings, with four games remaining.

Knappa's defense keyed Monday's win, as the Loggers came up with 17 steals.

"It was our typical second half," said Knappa coach Marie Green. "We went full court man-to-man, and Aiko (Miller) and Madelynn (Weaver) came up with a bunch of steals, which led to layups."

Weaver led Knappa in both scoring (nine points, including 5-of-6 at the free throw line) and five steals; Devin Vandergriff and Ressa Inman had eight points apiece; and Kaitlyn Landwehr and Miller both finished with seven points.

On Senior Night at Knappa, Landwehr and Vandergriff both fouled out, but not before Landwehr had hauled in 19 rebounds. Miller added five rebounds and four steals.



Photos by Danny Miller/The Daily Astorian

The Lady Warriors bench cheers after a basket against the De La Salle Knights on Monday in Warrenton. The Warriors won, 50-44.

Lady Warriors win 3rd straight

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WARRENTON — The Warrenton girls basketball team has scored some big wins this season ... but none bigger than Monday night's victory over De La Salle, in a Lewis & Clark League contest on the Warriors' home floor.

For the first time since Jan. 11, 2013, the Warriors claimed a victory over a league team with a winning record, as they outlasted the Knights, 50-44.

The game featured a combined 60 missed shots from the field and 72 turnovers, but Warrenton will take the win. Especially with Riverdale's upset over Portland Christian Monday. The Warriors' victory now pulls Warrenton to within one game of the third-place Royals.

With their next two games against Oregon Episcopal (1-12) and Riverdale (4-7), the Warriors could overtake Portland Christian in the standings by the time the two teams meet Feb. 7 at Warrenton.

Either way, it's likely the Warriors (7-5) will finish with their first winning record in league play since going 14-0 under John Mattila in 2009-10.

"We're just playing very well, and peaking at the right time," said Warrenton coach Robert Hoepfl. "It was a great team effort tonight. Everybody contributed."

"Tyla (Little) had a 'quiet' 17 points, but she made some big shots; Fernanda (Alvarez) was just awesome — she was super consistent; Landree (Miethe) fits in nicely with what we try to do defensively ... everybody who played contributed."

Meanwhile, Monday's game wasn't as close as the final score indicated.

Three-pointers by Tyla Little and Claire Bussert in the first quarter had the Warriors in front after one, 17-5.

"That was big, to just out to that lead," Hoepfl said. "(The Knights) never quite got back into it. The final margin was as close as they got."

Alvarez — on her way to a career-high 14 points — scored twice in the second period to give the Warriors an insurmountable 21-10 lead.

Warrenton's defense did the rest, forcing



Warrenton's Fernanda Alvarez goes up for a shot in the first half as the Warriors hosted the De La Salle Knights Monday. Alvarez scored a career-high 14 points in their win.

22 turnovers in the first half, 39 for the game.

The Knights made a late run in the second half, pulling to within six points, but the Warriors had a big advantage at the free throw line (15-for-21 to De La Salle's 5-for-10) to help clinch the win.

Little was 7-of-9 at the line on her way to a game-high 17 points.

"That's the best we've shot free throws all season," Hoepfl said. "Everything is coming together — we're playing good at the right time."

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

Boys Basketball — Scappoose at Astoria, 6 p.m.; Banks at Seaside, 6 p.m.; Oregon Episcopal at Warrenton, 7:45 p.m.; Knappa at City Christian, 7:45 p.m.

Girls Basketball — Scappoose at Astoria, 7:45 p.m.; Banks at Seaside, 7:45 p.m.; Oregon Episcopal at Warrenton, 6 p.m.; Knappa at City Christian, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Wrestling — Pre-Districts at Neah-Kah-Nie, 10 a.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Warrenton 50, De La Salle 44

DLS (44): Sarygh Dalton 16, Bristol 15, Boyd 5, Phillips 3, Imes 3, Brannon 2.

WAR (50): Tyla Little 17, Alvarez 14, Miethe 6, K.Blodgett 5, Bussert 5, Morrill 2, Diego 1, Dyer, M.Blodgett.

De La Salle 5 10 12 17—44

Warrenton 17 6 12 15—50

Field goals: De La Salle 18-45; Warrenton 16-49. **3-Point goals:** De La Salle 3-15 (Phillips, Imes, Bristol); Warrenton 3-13 (Little 2, Bussert). **Free throws:** De La Salle 5-10; Warrenton 15-21.

Fouls: De La Salle 14, Warrenton 11.

Turnovers: De La Salle 39, Warrenton 33.

Knappa 41, Columbia 29

CC (29): Brooklyn Davis 8, Heiner 8, Martes 6, Bergdolt 5, Howard 2.

KNA (41): Madelynn Weaver 9, Vandergriff 8, Inman 8, Miller 7, Landwehr 7, Vanderburg 2, Strain.

Columbia C. 11 8 4 6—29

Knappa 6 4 11 20—41

BOYS BASKETBALL

De La Salle 51, Warrenton 37

DLS (51): George Sadi 13, Guntle 11, Lincoln 7, Reiley 7, Nelson 7, Williams 2, Addy 2, O'Brien 2.

WAR (37): Christian Holt 16, Fowler 6, Kapua 6, Knight 5, Fischer 2, Jackson 2, Alcobendas.

De La Salle 13 17 9 12—51

Warrenton 7 12 5 13—37

Field goals: De La Salle 21-69; Warrenton 11-34. **3-Point goals:** De La Salle 4-23 (Sadi 3, Nelson); Warrenton 6-20 (Holt 4, Fowler, Knight). **Free throws:** De La Salle 5-10; Warrenton 7-13. **Fouls:** De La Salle 17, Warrenton 16. **Turnovers:** De La Salle 10, Warrenton 20.

JV: De La Salle 60, Warrenton 26

Columbia 42, Knappa 40

CC (42): Levi Dalzell 13, Wagner 11, Barbarick 6, Endresen 6, Morris 5, Bishop 1.

KNA (40): Timber Engblom 12, Dale Takalo 12, J.Miller 5, Weirup 5, E.Takalo 3, Rubus 2.

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Knappa 8 10 14 8—40

De La Salle scores win over Warrenton boys

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WARRENTON — For the second game in a row, the Warrenton Warriors trailed by 11 points at halftime, in a Lewis & Clark League boys basketball game Monday vs. the visiting De La Salle Knights.

But instead of rallying for a win as they did Saturday in double overtime against Riverdale, the Warriors were unable to catch the Knights, who went on to a 51-37 win over Warrenton.

An offensive rebound basket by the Warriors' Kaleo Kapua had Warrenton within 11-7 late in

the first quarter, but De La Salle answered by a 9-0 run to grab a 20-7 lead, and the Knights never looked back.

De La Salle freshman George Sadi came off the bench to hit three 3-pointers in the second quarter, helping the Knights to a 28-12 lead. Warrenton's Christian Holt had

a pair of treys in the first half and two more in the second half, but the Warriors could not keep pace with the run-and-gun Knights, who finished 21-of-69 from the field.

Sadi led De La Salle with 13 points, while Holt finished with a game-high 16 for Warrenton, which hosts Oregon Episcopal tonight.