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Logger boys fall at Damascus

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DAMASCUS — The Knappa Loggers took to the road for some nonleague competition Saturday, and found plenty at Damascus Christian.

The No. 8-ranked team at the Class 1A level held Knappa to just 11 points in the second half, as the Eagles posted a 50-35 win over the Loggers.

“They’re a great team, and well-coached,” Knappa coach Chris Spencer said of the Eagles. “And we struggled. We’ve got some very tough road games coming up (including at Columbia Christian Tuesday). We could finish first or we could finish fourth, so we need to pick ourselves up by the boot straps and go to work.”

Knappa was 10-for-31 on two-point shots, 3-for-23 from the 3-point line, with 14 turnovers.

On Senior Night for Damascus, Eagle senior Silas Marvin scored 26 points, and junior David Zakharyuk added 10.

Knappa was coming off a 68-35 win at Faith Bible the night before, in which the Loggers held a 22-2 lead after one quarter.

Dale Takalo scored 17 points with nine rebounds and seven assists, with Eli Takalo and Colton Weirup adding 13 points apiece.



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Naselle, Wash., senior Kyrin Jacot passes to the corner after coming down with a rebound during Saturday’s game with Taholah. Naselle won 41-31 for first place.

NASELLE WINS LEAGUE TITLE

By DAMIAN MULINIX
For The Daily Astorian

COMET BOYS PUT UP A FIGHT

NASELLE, Wash. — As the clock expired on the first quarter Saturday night, the Naselle Comets girls basketball team (12-0, 15-5) were likely wondering what was happening. The first-place Comets trailed the visiting second-place Taholah, 3-9, and couldn’t seem to get a shot to fall. The game, the regular season finale for both teams, was to decide the Coastal 1B League title.

A series of defensive stops and transition baskets at the beginning of the second quarter helped the Comets hold the Chitwins scoreless in the period, on their way to a 41-31 win, to wrap up the title and a No. 1 seed in the District 4 tournament.

After trading baskets for the first half of the third quarter, a surge by the Chitwins to end the period gave them back the lead, 27-26. But a flurry of Naselle baskets to start the fourth helped the Comets eventually pull away.

Lilli Zimmerman, Lily Harman and Kyrin Jacot led the Comets with six points each. Ellie Chapman had 10 rebounds and six assists for Naselle.

After receiving a first-round bye in the District 4 1B tournament, the Comets will play 2 p.m. Saturday in Castle Rock, against the winner of a first-round game between Wishkah and Three River Christian.

When the Naselle boys last saw the Chitwins a couple weeks ago, they were leaving the Taholah gym after a 31-point loss. On Saturday night, they had a chance at some payback — a win would give them a tie for the Coastal League title. But the fast-paced play of the Chitwins took a 32-22 lead by halftime and they never looked back, winning the Coastal League title 76-59. The Comets will be the No. 2 seed headed in to the District 4 1B tournament this week.

The Chitwins got out fast to start the second quarter, playing fast and loose, they built an 12-point lead before ending the half with a score of 22-32. And if it wasn’t the Chitwins’ speed, it was their size. Slowly, but surely, the Chitwins started to pull away in the third, taking a 50-32 lead with 1:21 left in the quarter. With more than half the fourth quarter left, the Comets made a run, cutting the lead to 45-57 after a few fast-break points.

Donnie Edwards led the Comets with 16 points, Jacob Eaton had 12 and Antonio Nolan and Corey Gregory each had 7 a piece.

The Comets will open the district tourney with a home game Wednesday against Three Rivers Christian. A win would have them playing Saturday in Castle Rock at 3:30 p.m.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

Girls Basketball — Seaside at Astoria, 6 p.m.; Portland Christian at Warrenton, 6 p.m.; Knappa at Columbia Christian, 6 p.m.; Oregon School for the Deaf at Jewell, 5:30 p.m.; Onalaska at Ilwaco, 5:30 p.m.

Boys Basketball — Seaside at Astoria, 7:45 p.m.; Portland Christian at Warrenton, 7:45 p.m.; Knappa at Columbia Christian, 7:45 p.m.; Oregon School for the Deaf at Jewell, 7:15 p.m.; Winlock at Ilwaco, 7:15 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Valley Catholic 63, Astoria 44

VC (63): Andrew Plambeck 19, Braun 12, Haggerty 7, Grasberger 7, Hardy 6, Welsh 6, Tetzloff 2, Wilborn 2, Flemmer 2.

AST (44): Ole Englund 18, Arnsdorf 11, Palek 4, Wallace 4, Gohl 4, Johnson 2, Olson 1, Burchfield, Schumacher, O’Brien, Sharp, Kaonohi.

V.Catholic 18 11 11 23—63
Astoria 6 15 13 10—44

Seaside 68, Scappoose 46

SCP (46): Chris Bendle 9, Jerad Tomman 9, Gift 6, Nuss 6, Kramer 4, Wagenknecht 4, Gill 4, Flieman 2.

SEA (68): Jackson Januik 22, H.Thompson 11, Westerholm 10, Babb 10, C.Januik 6, D.Thompson 4, Hague 3, Carter 2.

Scappoose 12 7 15 12—46
Seaside 17 15 20 16—68

Knappa 68, Faith Bible 35

KNA (68): Dale Takalo 17, E.Takalo 13, Weirup 13, J.Miller 5, Ramvick 5, Rubus 5, Engblom 4, Goodman 2, K.Miller 2.

Knappa 22 14 19 13—68
Faith Bible 2 19 8 6—35

Damascus 50, Knappa 35

KNA (35): Colton Weirup 15, Engblom 7, Rubus 6, D.Takalo 3, Geisler 2, J.Miller 2.

Knappa 12 12 5 6—35
Damascus 13 11 11 15—50

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Valley Catholic 57, Astoria 30

VC (57): Petra Flemmer 13, Joanna Duyck 13, Mannen 12, Nguyen 6, Thurman 5, Moore 5, Oehler 2, Kawaguchi 1.

AST (30): Hailey O’Brien 8, DeMander 7, Hankwitz 5, Wallace 4, Norris 3, Hemsley 2, Cummings 1, Rogers, Gimre, Burnett, Jackson.

V.Catholic 12 10 19 16—57
Astoria 9 7 7 7—30

Seaside 65, Scappoose 31

SCP (31): Emily Kopra 6, Kaylie Kopra 6, Brodala 5, Mills 4, S.Smith 4, B.Smith 3, Esterly 3.

SEA (65): Jetta Ideue 10, Sydney Villegas 10, Kiser 9, Utti 9, Babbitt 7, Hoekstre 6, Smart 6, Garhofer 6, Huddleston.

Scappoose 6 6 10 9—31
Seaside 14 12 16 23—65

Warrenton 41, Riverdale 37

WAR (41): Tyla Little 15, Alvarez 10, Miethe 7, Dyer 6, Bussert 2, Morrill 1, K.Blodgett, M.Blodgett, Heyen, Diego.

RIV (37): Zoe Zurasky 19, Molinari 9, Tzintzun 4, Bogaty 3, Scarlett 2.

Warrenton 9 15 8 9—41
Riverdale 7 7 7 16—37

Faith Bible 55, Knappa 24

KNA (24): Kaitlyn Landwehr 10, Miller 5, Vandergriff 5, Vanderburg 2, Inman 2, Carlson, Tischer, Strain.

FB (55): Katie Fajer 19, S.Fajer 12, Irving 10, White 5, Poetter 4, Hergert 2.

Knappa 0 4 2 18—24
Faith Bible 17 13 12 13—55

Valiants hold off Astoria boys, 63-44

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The Astoria Fishermen rallied from a big first-half deficit ... but they could not rally from another in the second half Saturday night at the Brick House.

Valley Catholic escaped town with a 63-44 win over the Fishermen, in a back-and-forth (and back again) Cowapa League boys basketball game.

Astoria held an early 6-2 lead, but the Fishermen couldn’t overcome the hot hand of Valley Catholic’s Andrew Plambeck, who knocked down four straight 3-pointers late in the first quarter.

And after drives to the hoop and

scores by Valley Catholic’s Jack Grasberger and Daniel Hardy, the Valiants had turned their 6-2 deficit into a 22-6 lead.

But Astoria gradually fought its way back, and behind three-point plays from Ole Englund and Jackson Arnsdorf, the Fishermen were within 29-21 at halftime.

Behind an aggressive defense and some hot shooting from the Fishermen, Astoria’s comeback continued into the third quarter.

The Valiants had six turnovers on their first seven offensive possessions of the second half, and a 3-pointer by Astoria’s Tristan Wallace at the 3:45 mark of the third quarter tied the game at 30-30.

Valley Catholic scored the next five points, before the Fishermen answered with four straight free throws to cut the Valiant lead to 35-34.

But the hot hand of Plambeck returned, as the 6-foot-4 junior connected on a mid-range jumper, then made his fifth 3-pointer of the night to highlight a 12-0 run for the Valiants.

Astoria finished 19-for-22 from the free throw line to Valley Catholic’s 9-for-13, but the Fishermen could not keep pace with the Valiants in the fourth quarter.

Plambeck led all scorers with 19 points, while Englund had 18 and Arnsdorf added 11 for Astoria, which hosts Seaside in the Clatsop Clash Tuesday.

Valiants defeat Lady Fishermen, 57-30

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Valley Catholic posted a 57-30 win over Astoria Saturday, in a Cowapa League girls basketball game at the Brick House.

Still, the No. 8-ranked Valiants had to work a lot harder than the final score indicated.

In the battle for third place in the league standings, the Lady Fisher-

men opened the second half with a 4-0 run on baskets by Alexis Wallace and Brooklynn Hankwitz, and trailed the bigger Valiants, 22-20.

But Valley Catholic answered with a 10-0 rally of its own, and by the end of the quarter, the Valiants led 41-23.

Five-foot-11 Petra Flemmer and 5-9 Joanna Duyck — the senior posts for the Valiants — did most of the damage, combining to outscore Astoria by

themselves in the second half, 19-14.

Both finished with 13 points, while Noelle Mannen added 12 for Valley Catholic, 4-2 in league. The Valiants were 18-for-28 at the free-throw line, to Astoria’s 5-for-8.

Freshman Hailey O’Brien scored eight points for Astoria, which falls to 2-4 in league.

The Lady Fishermen host Seaside Tuesday.

Gulls improve to 16-0

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SEASIDE — It was last-place vs. first-place Friday night at Seaside, and the results were predictable.

The first-place Seaside boys basketball team backed up its No. 1 ranking with an easy 68-46 win over Scappoose in the Cowapa League game at the Gulls’ Nest.

Seaside had its usual four players in double figures, and the Gulls improved to 6-0 in league (16-0 overall), while Scappoose falls to 0-6.

Jackson Januik led the way with 22 points, and highlighted a barrage of 3-pointers early in the third period, helping the Gulls turn a 36-28 lead into a 50-30 lead.

Januik and Hunter Thompson both had two 3-pointers in the decisive run.

Thompson finished with 11 points, followed by Attikin Babb and Payton Westerholm with 10 points apiece.

Seaside soundly beats Scappoose

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SEASIDE — The Seaside girls basketball team followed up their win over top-ranked Banks with an easy 65-31 victory over Scappoose Friday at the Gulls’ Nest.

A jumper from Bryre Babbitt early in the third period gave Seaside a 32-14 lead, and the Gulls had all the points they would need.

Three-pointers near the end of third quarter from Annaka Garhofer and Emy Kiser increased the advantage to 42-22, and the Gulls scored at will in the fourth, as they had eight players with six or more points.

Jetta Ideue and Sydney Villegas had 10 points apiece to lead the way, and Kiser finished with nine points off the bench.

Warriors split doubleheader

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PORTLAND — Warrenton clinched fourth place, and now the Lady Warriors have their sights set on the third-place spot, following their latest win in Lewis & Clark League girls basketball.

Tyla Little scored 15 points and Fernanda Alvarez added 10 to help the Warriors score a 41-37 win at Riverdale Saturday.

Warrenton held a 16-point lead in the third quarter, before a late rally by the Mavericks.

The Warriors improve to 9-5 in league, just a half-game behind third place Portland Christian (9-4). Warrenton hosts the Royals Tuesday, then finishes league play Thursday at De La Salle (6-8), while Portland Christian has remaining games at Clatskanie, and vs. Portland Adventist (14-0).

In the boys’ game, Riverdale rallied from a first half deficit to defeat Warrenton, 46-44.

Falcons soar past Lady Loggers

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HILLSBORO — Faith Bible sisters Katie and Sarah Fajer combined for 31 points Friday night, lifting the Falcons to a 55-24 win over Knappa in a Northwest League girls basketball game.

Neither team scored for the first 4 minutes, 20 seconds of the game, until Faith Bible broke the ice and finished the first quarter with a 17-0 lead.

The Falcons led 42-6 after three quarters, before the Loggers were able to score 18 in the fourth.

Kaitlyn Landwehr had 10 points, 11 rebounds and three steals for Knappa. Katie Fajer scored 19 for the No. 7-ranked Falcons, 20-1 overall, 12-0 in league.