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## Playoff hopes alive for Lady Loggers

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**KNAPPA** — The Knappa Lady Loggers have been a second half team all season, and they put that trait to good use Thursday night at home, in a Northwest League playoff game with Gaston.

The Greyhounds held a 12-2 after one quarter and 17-10 at half-time, before the Loggers staged their usual second half rally for a 34-25 win.

Knappa (9-12 overall) advances to the league tournament Saturday, and will play City Christian (14-9), with the winner securing a spot in the Class 2A Sweet 16. The Lions beat the Loggers twice in the regular season, but will have defeat Knappa a third time on a neutral court for the trip to state.

“We outscored (the Greyhounds) 15-3 in the third quarter, and that really flipped it around,” said Knappa coach Marie Green. “That just switched a light on in our girls, and it was great to watch.”

In possibly her last home game, Kaitlyn Landwehr led Knappa with 12 points, with 14 rebounds and five steals.

Aiko Miller and Madelynn Weaver scored six points apiece for the Loggers, who outscored Gaston 24-8 in the second half.

Weaver added five rebounds and three assists.

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SCHEDULE

#### TODAY

**Swimming** — OSAA State Meet, Mt. Hood CC, Gresham

**Wrestling** — District 1/3A, at Rainier, TBA; District 1/2A, at Waldport, TBA

#### SATURDAY

**Girls Basketball** — City Christian vs. Knappa (at Forest Grove HS), 2 p.m.; Adna vs. Ilwaco (at WF West, Chehalis), 1 p.m.; Tahola vs. Naselle (at Montesano), 1 p.m.

**Boys Basketball** — Columbia Christian vs. Knappa (at Forest Grove HS), 7 p.m.; Tahola vs. Naselle (at Montesano), 3 p.m.

**Swimming** — OSAA State Meet, Mt. Hood CC, Gresham

**Wrestling** — District 1/3A, at Rainier, TBA; District 1/2A, at Waldport, TBA

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### Astoria 40, Scappoose 28

**AST (40):** Sam Hemsley 16, Hankwitz 6, Wallace 4, Norris 4, O'Brien 4, Cummings 2, DeMander 1, Gimre.

**SCP (28):** Shayan Smith 11, Brodala 6, Kopra 4, Dost 3, Kopra 1.

**Astoria** 12 7 10 11—40

**Scappoose** 4 10 7 7—28

#### Banks 39, Seaside 30

**SEA (30):** Maddi Utti 13, Babbitt 7, Smart 4, Villegas 2, Garhofer 2, Bodner 2, Ideue, Kiser, Hoekstre.

**BAN (39):** Anna Klein 18, Slifka 14, Gregg 4, Gerlinger 2, Maller 1.

**Seaside** 6 11 4 9—30

**Banks** 18 4 10 7—39

#### Portland Chr. 55, Warrenton 52

**WAR (52):** Landree Mieth 18, Alvarez 10, Bussert 8, Morrill 6, Dyer 5, Little 5, K.Blodgett.

**PC (55):** Krystian Brownell 15, Guild 12, McKinney 11, Conard 6, Cummins 6, Hansen 2, Stumetz 2.

**Warrenton** 8 11 18 15—52

**PDX Christian** 17 14 9 15—55

#### Knappa 34, Gaston 25

**GAS (25):** Charity Hall 16, Bassel 6, Clark 1, Becker 1, Richardson 1.

**KNA (34):** Kaitlyn Landwehr 12, Weaver 6, Miller 6, Inman 6, Vanderburg 3, Vandergriff 1, Strain.

**Gaston** 12 5 3 5—25

**Knappa** 2 8 15 9—34

### BOYS BASKETBALL

#### Scappoose 54, Astoria 49

**AST (49):** Kyle Strange 10, Englund 9, Wallace 7, Gohl 6, Palek 6, Johnson 5, Fremstad 4, Arnsdorf 2, O'Brien.

**SCP (54):** Chris Bendle 23, Kramer 10, Toman 8, Rieman 4, Verbout 4, Holmason 3, Gift 2.

**Astoria** 9 14 11 15—49

**Scappoose** 7 13 13 21—54

#### Seaside 70, Banks 68

**SEA (70):** Chase Januik 18, J.Januik 12, Westerholm 12, H.Thompson 10, Babb 9, D.Thompson 6, Hoekstre 2.

**BAN (68):** Dalton Renne 23, Evans 13, Taylor 13, Hutchins 12, Gobel 7.

**Seaside** 14 13 17 9—70

**Banks** 12 9 20 7—68

#### Knappa 46, Life Christian 44

**KNA (46):** Dale Takalo 18, Engblom 9, Weirup 8, Goodman 3, K.Miller 3, J.Miller 2, Rubus 2, E.Takalo 2.

**LC (44):** Zac Ross 16, Z.Quinlan 11, B.Quinlan 11, Vasilyev 4, Wooten 2.

**Knappa** 10 14 14 8—46

**Life Christian** 14 13 6 11—44

## Seaside goes overtime to beat Banks

By GARY HENLEY  
 The Daily Astorian

**BANKS** — It was gut-check time for the Seaside boys basketball team Thursday night at Banks.

With a league title on the line and their two seniors having fouled out of the game, the Gulls responded when they needed it most — in overtime — for a 70-68 win over the Braves.

Sophomore Chase Januik's jump shot in the closing seconds proved to be the winning points.

“It was nice to see our kids battle a little adversity, playing without the seniors when the game was on the line,” said Seaside coach Bill Westerholm. “You don't see that very often, with sophomores carrying you in overtime. They were a little frantic at first (in the OT), but we settled down and

made some big plays.”

Coupled with Valley Catholic's win over Tillamook, the Gulls and Valiants (ranked first and second in the state, respectively) finish in a tie atop the Cowapa League standings at 9-1, and will play a tie-breaker/seeding game in a doubleheader Tuesday at Tillamook, 7:45 p.m. (Seaside girls play for the No. 1 seed vs. Banks at 6 p.m.).

Seaside controlled most of the first half, as the Gulls turned a 12-10 deficit into a 21-12 lead early in the second quarter.

Hunter Thompson's seven first-half points helped Seaside to a 27-21 lead at the break.

But the Braves — coming off a big victory at Astoria Tuesday — rallied behind 3-pointers from Dalton Renne and Ian Hutchins to tie the game at 32-32, before Payton Westerholm

answered with 3-pointers of their own for a 44-41 lead going into the fourth quarter.

The Braves rallied again, as Jake Evans knocked down a trey midway through the quarter, and Hutchins and Kylan Taylor added long-range bombs to give Banks a 54-49 lead.

Before fouling out late in regulation, Jackson Januik made four key free throws (and finished 10-for-10 from the line), and the Gulls were able to grab a 61-57 lead.

But in a wild fourth quarter, Taylor hit four straight free throws for Banks in the final minute to send the game to overtime.

Thompson fouled out early in the overtime session, but Seaside's young players answered the call.

Chase Januik scored on a jumper to tie the game at 63-63, Westerholm

hit a 3-pointer and sophomore Duncan Thompson added a basket at the 1:53 mark for a 68-63 lead.

“Chase made a nice jumper in the key, then Babb and Payton both had big three's for us,” coach Westerholm said. “But it seemed like every time we made a run, they would come back with one. They're a good team. They made nine 3s, and Hutchins had four of them.”

One last rally from the Braves forced a 68-68 tie, with Taylor scoring on a layup with 35 seconds left.

But Seaside played for — and made — the last shot, as Chase Januik's fadeaway jumper went through the net with one second left, the game-winner for the Gulls.

The younger Januik finished with 18 points, followed by Jackson Januik and Westerholm with 12 points apiece.



Krissy Barendse-Goodman/For the Daily Astorian

Knappa's Timber Engblom cuts in front of Life Christian's Zeke Quinlan for a shot in a loss against the Lions last week. Knappa returned to Life Christian Thursday, and beat the Lions in a league playoff.

## LOGGERS FINALLY TAME THE LIONS

The Daily Astorian

**PORTLAND** — It's hard to beat the same team three times in the same season.

The Knappa boys basketball team put that theory to the test Thursday night. And it must be true, because the Loggers — in their third meeting of the season with Life Christian — finally beat the Lions, 46-44.

Knappa will now get a shot at the No. 1 seed in the Northwest League, as the Loggers advance to play Columbia Christian Saturday at Forest Grove High School (7 p.m.).

And the Loggers could have the edge in this one, too. The Knights defeated Knappa twice in the regular season, but they will have to do it a third time, at a neutral site, to earn the league's No. 1 seed.

“The third time's the charm, and whatever other cliché you want to use,” Knappa coach Chris Spencer said of Thursday's win. “We punched our ticket (to state). It was a huge win for us.”

Win or lose Saturday, the Loggers (17-7 overall) will host a first-round state playoff game next week. Knappa rallied from a 27-24 halftime deficit,

outscored the Lions 14-6 in the third quarter.

While Dale Takalo led the Loggers with a game-high 18 points, Knappa held Life Christian's Zeke and Bo Quinlan to a combined 22.

“That has to be some kind of record,” Spencer said. “Obviously you have to stop both of them, but our focus was on stopping Zeke. And we had three guys — Ethan Rubus, Michal Goodman and our freshman Joe Ramvick — who rotated on him and did whatever they could — knock him down, step on his feet — whatever it took to stop him.”

“It was an unbelievable defensive effort.”

Still, the teams were locked in a 40-40 tie with a minute remaining, when Takalo drove the baseline to put the Loggers ahead, 42-40.

With 30 seconds left, Rubus drew an offensive charge (“the play of the game,” Spencer said), and Knappa played the free throw game after that, making 4-of-5 down the stretch for their final four points.

Jason Miller had two big free throws in the final seconds for his only two points, to go with 10 rebounds.

Timber Engblom had nine points and Colton Weirup finished with eight for the Loggers.

## Royals sail past Warriors

The Daily Astorian

**PORTLAND** — It was a 20-point turnaround for the Portland Christian girls basketball team Thursday night, in the Royals' favor.

After a 74-57 loss to Warrenton just nine days earlier, the Royals made a royal rebound in Thursday's Lewis & Clark League playoff, with a 55-52 win over Warrenton.

Portland Christian hit three 3-pointers in the final 1:30 to earn the win, and advance to the league tournament.

“We didn't play well early (trailing 17-8 after one quarter), but by the third quarter, we'd cut it to 40-37,” said Warrenton coach Robert Hoepfl, whose team finishes the season 16-9 overall.

From there, a 3-pointer by Warrenton's Claire Bussert to start the fourth tied the game, and the Warriors eventually took the lead.

A runner by Landree Mieth gave

Warrenton a late 52-51 advantage, before Portland Christian's Jourmie Conard hit a 3-pointer with 25 seconds left for a 54-52 lead.

A free throw added another point for the Royals, and Rachel Dyer's 3-pointer at the buzzer just missed for the Warriors.

“Rachel got a good look at it,” Hoepfl said. “It just didn't go, and it is what it is. “I'm still real proud of this team,” he said. “These girls were 2-22 two years ago, and had not won more than two league games in each of the last two years (2-14 each year).

“I'm especially proud of our three seniors, Kate (Blodgett), Landree and Krista (Morrill),” Hoepfl said. “They were an inspiration to the rest of the girls and could not have done more for the program.”

Mieth led Warrenton with 18 points, followed by Fernanda Alvarez with 10. Krystian Brownell had 15 points for the Royals.

## Braves, Lady Gulls share Cowapa League title

The Daily Astorian

**BANKS** — The last time they played the Banks Braves, the Seaside girls basketball team had 33 points at halftime, in an eventual 62-58 victory.

It was a big difference Thursday night at Banks, where the No. 2-ranked Braves scored a 39-30 win over the Lady Gulls.

The result — Seaside lost for just the first time in league play, and will have to share the Cowapa League title with the Braves, as both finish with 9-1 records.

The two teams will play for the Cowapa's No. 1 seed to the state playoffs Tuesday at Tillamook High School, with a

6 p.m. tip-off.

Seaside scored the first two points, but the rest of the night belonged to the Braves, who led 18-6 after one quarter.

Seaside's Anesha Smart opened the second quarter with a pair of jump shots, helping the Gulls close to within 22-17 at halftime.

But Banks' senior Anna Klein had the hotter hand, as the 5-foot-11 post began the third quarter with a jump shot, sparking the Braves to a 10-4 run.

Klein finished with a game-high 18 points. After scoring 37 in the last meeting, Seaside's Maddi Utti was held to 13, with seven points from Brye Babbitt.

## Astoria girls pound Scappoose

The Daily Astorian

**SCAPPOOSE** — Sophomore Sam Hemsley scored 16 points and freshman Brooklynn Hankwitz added six for Astoria Thursday night, leading the Lady Fishermen to a 40-28 win at Scappoose.

Astoria led 12-4 after one quarter, and never trailed, as the Lady Fishermen swept the regular season series with the Indians.

All six Cowapa schools will take part in the league playoffs, beginning Saturday.

Scappoose (1-9) and Tillamook (1-9) play Saturday at Banks, with the winner to play at Astoria (4-6) Monday at 6:30 p.m. The winner of Monday's game will play at Valley Catholic (6-4) Tuesday (6:30 p.m.) for third place in the league.

## Indians top Fishermen boys, 54-49

The Daily Astorian

**SCAPPOOSE** — Scappoose scored 21 points at the free throw line to Astoria's three Thursday night, and that was more than enough to provide the difference in a 54-49 win for the Indians in a Cowapa League boys basketball season finale.

The Fishermen held a 23-20 lead at halftime before Scappoose rallied in the second half, most of it from the free-throw line.

The Indians made 21 of their 30 free throw attempts, including 14-of-21 in the second half. Astoria was 3-for-6 on the night.

Chris Bendle scored 23 points for Scappoose.

The Fishermen had a balanced scoring attack, as Kyle Strange led the way with 10 points, followed by Ole Englund (nine), Tristan Wallace (seven), with Jasy Gohl and Ryan Palek adding six apiece.

The Fishermen finish the season 10-13 overall.