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Fishermen rack up 11 goals at St. Helens

The Daily Astorian

ST. HELENS — The night belonged to the visiting Astoria Fishermen Thursday in a non-league boys soccer game at Class 5A St. Helens.

Astoria led 4-1 at halftime on its way to an 11-2 win over the Lions.

“St. Helens put up a good fight at times, but we played a beautiful passing game and our guys really did a nice job,” said Astoria coach Lee Cain, whose team improves to 2-0 overall.

Cole Beeson and Trevor Byrd scored three goals apiece for the Fishermen, with Antonio Bermudez, freshman Josh Condit, Aldo Cruz, Tyler Gagnon and Christian Medina-Perez adding a goal apiece for the No. 5-ranked Fishermen, who play Monday at Catlin Gabel, the first of four straight road games.

In a nonleague girls soccer game at CMH Field, St. Helens defeated Astoria, 6-0.

Games postponed

Forest fires in the Columbia River Gorge continue to cancel or postpone high school athletic events.

The Seaside soccer teams — which had Tuesday’s games versus Stayton moved to Sept. 14 — had two more games postponed Thursday.

Both the girls’ road game at Corbett and the boys’ home game against Corbett were moved to Oct. 21 (girls at Corbett, boys at Seaside).

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Cougars rally for win over Astoria

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TURNER — Cascade overcame a Game 1 loss to defeat Astoria in nonleague volleyball action Thursday, 20-25, 25-20, 25-17, 25-20.

Still, “it’s the best I’ve seen us play,” said Astoria coach Jessie Todd. “We came out early in each game in ‘attack mode.’ Cascade has some intelligent hitters, but I really thought we were equal.”

Chelsea Christensen had 30 digs for Astoria, while Madi Landwehr (12 kills) and Darian Hageman (eight kills) sparked the Lady Fishermen offense.

Elsewhere, Hailey O’Brien and Kes Sandstrom each had three ace serves, and Hageman added five blocks.

Astoria goes right back to Cascade for a tournament Saturday, before beginning Cowapa League play Tuesday.

Dragons down Loggers

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KNAPPA — Knappa was on the verge of tying the match at two games apiece, but Delphian held on and scored the win Thursday night in a Northwest League volleyball match at Knappa.

The Dragons took it in four games, winning 25-18, 25-20, 12-25, 25-21.

After cruising to the Game 3 win, the Loggers led 9-2 in Game 4, before Delphian rallied and eventually built a 22-21 lead, and scored the final three points to win the match.

Paris Vanderburg’s all-around game led the Loggers, as she finished with 10 assists, eight digs, eight kills and three touch blocks.

Kaitlyn Truax had five blocks, Mack Strain added five kills and three ace serves, and Jaden Mithel collected 22 digs.

Sophia Carlson was 15-of-17 serving, with three aces.



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Morgan Blodgett prepares to spike the ball over the net for the Warrenton Warriors Thursday night during a game against Clatskanie.

Warriors sweep Clatskanie; prep for Rainier Columbians

Warrenton bounces back with sweep

By GARY HENLEY
The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — Two volleyball teams looking for their first win in league play met on the court Thursday night at Warrenton High School.

The end result was a victory for the Lady Warriors, who look ready for next week’s Lewis & Clark League showdown with Rainier.

Coming off a loss at Portland Adventist earlier in the week, Warrenton bounced back with a three-game sweep over Clatskanie, 25-15, 25-19, 25-19. The Tigers fall to 0-2 in league, both losses coming by way of three-game sweeps.

How dominant were the Warriors?

Warrenton’s only deficit of the night was 1-0 at the start of Game 2.

The first game was tied at 3-3 and 7-7, before the Warriors began to pull away thanks to the passing exploits of Leah Durham.

The senior setter had perfect assists to Michelle Arney, Sagi Diego and Elly Blodgett, all for kills and an eventual 15-9 lead.

Warrenton’s Claire Bussert and Durham

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY

Football — Gladstone at Astoria, 7 p.m.; Seaside at Clatskanie, 7 p.m.; Warrenton at Vernonia, 7 p.m.; Toledo at Knappa, 7 p.m.; Toledo (WA) at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.; Rainier Christian at Naselle, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Volleyball — Astoria at Cascade Tournament, TBA; Neah-Kah-Nie Tournament, 9 a.m.
Girls Soccer — Cottage Grove vs. Astoria, at Mac Hi, 4:15 p.m.
Cross Country — Tualatin Invitational, 8:30 a.m.; Logger Elk Run, Teevin Ranch, 10 a.m.

set up spikes for Morgan Blodgett and a 20-13 advantage.

One of four Blodgetts on the floor in Thursday’s match, Morgan Blodgett blocked an attack by Clatskanie’s Shelby Blodgett, then added a stuff kill and a service ace to help the Warriors to the Game 1 win.

The Tigers opened with a 1-0 lead in Game 2, which quickly turned into a 7-1 Warrenton lead behind a big serving run by Arney.

Clatskanie kept it close for a while, but Arney’s ace and a kill by Elly Blodgett helped Warrenton hold on for the victory.

Game 3 was just a formality for the War-



Claire Bussert, center, was among the towering offensive forces at the net on Thursday for the Warrenton Warriors during their match against Clatskanie.

riors, who jumped out to a quick 17-10 lead.

The Tigers responded with some sharp serving from Lita Blodgett to keep the game close, but Warrenton maintained a three- to six-point lead the rest of the way, highlighted by ace serves from Elly Blodgett and Morgan Blodgett, and a double block from Morgan Blodgett and Arney.

Warrenton will host Monday’s big first-place showdown with Rainier.

Junior varsity: Warrenton defeated Clatskanie, 25-17, 25-10.

Lacy’s debut for Seahawks comes against former team

Seattle opens against Green Bay

By CURTIS CRABTREE
Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Eddie Lacy couldn’t help but laugh when he saw who the Seahawks’ Week 1 opponent would be.

After spending the first four seasons of his career with the Green Bay Packers, Lacy signed a one-year deal with Seattle in March. Now, a return trip to Lambeau Field serves as the first regular-season outing for Lacy with his new team.

“I thought I would be back there, I was there for four years and I thought it would continue,” Lacy said Thursday. “Sometimes it doesn’t work out like that. Sometimes a change of scenery isn’t bad.”

Lacy was Offensive Rookie of the Year in 2013 and earned a trip to the Pro Bowl after rushing for 1,178 yards and 11 touchdowns for the Packers. His first downs in Green Bay was derailed due to an ankle injury that ended his season after just five games.

“We have to recognize Eddie was an excellent, excellent player for us for three years there and it is unfortunate that you don’t get to continue on



AP Photo/Elaine Thompson

Seattle Seahawks running back Eddie Lacy rushes against the Kansas City Chiefs during the first half of an NFL football preseason game in August. Lacy faces his former team in Green Bay on Sunday.

with your own guys and that is usually the way we go forward,” Packers head coach Mike McCarthy said. “He made a decision that he felt like he needed to make, so I just hope he is doing great off the field and we look forward to competing against him on Sunday.”

Seattle went after Lacy in free agency because the team wanted to add a bruising running back. While

Lacy probably won’t replicate what Marshawn Lynch did, Seattle hopes his ability to break tackles and wear a defense down will pay dividends. While the Packers had concerns about Lacy’s weight, he was ultimately having a very successful start to the season before the ankle injury. Lacy rushed for 360 yards in five games and had a career-best 5.1 yards per attempt.

UP NEXT: SEAHAWKS

• Seattle Seahawks (0-0)
 at Green Bay Packers (0-0)
 • Sunday, 1:25 p.m. TV: FOX

The Seahawks added weight clauses to his contract, which he’s apparently cleared at every check point. Lacy gained 51 yards on 14 carries in limited action during the preseason.

“He’s ready. He’s had a great run with us getting to this point. He’s done everything we have asked of him, for weeks and weeks now,” head coach Pete Carroll said.

“We’ve seen him for years. We know what kind of player he is, so he’s had enough glimpses of the look in preseason that you can see him get to rumbling with the football. We’re fired up about him playing and he’s ready for a full load.”

Lacy said he’s spent the last few days contemplating whether he would attempt a “Lambeau Leap” if he managed to find the end zone against his former team.

“Part of me wants to but I don’t want to get pushed down,” Lacy said. “I don’t know how the crowd will react to that. Maybe I can find a small patch of Seahawks fans and do it there, but I’ve thought about it.”