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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Astoria tops Cottage Grove

McMINNVILLE — The Astoria and Cottage Grove girls soccer teams met at McMinnville Saturday for a nonleague game, and the Lady Fishermen improved to 2-1 overall with a 2-0 win over the Lions.

After a scoreless first half, Astoria freshman Haley Kelley scored off a corner kick; and the first-year player struck again later, converting a penalty kick after the Fishermen were fouled in the penalty area.

With a few injured players currently out of the lineup, the Fishermen have seven days off before hosting Estacada Saturday.

Tigers blank the Gulls, 14-0

CLATSKANIE — The Clatskanie Tigers scored a big victory Friday night on their home field, where the Class 3A team earned a 14-0 win over Seaside.

Clatskanie's J'Kari Combs caught a pair of touchdown passes in the second quarter for all the scoring, while the Tiger defense tossed a shutout at the Gulls, who were coming off a 47-13 win over Newport the week before.

Combs scored his first touchdown on a 68-yard toss from Cooper Blodgett, then caught a 5-yard TD pass from Blodgett before halftime.

Seaside's Alex Teubner rushed for 145 yards on 15 carries, and led the Gulls with seven tackles on defense. Quarterback Payton Westerholm was 5-for-12 passing for 61 yards, while Clatskanie running back James Helmen rushed for 71 yards on 16 carries.

The Gulls host Yamhill-Carlton Friday in Seaside's home opener at Broadway Field.

Naselle scores first win

NASELLE, Wash. — Naselle was scoring at will Friday night at home in a 50-8 win over Rainier Christian.

The Comets led 38-0 by halftime, scoring on runs, passes and a punt return.

Erik Lund scored on a 15-yard run and later caught one of three touchdown passes from quarterback Cole Dorman, while Fa'oso Tutu'u sprinted 51 yards for a touchdown and Donny Edwards returned a punt 51 yards for another score.

The Comets improve to 1-1.

Toledo downs Ilwaco, 35-7

ILWACO, Wash. — One week after rolling up 466 yards in total offense, Ilwaco was held to just 150 Friday night at home, as Toledo built a 28-0 first half lead on its way to a 35-7 win over the Fishermen.

Ilwaco's lone score came with one second left in the second quarter, a 4-yard pass from Ethan Personius to Trent Ramsey.

It was Toledo's fifth win over Ilwaco in the last two years.

Vernonia defeats Warriors

VERNONIA — After seven straight Warrenton wins over Vernonia from 2008 to 2014, the Loggers have now won three in a row against the Warriors.

Vernonia defeated Warrenton Friday night 26-8 in a nonleague football game at Vernonia.

The Warriors return home to face Neah-Kah-Nie Friday.

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Photos by Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian
 Andrew Schauermann takes the game-winning field goal kick for the Astoria Fishermen during Friday's home opener versus Gladstone with no time left on the clock.

Astoria grabs 3-0 victory from Gladstone

By GARY HENLEY
The Daily Astorian

The scoring summary for Friday night's football game at CMH Field was short and simple: "Andrew Schauermann 20 FG."

And that was it.

The Astoria Fishermen put the game into the hands (and foot) of their all-league senior placekicker, and — despite two earlier misses — Schauermann came through on the very final play of regulation.

The senior, whose last name is more synonymous with Astoria soccer, booted a 20-yard field goal to give the Fishermen a 3-0 win over Gladstone.

Schauermann's kick sailed through the uprights as time expired, and Astoria celebrated its third win over Gladstone in two years.

The game was a far cry from last year's preseason game vs. the Gladiators, won by the Fishermen 49-42. And Astoria had no trouble in defeating Gladstone in a first round state playoff game Nov. 5 at CMH, 48-14.

The points were just hard to come by in Friday's rematch.

"That's what happens when two teams play each other three times in 12 months," said Astoria coach Howard Rub. "We've felt from the beginning that (Schauermann) is going to be a difference-maker for us."

In addition, "I was really pleased with how our defense played against a tough, physical offense," he said. "It was more of the solid job we did with our red zone defense, as opposed to not scoring in our red zone offense. It felt like we only ran five offensive plays the first quarter and a half."

Gladstone was also not without scoring opportunities. The Gladiators had forced two turnovers the first two times the Fishermen even touched the ball, on a fumbled punt and later an interception on the first play from scrimmage for the Astoria offense.

The Gladiators began their second drive at the Fishermen 16, but Astoria stuffed a running



Tristin Wallace tosses a pass for the Astoria Fishermen during Friday's game versus Gladstone.

play on fourth-and-one to end the drive.

An interception on the very next play gave Gladstone the ball at the Astoria 34, but that drive ended when Astoria's Ian Hunt intercepted a pass in the end zone.

Late in the second quarter, Gladstone's Damian Alvarado broke away for a 25-yard run before he was tackled by Justin Villa at the Fishermen 4-yard line. Villa's touchdown-saving tackle was the play of the night, because on the very next play, Astoria recovered the first of two fumbles by the Gladiators.

Even more surprising was Astoria's scoreless game through three quarters.

The Fishermen lost two fumbles, failed on a couple of fourth down conversions, and Schauermann missed on field goal attempts of 48 and 32 yards in the second half. Gladstone's Josiah Wachlin missed a 33-yard attempt in the third quarter.

The numbers across the board were fairly even, in total offense (Gladstone 246, Astoria 243); first downs (Gladstone 14, Astoria 13); and turnovers (three apiece).

The big difference? Penalty flags.

When the Fishermen weren't helping themselves with big defensive plays, the Gladiators were helping the Fishermen. Gladstone was penalized nine times for 102 yards.

That included three crucial roughing the

UP NEXT: FISHERMEN

- Philomath Warriors (1-1) at Astoria Fishermen (1-1)
- Friday, 7 p.m.

passer calls, the final coming on Astoria's biggest offensive play of the game.

Facing a third-and-21 from their own 30 with just under three minutes left, Astoria quarterback Tristin Wallace found Trey Hageman down the left sideline for 29 yards and a first down. The officials tacked on 15 for a roughing the passer penalty, moving the ball to the 26.

The Fishermen ran six straight running plays to the Gladstone 3, where — after Astoria's final time out and two more time outs by the Gladiators with four seconds left — Schauermann kicked the 20-yard field goal from the left hash mark as time ran out.

"It was about as exciting as a 3-0 game can be, from a fan's standpoint. I can't recall a game like that in my time here," said Rub, Astoria's coach since 1999.

"(The Gladiators) had a few big plays, and that's on us (the coaching staff) to establish some depth. Tyler Ranta, Justin Villa and Trey Hageman barely came off the field.

"Justin's saving touchdown tackle was huge," he said. "Those kind of plays make the difference. And then the 3rd-and-21 was a play that we had to make, a great timing throw from Tristin to Trey, and of course the late hit adding yards was big, too."

And the win only bodes well for Astoria's near future, as the Fishermen started 10 juniors on offense Friday.

In looking at the big picture, Rub said, "it's a healthy thing to be involved in a game like this. Our games with North Bend and Gladstone are against teams that will probably finish first or second in their league, so it's helping us prepare for league play."

Astoria hosts Philomath Friday at CMH Field.

Another shutout win for Knappa Loggers

The Daily Astorian

TOLEDO — Two games, 93 points, two shutout victories.

The Knappa Loggers are right on pace, two weeks into the 2017 football season.

Knappa scored another easy nonleague win Friday night, this time by a 52-0 count at Toledo.

The Loggers are now 2-0 overall, and their defense has still not given up a point.

It all adds up to a No. 10 rating in the latest OSAA rankings, as Knappa continues its climb towards the No. 1 spot.

"We're playing good team football," said Knappa coach Aaron Barendse. "The kids have really bought in to our 'All In' motto. Our seniors are doing a great job teaching the young guys and building their confidence."

"It's become a family," he added. "I couldn't be prouder of this group. Our O- and D-line played fantastic and our corners were very physical, which took away their short passing game and outside run. We have some things to work on, but I'm confident the kids will continue to work to try and reach the goals they've set this season."



Krissy Barendse-Goodman/For The Daily Astorian
 Knappa quarterback Kaleb Miller picks up yardage on a scramble in the Loggers' win Friday.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE		1-12, Hill 1-7.
TODAY		
Volleyball	— Rainier at Warrenton, 6 p.m.	Astoria Statistics Rushing: Ranta 17-103, Wallace 16-69, Long 1(-1), Villa 1(-5). Passing: Wallace 6-13-77-1. Receiving: Hageman 2-28, Villa 2-23, Johnson 1-20, Matteucci 1-6.
Boys Soccer	— Astoria at Catlin Gabel, 4:15 p.m.	Clatskanie 14, Seaside 0 Seaside 0 0 0 0—0 Clatskanie 0 14 0 0—14
TUESDAY		
Volleyball	— Valley Catholic at Astoria, 7 p.m.; Scappoose at Seaside, 7 p.m.; Nestucca at Knappa, 5:30 p.m.	Second Quarter Cla: J'kari Combs 68 pass from Cooper Blodgett (kick failed) Cla: Combs 5 pass from Blodgett (Blodgett run)
Girls Soccer	— Seaside at Molalla, 6 p.m.	Seaside Statistics Rushing: Teubner 15-145, Ramirez 5-17, Thompson 4-11, Landwehr 2-2, Westerholm 1(-12). Passing: Westerholm 5-12-61-1. Receiving: Johnson 2-4, Landwehr 1-27, Card 1-17, Blanchard 1-13.
Boys Soccer	— Molalla at Seaside, 7 p.m.	Clatskanie Leaders Rushing: Helmen 16-71. Passing: Co.Blodgett 5-9-86-0. Receiving: Combs 2-75.
FOOTBALL		
Astoria 3, Gladstone 0	Gladstone 0 0 0 0—0	
Astoria 0 0 0 3—3		
Fourth Quarter		
Ast: Andrew Schauermann 20 FG (0:00)		
Gladstone Statistics		
Rushing: Alvarado 12-74, Farris 16-54, Hill 1-29, Boyd 4-16, Kuhn 6-15, Meyer 3-5. Passing: Meyer 5-8-53-1. Receiving: Penn 3-34, Farris		