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Columbians slip past Warriors

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WARRENTON — The Warrenton Warriors had their moments Monday night ... the Rainier Columbians just had more.

In a much-anticipated Lewis & Clark League volleyball match, the Warriors and Columbians were indeed competitive for much of the evening.

But too many Rainier rallies and too much Breana Edwards were too much for Warrenton to deal with, as Rainier left town with a three-game sweep, 25-17, 25-16 and 25-20.

The Warriors held leads in all three games, including 4-0 and 16-15 in Game 2, and 19-14 in Game 3.

The Columbians always had an answer, however, usually in the form of Edwards.

The big senior middle blocker/outside hitter is unstoppable when her teammates are able to set her, and even when they don't.

Edwards was pounding kills, tapping the ball into the open spaces on the floor, and blocking Warrenton hits in every game.

Her two straight service aces helped Rainier pull away in Game 1, in which the Warriors had rallied to within 16-14.

The Columbians finished the first game with a 5-1 run, then topped that in Game 2.

Trailing 16-15, Rainier tied the game on a kill by Edwards, who added a block on Warrenton's Elly Blodgett, followed by two ace serves from Shaleya Naakahiki-Teves.

Before they knew it, the Columbians had reeled off 10 straight points to win the game, 25-16.

Warrenton's best chance came in Game 3.

Trailing 12-8, Warrior junior Morgan Blodgett scored a big block on Edwards for a point, then delivered three straight ace serves to highlight a 9-0 run for a 17-12 Warrenton lead.

But Rainier rallied one last time, as Edwards had back-to-back kills to spark an 8-0 run for the Columbians, who turned a 20-17 deficit into a 25-17 victory.

Warrenton hosts De La Salle Wednesday.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

Volleyball — Valley Catholic at Astoria, 7 p.m.; Scappoose at Seaside, 7 p.m.; Nestucca at Knappa, 5:30 p.m.

Girls Soccer — Seaside at Molalla, 6 p.m.

Boys Soccer — Molalla at Seaside, 7 p.m.

FOOTBALL

Toledo 35, Ilwaco 7

Toledo 14 14 7 0—35
 Ilwaco 0 7 0 0—7

First Quarter

T: Ethan Buck 40 run (Andreas Malunat kick) 9:36

T: Keyton Wallace 3 run (Malunat kick) 3:24

Second Quarter

T: Fano Arceo-Hansen 40 pass from Gannon Madill (Malunat kick) 11:52

T: Colby Cherrington 2 run (Malunat kick) 6:16

Ilw: Trent Ramsey 4 pass from Ethan Personius (Jorge Galvan kick) :01

Third Quarter

T: Madill 43 int. return (Malunat kick) 4:47

Ilwaco Statistics

Rushing: McMullen 10-49, Cox 4-25, Chetwood 3-16, Duke 8-7, Personius 5(-2). **Passing:** Personius 5-12-50-2, Kaech 1-2-70. **Receiving:** Kaino 4-35, McMullen 1-12, Te.Ramsey 1-8, Tr.Ramsey 1-4.

Naselle 50, Rainier Christian 8

Rainier C. 0 0 0 8—8
 Naselle 16 22 6 6—50

N: Erik Lund 15 run (Jacob Eaton from Cole Dorman)

N: Ethan Lindstrom 18 pass from Dorman (Dorman run)

N: Lund 2 pass from Dorman (Oggie Lopez run)

N: Fa'aofo Tutu'u 51 run (run failed)

N: Donny Edwards 51 punt return (Eaton from Dorman)

N: Eaton 25 pass from Dorman (run failed)

N: Daniel Holt 1 run (run failed)

RC: Ian Neveu pass from Landen Bruce (Bruce run)

Friday Night Finals

Banks 55, Stayton 21
 Tillamook 13, Junction City 7
 Valley Cath. 27, Yamhill-Carlton 10
 Gervais 68, Portland Christian 20
 Rainier 46, Umatilla 14
 Central Linn 43, Gaston 13
 Neah-Kah-Nie 58, Waldport 6
 Willamina 47, Nestucca 0



Seattle Mariners' Mitch Haniger reaches safely on a double ahead of the attempted tag by Texas Rangers second baseman Rougned Odor, left, in the first inning of a baseball game Monday in Arlington, Texas. AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez

Speedy DeShields helps pace Rangers in win over Mariners

Seattle loses 5-3

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Delino DeShields can make good things happen for the Texas Rangers with his small ball. The speedy outfielder also has a little pop in his bat.

DeShields homered after taking a speedier trip around the bases for an earlier run and the Rangers beat the Seattle Mariners 5-3 on Monday night in the opener of a four-game series matching teams still hoping to get one of the AL's two wild cards.

"I don't know where that came from," DeShields said of his no-doubt shot into the left-field seats in the fourth.

That homer came two innings after DeShields reached on a one-out bunt single, when he was initially called out before a replay challenge overturned the call. DeShields then raced home from first on Shin-Soo Choo's two-run double that made it 4-1, running through a fill-in third-base coach's stop sign and scoring on a nifty headfirst slide.

UP NEXT: MARINERS

• Seattle Mariners (71-73)
 at Texas Rangers (72-71)
 • Today, 5:05 p.m. TV: RTNW

"It's hard to stop a race car," manager Jeff Banister said. "We talk about D all the time, and just the excitement of the speed. ... He jump-starts this offense, he gets us going."

Jason Wood, the Rangers' Triple-A manager, coached third base with Tony Beasley out to deal with a personal matter. But the Rangers said it wasn't a health issue for Beasley, who was limited last season while undergoing treatment for rectal cancer.

DeShields said he was intent on scoring when Choo's ball went into the left-center gap. His head was down when rounding third base.

"As soon as I looked up, he was giving me the stop sign, but there was no stopping," DeShields said. "I was full throttle right there."

Cole Hamels (10-3) struck out seven in six innings to win for the first time in his last four starts.

Alex Claudio worked a perfect ninth to get his eighth save in 12 chances for the Rangers (72-71), who got within two games of idle Minnesota for the American League's second wild-card spot. Seattle (71-73) is 3 1/2 games back.

Kyle Seager and Mitch Haniger homered for Seattle. Seager led off the second with his 23rd homer and Haniger, who had three hits and finished a triple shy of the cycle, had a two-run shot in the third.

Mariners starter Ariel Miranda (8-7) allowed gave up six hits and walked three in only 1 2-3 innings. It was the lefty's 29th start this season.

"Miranda has taken the ball every time out there for us. He just didn't have much in the tank at all tonight," manager Scott Servais said. "He's running on fumes right now. Again, I appreciate how he competes and how he goes out there. There are certain nights he just didn't have it."

Trainer's room

OF Jarrod Dyson, whose 28 stolen bases were tied for third in the American League, is done for the season. He will have surgery to repair something similar to a groin injury. He hasn't played since Sept. 2.

Arena group proposing rapid construction timeline in Seattle

Ready within three years

By **TIM BOOTH**
Associated Press

SEATTLE — A proposal to remodel KeyArena now has an ambitious timeline that could have it ready to house a professional franchise within three years.

The timeline was laid out in a proposed memorandum of understanding between Seattle and Oak View Group. The MOU will be presented to the Seattle City Council on Tuesday but the final version of the agreement won't be voted on until the first week of December at the earliest.

Still, the draft agreement is a significant step in the process of redeveloping the city-owned building through a privately financed project that officials believe will finally lure the NHL or NBA — or both — to Seattle. KeyArena housed the NBA's SuperSonics until they relocated to Oklahoma City and became the Thunder. Oak View Group believes it can have the building ready by October 2020 if environmental approvals are obtained

and demolition can start in October 2018.

"I think the most important part of this MOU is the fact it states very clearly to the leagues that this project is going to happen, we do have a deal with the city, they can make a deal. They are very focused ultimately not only on building a new arena here and giving us the partnership and certainty in order to do that," OVG CEO Tim Leiweke said.

"But more importantly it sends a very strong message now to the NBA and to the NHL that everyone worried about, 'Yeah will it ever get done with the city? Will they ever be able to get to the finish line? Will you ever possibly get this deal done within the politics of Seattle and the Seattle process as everyone likes to call it?'" Leiweke said. "Guess what? Game, set and match. We clearly send a message to everyone that this will get done, this will get built and we are ready now to go get one and hopefully soon, two teams."

The timeframe is sure to attract attention, including from the NHL. OVG has not hidden its intentions to be aggressive in an attempt to obtain an NHL expansion franchise soon

after the arena agreement is finalized. Likewise, the NHL has not hidden its interest in Seattle, the No. 14 media market in the country and the only market in the top 25 that does not have an NBA or NHL team.

OVG has lined up billionaire David Bonderman and filmmaker Jerry Bruckheimer as the lead owners for a potential NHL franchise.

"From our standpoint, this timeline is geared toward what we believe is the optimal timeline in order to begin to get a team or two for Seattle," Leiweke said.

The project is expected to total about \$600 million and Oak View is also on the hook for another \$40 million to help improve transportation in the area around Seattle Center. They are also responsible for regular facility upgrades for the life of the 39-year lease agreement. Should those upgrade requirements be met, there are two eight-year lease extensions that will be activated, and carry the entire life of the lease agreement to 55 years.

In all, OVG is liable for about \$168 million in capital investment upgrades on the facility during the life of the lease.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Eagles blank the Fishermen, 8-0

The Daily Astorian

PORTLAND — In a now-annual nonleague game between the Catlin Gabel and Astoria boys soccer teams, the Eagles beat the Fishermen for the fourth straight year.

Following wins in 2014 (6-0), 2015 (5-0) and 2016 (7-1), Catlin Gabel scored an 8-0 victory over the Fishermen Monday in Portland.

It was the first loss of the season for Astoria (2-1 overall), which continues a string of five straight road games Saturday at Estacada.

The Fishermen open Cowapa League play next week with games at Valley Catholic and Seaside.

