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Valiants win league opener at Astoria

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Astoria had the tough task of opening Cowapa League play against No. 3-ranked Valley Catholic Tuesday night at the Brick House, where the Valiants scored a three-game sweep, 25-14, 25-17, 25-21.

Still, “we got better with each game, and I was definitely pleased with how scrappy we were,” said Astoria coach Jessie Todd. “I was happy with our overall demeanor. The girls worked hard on trying to match up with Valley, which likes to run a lot of quick sets.”

Valley Catholic six-foot senior Lizzy Osborn “got her kills,” Todd said, “but I thought we did a good job of handling her for the most part.”

Astoria’s Corrin Howard finished with 38 digs, while Madi Landwehr and Darian Hageman each had three blocks.

In another Cowapa League opener Tuesday, Tillamook defeated Banks, 25-18, 17-25, 25-21, 10-25, 15-12.

The Lady Fishermen host Seaside Thursday.

Bobcats outlast Loggers in five

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KNAPPA — The action was hot Tuesday night in a Northwest League volleyball contest at Knappa, where the Loggers and Nestucca battled for five games.

The Bobcats ultimately got the victory, 19-25, 25-21, 18-25, 25-20, 15-8.

The Loggers led from start to finish in Game 1, but let Game 2 slip away as Nestucca rallied to even the match.

Knappa stormed back in the third game and “took care of business with the help of some excellent serving by K.K. (Kaitlyn Truax),” said Logger coach Jeff Kaul.

Knappa led 13-10 midway through Game 4, but Nestucca rallied to tie at 16-16. The Bobcats eventually won the back and forth battle to force a fifth game.

And some strong serving by the ‘Cats in Game 5 helped Nestucca pull off the road win.

The Loggers have a week off before playing at Faith Bible Sept. 19.

Lewis, Moss, Urlacher lead first-year HOF nominees

CANTON, Ohio — Star line-backers Ray Lewis and Brian Urlacher and game-breaking wide receiver Randy Moss are among 11 first-year eligible players for the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Also part of the 108 early nominees who are eligible for the first time, having been retired for five years when the class is chosen next February, are cornerback Ronde Barber, wideouts Donald Driver and Steve Smith (former Giant, Eagle and Ram), offensive linemen Steve Hutchinson, Matt Birk, and Jeff Saturday, and defensive linemen Richard Seymour and Kyle Vanden Bosch.

The roster of nominees consists of 53 offensive players, 38 defensive players, five special teams players and 12 coaches. Modern era nominees will be reduced to 25 semifinalists in November and, from there, to 15 finalists in January.

During Super Bowl week, 48 voters will discuss the finalists, plus senior nominees Robert Brazile and Jerry Kramer and contributors nominee Bobby Beathard. There is no set number for any class of enshrinees, though between four and eight new members will be selected.



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Diego Angulo, left in white jersey, puts a shot into the back of the net for the Seaside Seagulls.

Gulls dominate Molalla

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A Molalla defender heads the ball away from the Seagull offense.



Dodger Holmstedt, No. 33 on the right, heads the ball to a Seaside teammate.

SEASIDE — The Seaside boys soccer team took the field Tuesday night for their first game in almost two weeks, as smoky air caused by forest fires in the Columbia Gorge postponed a pair of games last week.

Those contests will be made up at a later date.

In the meantime, the 12-day layoff had no effect whatsoever on the Gulls, who ran circles around Molalla in a nonleague game at Broadway Field. Seaside scored a goal in the first half, then tacked on three in the second for a 4-0 win over the Indians.

They’re only two games into the season, but the Gulls (2-0) are quickly climbing the OSAA rankings, with Seaside moving into the seventh spot following Tuesday’s win.

The Gulls dominated the time of possession in Tuesday’s game against the Indians, a team Seaside beat last year, 2-1.

Still, the Gulls couldn’t find the back of the net until the 33rd minute.

Seaside freshman Westin Carter fired a shot from 25 yards out, directly in front of the goal. The ball struck the cross bar, and came down at the feet of senior Colton Carter. And Westin’s big brother had an easy slam dunk shot from close range for the game’s first goal.

The scoring came a little easier in the second half.

Colton Carter was fouled along the end line in the penalty area in the fourth minute, and converted the penalty kick for a 2-nil lead.

With 21:25 remaining, Seaside’s Chase Januik found a cutting Diego Angulo down the right side, and the freshman scored from 15 yards out to make it 3-0.

And Januik capped the scoring with an unassisted goal with 9:43 left, as he dribbled the ball down the left sideline, raced past Molalla defender Mauricio Rojas, and scored on a perfectly placed shot into the upper right of the net.

Seaside keeper Ashton Boyd picked up the shutout in goal, as the Gulls limited Molalla’s shot attempts for much of the night.

Seaside returns to action Thursday at Stayton, in a game that was postponed earlier.

Big shots by Gamel, Seager propel Mariners

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Kyle Seager put himself in some elite Seattle Mariners company with another big blast against Texas.

Seager and Ben Gamel both hit three-run homers to help power the Mariners to a 10-3 victory Tuesday night in a matchup of wild card hopefuls.

“We’ve been in some tight ball games, and haven’t quite been able to get over the hump,” Seager said. “So it’s nice to get a bunch of runs early and kind of let everything settle down.”

The Mariners led 7-1 after Seager went deep in the third for his 150th career home. He became only the third player to reach 150 homers with the Mariners before turning 30 —

joining Alex Rodriguez (696 career homers) and Hall of Fame outfielder Ken Griffey Jr. (630).

“That’s good names to be associated. I think they might have been slightly younger when they hit their 150th,” said the 29-year-old Seager, in his seventh season. “For me to stick in the big leagues I had to hit for more power. I wasn’t going to steal a bunch of bases.”

Seager’s 22 homers against the Rangers are his most against any team, and matched Mike Trout and Adam Lind for the most by an active player against Texas.

Texas (72-72) and Seattle (72-73) have split the first two games of their four-game series. The Rangers dropped three games behind Minnesota for the American League’s second wild card, while the Mariners remained 3 1/2 back after the Twins

also won.

Mariners manager Scott Servais felt his team, with 17 games left, responded well after a meeting before Tuesday’s game.

“I thought we did get after it,” Servais said. “It’s too late if you wait till there’s five or six games left so you’ve got to win them all. Our guys are focused.”

Marco Gonzales (1-1), traded from St. Louis to Seattle on July 21, got his first victory in six starts for Seattle. The lefty struck out six while allowing three runs over five innings, his longest outing this season.

Miguel Gonzalez (7-11), pulled after Seager’s homer, made his second start overall and first at home for the Rangers since being acquired Aug. 31 from the Chicago White Sox. He allowed seven runs and seven hits while recording only seven outs.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

Volleyball — De La Salle at Warrenton, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY

Volleyball — Seaside at Astoria, 7 p.m.

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

Boys Soccer — Seaside at Stayton, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY

Football — Philomath at Astoria, 7 p.m.; Yamhill-Carlton at Seaside, 7 p.m.; Neah-Kah-Nie at Warrenton, 7 p.m.; Knappa at Regis, 7 p.m.; Ilwaco at Kalama, 7 p.m.; Wishkah Valley at Naselle, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Volleyball — Vernonia Tournament, 9 a.m.

Girls Soccer — Estacada at Astoria, 3 p.m.

Boys Soccer — Astoria at Estacada, 3 p.m.

Cross Country — Astoria Alumni Meet, 11 a.m.; Seaside at Oregon City Invite, TBA