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## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Stayton Eagles defeat Seaside in boys soccer

The Daily Astorian

STAYTON — The Eagles were flying higher than the Seagulls Thursday night, in a nonleague boys soccer game at Stayton.

The Stayton Eagles rang up a 5-0 win over Seaside, which was coming off a 4-0 win over Molalla two night earlier.

In other action involving Cowapa League boys soccer Thursday, Corbett beat Banks, 5-0, Taft defeated Tillamook 2-0; and Valley Catholic edged Gladstone, 3-0.

No score was reported to the OSAA from Stayton at Seaside girls soccer.

### 'Run with the Fishermen' Saturday

The Daily Astorian

The Astoria cross country team will host its annual "Run with the Fishermen" event Saturday at Coffenbury Lake.

The event starts with a race at 5:30 p.m., followed by a potluck at Picnic Shelter A.

Astoria High School alumni and supporters are invited to join in the run or cheer on the current Fishermen cross country runners.

The scenic course is slightly less than three miles and follows the trail around Coffenbury Lake. For more information, contact Astoria coach Andrew Fick at 503-325-3911, afick@astoria.k12.or.us.



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Madi Landwehr, right, spikes the ball on the Seaside defense. The Lady Fishermen scored their first official league victory since 2015.

## Astoria volleyball back in the win column: 'It feels good'

By GARY HENLEY  
The Daily Astorian

If you're going to win your first Cowapa League match in almost two years, you might as well make it a victory over your rivals.

That's what the Astoria volleyball team accomplished Thursday night on their home floor, as the Lady Fishermen scored their first official league victory since 2015 ... and did it with a win over Seaside, 25-13, 24-26, 25-20, 25-23.

"It's a great feeling — it feels good to get a win," said Astoria coach Jessie Todd. "We were 0-10 last year, and this is my first league win as coach. It's a testament to how hard these girls are working. They come in and work hard every day, and I could not be prouder of them."

In a match that seemed destined to go five games, Astoria ended it in four, with the Gulls battling right to the finish.

The Lady Fishermen opened with an easy victory in Game 1, as Astoria senior Corrin Howard connected on eight straight serves for an 8-0 lead. Howard — who was on Seaside's junior varsity roster last year — finished with four aces.

Meanwhile, Astoria's lead reached 22-9,

before Julia Norris finished it with a kill off a block.

The Gulls turned the momentum their way in Game 2. An ace serve by Alyssia Gonzales helped Seaside reel off an 11-5 run to open the game.

Astoria rallied to force ties at 16, 17, 23 and 24, but the Lady Fish could never take the lead. After Norris set Madi Landwehr for a kill that tied the game at 24-24, the Gulls scored the next two points, with Anna Huddleston giving a back-set to Gonzales for a kill, and Jette Ideue aced the next serve for game point.

Astoria built a quick 6-1 lead in Game 3, but Seaside fought back, tied the game at 9-9 on an off-speed kill from Ideue, then took a 14-13 lead following an Astoria attack error.

But the Fishermen caught the momentum wave again and rode it all the way to the finish.

Landwehr served up a pair of aces to put Astoria up 17-14, Norris had back-to-back service aces to make it 22-17, and Howard finished it off with another ace for the win.

Landwehr finished with six ace serves, to with a team-high 12 kills.

The Gulls hurt themselves with missed serves in each game — four in Game 2, four in Game 3 and three in the fourth game.

Still, the Gulls led 19-16 in Game 4, follow-

ing kills by Tori Tomlin and Gonzales, and two points off long rallies.

Emy Kiser's ace made it 21-18 and the match appeared headed for a fifth game, but Astoria saved its best for last.

During a timeout, "I told them to keep the unforced errors down, and to get to their spots defensively," Todd said. "Most of all, we had the confidence that we could come back."

Chelsea Christensen took over at the service line, and with the help of a pair of sets by Norris that led to kills for Kes Sandstrom and Landwehr, Christensen served the Lady Fish into a 22-21 lead.

After the Gulls tied it at 22-22, Astoria took advantage of an attack error by the Gulls, and a kill from Darian Hageman. And another Seaside attack went into the net at match point, ending one long night.

And one long wait for the Lady Fishermen.

"We started off strong defensively, and (Howard's) serving gave us some confidence right away in the first game," Todd said. "That and our student section. They were really hyped up tonight and played a big part in this win."

In other Cowapa League volleyball action Thursday, Valley Catholic beat Banks, 27-25, 25-13, 25-18; and Tillamook defeated Scappoose, 15-25, 25-14, 25-20, 26-24.

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

#### TODAY

**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 Kalamia, 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

## M's beat Rangers as wild card race tightens

By SEAN SHAPIRO  
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Time is starting to run out in the AL wild card race.

The Seattle Mariners got a bit of a boost with the return of Felix Hernandez in a 10-4 victory over the Texas Rangers on Thursday night that extended a three-game win streak.

"After losing the first game of the series here, kind of regrouping, understanding where we were at was important," Seattle manager Scott Servais said. "I thought our urgency, our intensity level was right on point the last three nights."

Nelson Cruz went 4 for 4 with a home run and Kyle Seager hit a two-run homer as Seattle remained 3 1/2 games behind Minnesota for the second AL wild card with 15 games remaining.

"It's exciting to see everybody, not only with the patience that we go up there and battle," Cruz said. "It's nice to see everybody on the same page."

Texas entered the game one-half game behind Seattle in the wild card race and fielded a surprise lineup looking for a spark from injured veterans Adrian Beltre and Mike Napoli.

One night after making an unexpected appearance as a pinch hitter Beltre was batting fourth as the designated hitter. This was just two



AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez

Seattle Mariners' Mike Zunino follows through on an RBI single. The hit scored Nelson Cruz.

weeks after suffering a Grade 2 strain in his hamstring and he was expected to miss at least four weeks, likely the remainder of the season.

Beltre, who joined the 3,000-hit club this season, went 1 for 3 with a single and was replaced by a pinch runner in the seventh inning.

Napoli is dealing with a stress reaction in his lower right leg and is playing through pain. General manager Jon Daniels said Wednesday the Rangers would have to manage his playing time, but Napoli was in the lineup and playing first base Thursday. He went 0 for 2.

Texas departs on nine-game trip with its season on the line.

"We've been punched in the mouth," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said. "We're not out. We're going to play to the end."

Hernandez made his first start since being put on the disabled list with right shoulder bursitis on Aug. 5. He was on a pitch count and threw 54 pitches, allowing three hits and striking out three in 3 2/3 innings.

"It was good, man. It was fun," Hernandez said. "Didn't try to do too much, trying to get through 50 pitches, out there as long as I can."

## Seahawks hope they didn't spill too many secrets to 49ers

By TIM BOOTH  
Associated Press

SEATTLE — In recent seasons, Pete Carroll found himself in production meetings with John Lynch as the television commentator for those games sharing information about the opponent that week and the foundations of his football philosophy.

Carroll certainly didn't expect that sharing those kinds of details could come back to have an adverse effect someday — except when Lynch took the job as the general manager of Seattle's division rival, the San Francisco 49ers.

"I don't think there's any question, the way he went about finding his information and getting answers to things. He was in-depth beyond where most guys go. He wanted to know why and what were you thinking. Those kinds of things," Carroll said of those production meetings.

"I didn't really put it together. I thought he'd be doing 'Monday Night Football' or something. ... He was adding up his background and reservoir of information at the time. It makes sense it came out to get him a GM job."

Lynch may someday be able to use some of Carroll's wisdom in reconstructing the 49ers. For now, San Francisco is in another rebuild as it heads north to face Carroll's

Seahawks on Sunday.

Eventually Lynch may succeed in making San Francisco a contender again, but the opener showed just how far the 49ers have to go in a 23-3 loss to Carolina. And they will be trying to show improvement against one of the best defenses in the league.

"I don't think I can complement them enough," San Francisco QB Brian Hoyer said. "I think it's a great combination of scheme and players."

Seattle does have its issues to solve that were highlighted in the opening loss at Green Bay. The offensive line continues to be the biggest concern, as it was overwhelmed by Green Bay's defensive front, leaving quarterback Russell Wilson to scramble for safety and disrupting the Seahawks offense.

Take away Wilson's 40 yards rushing on two scrambles and a 30-yard run from rookie Chris Carson, and the Seahawks rushed for just 20 yards on 15 carries.

For a team that continues to say its offense is predicated by the run, those numbers aren't acceptable.

"Everyone has to be on the same page on offense for every play to work. Most of the time it was just one guy, one block and that's what kind of killed the play," Seattle guard Luke Joeckel said.