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SOCCER IN BRIEF

Lady Fishermen win second in a row, 3-1 over Tillamook

The Daily Astorian

TILLAMOOK — Another history-making win of sorts for the Astoria girls soccer team Tuesday night.

For the first time since 2012, the Lady Fishermen have now won two straight league games, with their 3-1 victory at Tillamook. The win followed Saturday's 2-0 win at Seaside.

And with the victory, Astoria (2-1) is now just one game out of first place in the Cowapa League standings, behind Scappoose (3-0).

Freshman Hayley Kelley converted a penalty kick for Astoria's first goal; Taileigh Cole scored to make it 2-0; and Sarah Lertora tacked on the third Fishermen goal on a free kick from 25 yards.

The Cheesemakers scored their only goal with seven minutes remaining.

Astoria (4-2-1 overall) will play for its third straight win Thursday, when the Fishermen host Banks (2-3-1).

No. 2-ranked Seaside Gulls defeat Valley Catholic

The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — With some help from their rivals up north, the No. 2-ranked Seaside Gulls are now all alone in first place atop the Cowapa League boys soccer standings.

While Astoria was knocking off previously unbeaten Tillamook (2-1), Seaside was defeating Valley Catholic, 2-1, Tuesday night at Broadway Field.

Colton Carter scored a pair of goals for Seaside — an open-field shot and a penalty kick — while the Valiants scored their goal on a penalty kick.

The Gulls improve to 2-0-1, ahead of Tillamook and Valley Catholic, both 2-1.

Seaside returns to action Thursday at Tillamook.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

Volleyball — Knappa at Vernonia, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Volleyball — Astoria at Valley Catholic, 7 p.m.; Seaside at Scappoose, 7 p.m.

Girls Soccer — Banks at Astoria, 6:30 p.m.; Tillamook at Seaside, 7:15 p.m.

Boys Soccer — Astoria at Banks, 4:15 p.m.; Seaside at Tillamook, 7:15 p.m.

FRIDAY

Football — Astoria at Seaside, 7 p.m.; Corbett at Warrenton, 7 p.m.; Knappa at Nestucca, 7 p.m.; South Bend at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.; Taholah at Naselle, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Cross Country — Nike Portland XC, 9 a.m.

Astoria spikers climb the state rankings with win at Scappoose

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The Astoria Lady Fishermen are right back in the running for a Cowapa League volleyball championship, following a five-game victory at Scappoose Tuesday, 23-25, 25-23, 21-25, 25-21, 15-9.

Once again, Astoria was one game

away from losing the match, before rallying for wins in Games 4 and 5.

Astoria — ranked ninth in the latest OSAA rankings — moves in to third place in the league standings at the midway point of the league season (3-2), while the Indians drop to 2-3. Valley Catholic holds down first place at 5-0, followed by Tillamook (4-1).

“It was a hard battle all night,” said Astoria coach Jessie Todd. “We really had to dig deep and push through the fourth and fifth games. We moved well, we adjusted some things defensively, and we had some hitters really come through for us. And we had some key blocks.”

Darian Hageman led the way with

five blocks, while Kes Sandstrom powered the offense with 18 kills, followed by Madi Landwehr with 12 kills and Julia Norris with 11.

Corinn Howard finished with 37 digs, and Hailey O'Brien added 34 for Astoria, which has a key Cowapa League showdown at Valley Catholic Thursday.



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Trevor Byrd, right, battles a Tillamook player for control of the ball during Astoria's soccer match on Tuesday.

Fishermen defeat defending league champ Tillamook 2-1

By **GARY HENLEY**
The Daily Astorian

Sparked by their recent tie at Seaside last week, the Astoria boys soccer team continued to play well Tuesday night at CMH Field, where the Fishermen knocked off defending league champion Tillamook, 2-1.

Astoria shut down Tillamook's controlled passing game, and Fishermen senior Cole Beeson scored a goal in each half to help Astoria improve to 1-1-1 in league.

The Cheesemakers had more shots on goal in the first half — four to one — with the Fishermen scoring on their lone shot on frame late

in the 16th minute.

With 23:05 left in the first half, a corner kick from Aldo Cruz was perfectly placed for Beeson, who headed the ball into the goal for a 1-nil lead.

The Fishermen attack picked up in the second half, along with the scoring opportunities.

A free kick by Beeson from 20 yards early in the half deflected hard off the crossbar, while a second Beeson attempt was saved by Tillamook keeper Alejandro Herrera.

Another Astoria shot by Christian Medina-Perez missed wide left.

Astoria's eventual game-winner was scored with 19:04 remaining, when Gustavo

Velazquez sent a ball up the right sideline to Jonathan Jimenez, who sent a pass up the middle to Beeson.

Beeson worked his way past two Tillamook defenders, and with Herrera out of the goal area challenging, it was an easy score for Beeson.

Tillamook sophomore Eve Hernandez scored the lone goal for the Cheesemakers on a free kick less than two minutes later, while Astoria goalkeeper Jake Hurd made the save on a Tillamook header from Luis Macias in the closing minutes to preserve the win.

Astoria (4-2-1 overall) plays at Banks (1-5) Thursday.

VOLLEYBALL

Warrenton defeats Riverdale, locks up playoff spot

The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — In a Lewis & Clark League volleyball match at Warrenton Tuesday, the Warriors swept past Riverdale, 25-18, 25-16, 25-17.

Warrenton improves to 4-3 in league play (second place in the

West Division of the L&C), and locks up a spot in the league playoffs. Riverdale drops to 2-4.

The Lady Warriors continue their home matches next week, with contests against Portland Adventist and Oregon Episcopal, Tuesday and Thursday, respectively.

Warrenton missed 11 serves on

the night, but Claire Bussert made up for it, serving 20-for-20 with five aces.

Elly Blodgett had four kills for the Warriors, as did Michelle Arney, with all four kills in the third game for the final four points. Arney also had three ace serves.

Warrenton may also regain the

services of middle blocker Fernanda Alvarez next week.

“Our next two games are key,” said Warrenton coach Staci Mieth. “We play PAA and OES, both at home. We are fighting with PAA for second in the West, and OES is our counterpart on the East side.”

VOLLEYBALL

Knappa Loggers sweep City Christian Lions

The Daily Astorian

KNAPPA — After a nonleague loss at Naselle last week, the Knappa volleyball team resumed Northwest League play Tuesday night at home, where the Lady Loggers cruised past City Christian, 25-15, 25-22, 25-18.

The Lions and Loggers were tied 12-12 in Game 1, before Knappa's Kaitlyn Truax connected on 10 straight serves, including four aces, for the victory.

City Christian held a 22-18 in Game 2, before Mack Strain served Knappa into a 22-22 tie. Paris Vandenberg took over from there, serving the Loggers to a two-game lead. The Lions also led in Game 3,

14-8, before Vandenberg connected on 12 straight serves, including two aces, that put Knappa in front 21-14.

Kourtney Tischer finished up at the service for the final points.

Truax, Vandenberg and Strain were a combined 44-for-46 on serves.

Vandenberg had 12 assists, eight digs and seven kills; Truax added eight kills and three blocks; and Jaden Mieth and Aiko Miller finished with 13 and 11 digs, respectively.

Knappa coach Jeff Kaul called it a “very strong showing from both front row offense and back row defense tonight. Jaden had some awesome digs for some incredible saves and Sophia, KK (Truax), and Mack were all hitting hard tonight.”

NFL's Amazon deal could be test for more streaming games

By **JOSH DUBOW**
Associated Press

Amazon begins its foray into live streaming of NFL games Thursday night when it will air a matchup between the Chicago Bears and Green Bay Packers on its Prime Video service.

It's another option to the traditional broadcasts on CBS and the NFL Network. Amazon will stream 10 Thursday night games and one Christmas game this season, and the success of those transmissions could determine how quickly the NFL is ready to offer one of its packages exclusively to a streaming company.

The NFL's Thursday night package is being carried jointly by CBS,



AP Photo/Ron Harris

Amazon Fire TV is a product for streaming popular video services, apps and games in high-definition.

NBC, the NFL Network and Amazon this year, but the 2018 package will soon be up for bid. There could be substantial interest from companies like Twitter — which aired Thursday night games last year — Amazon, and potentially other tech behemoths

like Google, Apple or Facebook.

“I think there will be real interest by digital-first companies and digital-first platforms in distributing NFL games on an exclusive basis and more broadly that on the single-game experience we've done in the past,” said Hans Schroeder, the chief operating officer for NFL Media. “I think we're going to have some interesting options for us to look at and I think what we do with Amazon this year will be incredibly informative with how we make those decisions.”

Amazon is paying \$50 million for the rights to these games for its Prime Members, a marked increase from the \$10 million Twitter paid last year for 10 games.