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BOYS SOCCER

Gulls score three
second-half
goals to beat
Scappoose

SEASIDE — After a scoreless first half, the No. 3-ranked Seaside Gulls were unstoppable in the final 40 minutes, scoring three goals for a 3-0 win over Scappoose in a Cowapa League boys soccer game Thursday at Broadway Field.

Seaside improved to 5-0-1 in the Cowapa standings, ahead of Valley Catholic (4-1-1). The Gulls have key road games coming up next week at Astoria and Valley Catholic.

Seaside spent most of the second half on the Scappoose side of the field in Thursday's game.

Henry Chapman scored the first goal, a bullet shot from 40 yards out; and a score by Chase Januik made it 2-0.

The Gulls tacked on one more, Nataneal Conrad scoring with 15 minutes left.

VOLLEYBALL

Tillamook
escapes Astoria
with win

The No. 4-ranked Tillamook volleyball team backed up its state ranking with a four-game win at Astoria Thursday, 18-25, 25-22, 25-19, 25-22.

Astoria had a big night defensively and at the net, and opened with a win in Game 1.

But, "Tillamook is a solid team. They're ranked No. 4 for a reason," said Astoria coach Jessie Todd. "We fought hard, but just didn't get the win."

Chelsea Christensen and Madi Landwehr each had 12 kills for Astoria, while Kes Sandstrom added nine kills, with 22 digs and three blocks. Darian Hageman finished with four blocks, and Corrin Howard had 47 digs for the 10th-ranked Lady Fishermen, who return to league play next Wednesday at Banks.

In other Cowapa League volleyball action Thursday, Valley Catholic defeated Seaside, 25-11, 25-9, 25-15.

Oregon
Episcopal tops
Warrenton

WARRENTON — Oregon Episcopal defeated Warrenton in three games Thursday night on the Warriors' home floor, 25-18, 25-21, 25-18, in a Lewis & Clark League volleyball match.

"They have a really strong hitter," Warrenton coach Staci Mieth said of the Aardvarks, and "we weren't really ready for her. Additionally, our offense wasn't quite as effective."

The Warriors still served well, 52-for-56 for the night.

Michelle Arney was 11-for-11, Melia Kapua and Leah Durham were each 10-for-10, and Morgan Blodgett made all seven of her serves.

Elly Blodgett led the Warrenton offense with five kills.

The Warriors hit the road for two matches next week, at Portland Christian Monday and Rainier Thursday.

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SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY

Football — Tillamook at Astoria, 7 p.m.; Valley Catholic at Seaside, 7 p.m.; Warrenton at Blanchet Catholic, 7:30 p.m.; Knappa at Neah-Kah-Nie, 7 p.m.; Ilwaco at Raymond, 7 p.m.

Cross Country — Tillamook XC Invitational, 3 p.m.

SATURDAY

Volleyball — Columbia Christian at Knappa, 5:30 p.m.

Cross Country — Riverwalk Run, TBA



Photos by Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

Ivan Delacruz, center, clears the ball away from the Astoria Fishermen goal during Thursday's match against Valley Catholic.

Astoria, Valley Catholic
finish in 2-2 deadlock

By GARY HENLEY

The Daily Astorian

A resilient Valley Catholic team just wouldn't give up Thursday night at CMH Field.

The Valiants overcame deficits of 1-0 and 2-1, and scored a late goal to salvage a 2-2 tie with the Fishermen, in a key Cowapa League boys soccer showdown.

With hopes of catching Seaside atop the league standings, the Fishermen played a dominant first half against the Valiants, who had defeated Astoria 5-2 in the first meeting.

And it took Astoria less than two minutes to jump on the scoreboard in Thursday's meeting, as Aldo Cruz dropped a short pass to freshman Josh Condit, who outmaneuvered a pair of Valley Catholic defenders to score from close range past Valiant keeper Connor Matto, just one minute, 27 seconds into the game.

Unfortunately for the Fishermen, that was their only goal of the half, despite numerous fouls on the Valiants inside their own 30-yard line.

Matto made saves on a pair of free kicks by Cole Beeson, and made another stop on a free kick by Jonathan Jimenez.

At the other end of the field, Valley Catholic's Rylan Torres was wide right on an attempt with 14:00 left in the half, and a free kick by



Gustavo Velazquez shields the ball from a Valley Catholic defender for the Astoria Fishermen during Thursday's match.

Nicolas Tubito banged off the left post with 1:30 remaining.

The Valiants came out with a more aggressive offensive attack to start the second half, with three shots on goal to Astoria's one over the first 12 minutes.

Fishermen goalkeeper Jake Hurd made the save on all three Valiant shots, while Matto managed to knock down an Astoria shot-on-goal by Gustavo Velazquez, and later made saves on free kicks by Beeson.

The first goal of the second half belonged to the Valiants.

With 19:11 remaining in the game, Ethan Hough's crossing pass found teammate Jake Saito, whose low shot from 10 yards out found the back of the net for a 1-1 tie.

But less than two minutes later, the fouls caught up with the Valiants.

Astoria was fouled in the penalty area on a corner kick, and Jimenez converted the penalty kick to put the Fishermen back in front.

The final 17:55 was nearly a stalemate, but moments after a corner kick by the Valiants, a short crossing pass resulted in a goal off a header by Torres, with just 3:21 showing on the clock.

Condit nearly had a game-winner for the Fishermen, but his shot on goal in the closing seconds deflected off the left post.

Astoria hosts its third straight home game Tuesday, against No. 3-ranked Seaside. The two teams battled to a 2-2 tie in the previous Clatsop Clash, Sept. 23 at Seaside.

Are the Rams real? Seahawks to
find out in NFC West showdown

By GREG BEACHAM

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Rams are 3-1 for the second straight season. They even beat the Seattle Seahawks at the Coliseum during that start last year, but it quickly degenerated into a 4-12 fiasco of a homecoming.

Both the Rams and their opponents seem to think their current 3-1 record is no mirage. The latest visit from Seattle should tell them a whole lot more.

"It's very early in the season, four games in," Rams quarterback Jared Goff said. "We're happy with what we've done, but a lot of work to do and a long season ahead."

The Seahawks (2-2) revive this burgeoning West Coast rivalry on Sunday against coach Sean McVay's Rams, who are leading the NFL in scoring. That's a stunning turnaround for a team that had the NFL's worst offense for the past two seasons, and the long-time NFC West powerhouse up north has noticed.

"The schemes don't look so much different, but the production is just there," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said. "Their tempo is really good. It seems to have played into Jared's strengths. He had a great offseason. He had one of the great freshman-sophomore jumps that you can have."

While the Rams have new left tackle Andrew Whitworth and a revamped receiving corps, Seat-



AP Photo/John Froschauer

Seattle Seahawks running back Thomas Rawls (34) rushes against the San Francisco 49ers.

UP NEXT: SEAHAWKS

• Seattle Seahawks (2-2)
at Los Angeles Rams (3-1)
• Sunday, 1:05 p.m. TV: CBS

tle's veteran defense is even more impressed by Goff's improvements — and Todd Gurley's revitalization as one of the NFL's most productive running backs. The Seahawks didn't allow a touchdown by the Rams in their two meetings last season, but these Rams aren't the same pushovers, even if some things appear similar to cornerback Richard Sherman.

"Honestly, they look a lot the same," the Compton, California native said. "They're just executing. The O-line is blocking better. Gurley has got a lot more room to run."

Altuve ascends, NLDS
opens at Washington, LA

Associated Press

A look at what's happening around the majors today:

IN FULL SWING: Jose Altuve is off to a smashing start in the playoffs, hitting three home runs in Houston's 8-2 romp over Boston in the AL Division Series opener. The 5-foot-6 star tries to boost the Astros in the best-of-five matchup when Dallas Keuchel faces Red Sox lefty Drew Pomeranz at Minute Maid Park. Altuve, who led the majors in batting at .346 this year, became just the 10th player to hit three homers in a post-season game.

THEY'RE BACK: Kris Bryant, Anthony Rizzo and the World Series champion Chicago Cubs begin the playoffs when Kyle Hendricks faces Stephen Strasburg at Nationals Park. It remains to be seen how healthy Washington is — star slugger Bryce Harper returned slowly from a knee injury and there's still no definite word when Max Scherzer will pitch after hurting his hamstring last weekend.

START HIM UP: Clayton Kershaw is a three-time Cy Young Award winner, a five-time ERA champ and a seven-time All-Star. The lone blemish on his resume is his postseason mark — 4-7 with a 4.55 ERA in 18 games. The LA lefty opens the NL Division Series vs. Arizona at Dodger Stadium. Taijuan

Walker will make his playoff debut for the Diamondbacks after ace Zack Greinke started and 15-game winner Robbie Ray relieved in the wild-card win Wednesday over Colorado.

THE KLUBBER: Indians ace Corey Kluber starts Game 2 of the ALDS against the Yankees at Progressive Field, a day after Cleveland won the opener 4-0. The right-hander was 4-1 with a 1.83 ERA in six postseason starts last year, then went 18-4 with a 2.25 ERA this season. Kluber went 2-0 during the regular season against New York, but didn't face slugger Aaron Judge, who was slumping both times the teams met. Judge struck out all four times Thursday after homering in the AL wild-card win.

CC Sabathia starts for the Yankees — he spent eight seasons with the Indians, who drafted him in 1998 as a 17-year-old.

SUBBING: Outfielder Chris Young joins the Red Sox roster after designated hitter Eduardo Nunez was carried off the field with a knee injury in Game 1. Nunez pulled up running to first base on a ground-out in the first inning and fell to the ground. Nunez missed 19 of the last 20 regular-season games with what the team called a sore knee. Nunez was removed from the postseason roster and Young added in a switch approved by the commissioner's office.