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FOOTBALL

Blanchet
Catholic tops
Warrenton

The Daily Astorian

SALEM — Blanchet Catholic remained unbeaten with a 41-10 win Friday night over Warrenton, in a nonleague football game played at Willamette University's McCulloch Stadium.

The Cavaliers led 27-0 at half-time, and opened up a 41-0 lead in the third quarter with the help of an 82-yard interception return.

Warrenton scored twice in the fourth quarter — a 79-yard touchdown pass from Jacob Morrow to Giovanni Martinez, and a 36-yard field goal by Gabe Breitmeyer.

Morrow completed 7-of-18 passes for 133 yards, with Martinez catching three for 91 yards.

The Warriors had 16 first downs to Blanchet's 12, but Warrenton was penalized 13 times for 93 yards.

The No. 10-ranked Cavaliers improved to 6-0, while Warrenton finishes its nonleague season at 1-5. The Warriors open their three-game league season Friday vs. Rainier.

VOLLEYBALL

Portland
Christian sweeps
Warrenton

The Daily Astorian

PORTLAND — Warrenton hit the road for a little Monday Night Volleyball, in a Lewis & Clark League match at Portland Christian.

And the No. 10-ranked Royals scored a 25-12, 25-13, 25-9 sweep over the Warriors, who drop to 5-5 in league play.

Warrenton closes out the regular season Thursday at Rainier, before beginning the league playoffs, with times and locations to be announced.

SOCCER

Rain-soaked
field obstacle
for US reaching
World Cup

Associated Press

COUVA, Trinidad — The final path to the World Cup involved an unexpected water crossing for the United States.

Heavy rain on this Caribbean island 7½ miles off the coast of Venezuela left the center of Ato Boldon Stadium's field soggy, the flanks submerged and the encircling running track flooded. While the team's 10,000 pounds of equipment included 200 boots, 65 balls, 60 rain jackets and 30 cases of Powerade, a Bailey bridge was not in the inventory, so many American players were carried onto the field in an attempt to keep their feet somewhat dry for the final training session before today's match against Trinidad and Tobago.

"I saw the field and I just kind of giggled," star American midfielder Christian Pulisic said.

The Trinidad and Tobago Football Association said in a statement that water will be pumped off the track and "all parties are confident the game will be contested." It said the decision whether to use the field is up to the match commissioner, Hector Canchola of Mexico.

SCOREBOARD
PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY

Volleyball — Knappa at Neah-Kah-Nie, 5:30 p.m.

Boys Soccer — Seaside at Astoria, 5:30 p.m.

Girls Soccer — Seaside at Astoria, 7:15 p.m.

Cross Country — Bigfoot (NKN) Invitational, 4 p.m.



Oregon State head coach Gary Andersen watches from the sidelines against Washington in Corvallis.

AP Photo
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OREGON STATE AND
COACH ANDERSEN
AGREE TO PART WAYS

By RALPH D. RUSSO
Associated Press

Oregon State and coach Gary Andersen have mutually agreed to part ways, effective immediately, with the Beavers off to a 1-5 start.

The school announced the split in a news release Monday, two days after a 38-10 loss at Southern California. Oregon State did not have a victory against an FBS team this season.

"This was something that evolved between the both of us," athletic director Scott Barnes said.

He said the conversation with Andersen got to a point Sunday "where we made a final decision."

Cornerbacks coach Cory Hall was named interim coach. The Beavers face Colorado at home on Saturday.

"I'm going to give it my best, because in the end that's what the kids deserve," Hall said.

Oregon State says Andersen, 53, and the school "agreed to release each other from all future contract obligations and payments." Andersen's contract had been extended after last season and ran through the 2021 season. He was due to make \$2.65 million this season and had been fired without cause he would have been due about \$12 million.

UP NEXT: BEAVERS

- Colorado Buffaloes (3-3)
 at Oregon State Beavers (1-5)
- Saturday, 1 p.m. TV: PACN

"After many discussions with Scott, waiving my contract is the correct decision and enables the young men and the program to move forward and concentrate on the rest of this season," Andersen said in a statement. "Coaching is not about the mighty dollar. It is about teaching and putting young men in a position to succeed on and off the field. Success comes when all parties involved are moving in the same direction."

Barnes said the fact that Andersen waived his contract was testament to his character.

"That's just who Gary is. That's a statement of who the man is and his integrity and the honor with which he conducts his business," Barnes said. "At the end of the day, he felt that was an important piece to this, and obviously it creates a clear path."

Barnes said that there were no issues with health or anything that would warrant firing Andersen for cause.

Andersen was in his third season with the Beavers and the team appeared to be sliding backward this season after showing some progress in winning four games last year,

including a victory against rival Oregon that snapped an eight-game losing streak in the Civil War series for the Beavers.

Players reacted on social media, among them freshman receiver Isaiah Hodgins, who tweeted: "This one hurts."

During his tenure Andersen struggled to find a starting quarterback in the face of numerous injuries.

Darell Garretson started at the beginning of last season but he was knocked out by a broken ankle. Backup Conor Blount injured his knee, essentially thrusting Marcus McMartyon into the starting role for the Beavers' final six games.

The Beavers brought in community college transfer Jake Luton this season and he started before he sustained a thoracic spine fracture in a loss to Washington State.

Andersen finished 7-23 at Oregon State. "No better leader of young men... gave me the opportunity nobody else in the country would! Forever grateful for him!" Blount posted to Twitter.

Andersen came to Oregon State under unusual circumstances after he abruptly resigned as Wisconsin coach in December 2014 after two seasons in Madison. He went 19-7 with the Badgers, but parted ways with the program after becoming frustrated with some of Wisconsin's academic admissions policies and standards.

MLB PLAYOFFS



AP Photo/Nam Y. Huh

Fans celebrate after Game 3 of the National League Division Series baseball game against the Washington Nationals in Chicago. The Cubs won 2-1 to take a 2-1 lead in the series.

Cubs try to oust Nationals
in Game 4 of NLDS

Associated Press

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

WRIGLEY WREASY: Cubs fans are hoping to go wild as the World Series champions try to close out Washington in Game 4 of the NLDS. Rain is in the forecast and Jake Arrieta is set to start for Chicago — he hasn't pitched since lasting just three innings Sept. 26 after tweaking his hamstring three weeks earlier.

Tanner Roark starts for the Nationals with his team trailing 2-1. He is from Wilmington, Illinois, about 60 miles south of Chicago, and grew up rooting for the Cubs. He is 3-1 with a 3.24 ERA in five career games at Wrigley Field.

REST UP: Justin Verlander and the Astros earned a little extra rest by

beating Boston in four games of the AL Division Series. They'll now wait to see where they open the AL Championship Series on Friday, either at Cleveland or at home vs. the Yankees. Dallas Keuchel is lined up to start the opener for Houston. Verlander threw 40 pitches Monday in his first pro relief appearance, helping win Game 4 at Fenway Park.

CONFIDENT FARRELL: After a second straight early playoff exit, Red Sox manager John Farrell enters the offseason facing questions about his job security. Boston has won consecutive AL East titles — a first for the franchise — but hasn't been past the ALDS since winning the World Series in 2013, Farrell's first season. Farrell insisted Monday that he's the right man to get the Red Sox over this current postseason stumbling block.

Toppling troubling opponent
has Seahawks flying into bye

By TIM BOOTH
Associated Press



RENTON, Wash. — By toppling one of their more troubling opponents, the Seattle Seahawks went into their bye week on Monday back in control of the NFC West.

Yes, the Seahawks continue to have their own issues. But the 16-10 win over the Los Angeles Rams on Sunday followed what's been Seattle's blueprint early in this season — relying on a stifling defense that held the Rams 25 points below their season average while doing just enough on offense to get out of Los Angeles with a victory.

It was a significant early win. A loss to the Rams would have left Seattle (3-2) two games behind and with Los Angeles holding the tiebreaker. Instead, the Seahawks are tied for the division lead headed into their break.

"We were able to keep them from being effective in the ways they had been effective and we'll see how many times people hold them to 10 points," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said. "They started fast and got off to a real good roll and our guys rallied and came back and played three quarters of really great football and kept them down. They're good. They're doing a lot of really good stuff. It took us some special plays and good fortune."

Seattle slowed down the Rams by containing Todd Gurley. The do-everything running back for Los Angeles was held to 43 yards rushing and had just two catches for 7 yards.

Gurley was also at the center of

one of the biggest plays for Seattle when safety Earl Thomas chopped Gurley's arm just short of the goal line and forced a fumble that went off the pylon and became a touchback for Seattle. It happened on the first drive of the game and by the end was a massively important play.

Thomas made a similar play in a 2014 game against the Rams. The Seahawks have held four of their first five opponents under 20 points, the one outlier being a 33-27 loss at Tennessee.

"It's a phenomenal play. And what's really exciting is he's done it before. The picture is on the wall in the hallway down there," Carroll said, pointing toward the Seahawks locker room. "To watch the play and watch the absolute maximum intensity from the first step he took in chasing the football to making that play and to get it done with just a fraction of an inch ... it was because of his phenomenal will to stop that play."

Seattle will need to make changes on the offensive line when it returns from the bye. Starting left guard Luke Joeckel is scheduled to undergo arthroscopic surgery on his left knee later this week to clean up a lingering issue. Carroll said Joeckel has been able to play through the discomfort for the first five weeks but needs the surgery. Carroll said it's unlikely Joeckel would be able to return in time for the Oct. 22 game at the New York Giants.