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Seaside players try to maintain control of the ball in front of the Astoria net. More photos online at DailyAstorian.com/sports

CARTER SCORES TWICE IN GULLS' CLATSOP CLASH WIN

By **GARY HENLEY**
The Daily Astorian

Seaside shut down the Astoria attack, the league's Player of the Year (pending) scored two more goals, and the Gulls are one step closer to locking up the Cowapa League boys soccer title, following a 2-0 win Tuesday night over the Fishermen at CMH Field.

Seaside scored a goal in each half, while a strong defensive effort by the Gulls limited Astoria to just one shot on frame the entire night, in a dominating performance.

The No. 3-ranked Gulls improve to 6-0-1 in league play (8-1-1 overall), ahead of Valley Catholic (5-1-1) in the Cowapa standings. The Valiants host Seaside Friday, the first of three remaining league games.

"I'm either confidently optimistic or optimistically confident," said Seaside coach John Chapman. "But I was very pleased with how we played tonight. They didn't get any shots at all. Rafi Sibony did a solid job on Cole Beeson, and our whole midfield played well. Rafi, Irving (Peon) and Colton (Carter) all had great games."

The Gulls had a huge advantage in possession time, and spent most of the first half and a good part of the second half on Astoria's side of the field.

Fishermen keeper Jake Hurd made saves on two close-range Seaside shots in the opening minutes, while Peon had a couple of near misses.

The game's first goal came in the 18th minute, when Carter lined a left-footed shot into the upper left corner of the net, from the far post, 20 yards out.

Astoria's only shot in the first half was a free kick by Beeson from just outside the penalty area, but the ball sailed high over the cross bar.

Still, Hurd kept the game close, making saves on five Seaside attempts in the first half. The Gulls had nine shots total over the first 40 minutes.

It was much the same for the first 10 minutes of the second half, with Hurd making saves on attempts by Chase Januik, Carter, freshman Dodger Holmstedt and Henry Chapman.

The first real opportunity for a goal belonged to Astoria, following a foul in the penalty area in the 51st minute.

But, the penalty kick by Jonathan Jimenez was knocked down by a diving James Petite, who also made the stop on a follow-up attempt by Beeson.

"That was a brilliant save by James," Chapman said.

The game was more evenly played from there, although the Fishermen still did not have a shot over the final 23:20.

Seaside had five attempts in the last 21:30, but only one found the mark.

Carter — the two-time Cowapa League Player of the Year and frontrunner for this year's award — gained control of a ball on the right side, made a move along the end line, and scored from close range with 9:57 remaining.

All the signs are there for a strong Seaside finish, regular season and in the state playoffs.

"We're all healthy, and we have a few guys who are playing well off the bench, making it easier to substitute," Chapman said. "And we're not taking anything for granted. Three games left, and anything can happen."

Seaside is in third in the league standings at 3-4, followed by Astoria (2-3-2). The Fishermen play at Tillamook Friday.

Girls' Clatsop Clash ends in scoreless tie

The Daily Astorian

The score was reflective of the game Tuesday night at CMH Field, between the Seaside and Astoria girls soccer teams.

The Cowapa League Clatsop Clash ended in a 0-0 tie, as neither the Gulls nor the Lady Fishermen could gain an upper hand on offense, and both played solid defensive games.

It was the fourth scoreless tie between the two programs since 2013.

Seaside had the only shot attempts over the first 38 minutes — shots by Annaka Garhofer (wide left), Taylor Carson (save by Astoria keeper Lexi Law), Sonoma Moon and Chloe Bartel (both wide right).

An Astoria free kick by Sarah Lertora with two minutes left in the half was knocked down by Seaside goalkeeper Jessica Angulo-Joli, as was a follow-up by Haley Kelley.

The Lady Fishermen stepped up their offensive attack in the second half, resulting in a breakaway challenge in the 55th minute that Angulo-Joli was able to turn away.

That was followed by a succession of shots on goal from Astoria's Tailiegh Cole, with Angulo-Joli making saves on all three attempts.

An Andrea Harris-to-Cole pass play ended with Angulo-Joli's biggest save of the night, with 16:30 remaining.

Bryre Babbitt finished the game as the Seaside goalkeeper, when



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The Seaside defense prepares to pounce on an Astoria player during Tuesday's game.

Angulo-Joli was moved to a midfield position.

Other than a couple shot-on-goal attempts by Astoria and a challenge by Angulo-Joli that was stopped by Law, the final 10 minutes was a stale-

mate, with the two teams finishing in the scoreless tie.

With three games remaining, the Lady Fishermen remain in third in the league standings at 3-3-1, while Seaside is 1-5-1.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

VOLLEYBALL

Neah-Kah-Nie tops Knappa in three games

The Daily Astorian

ROCKAWAY BEACH — All three games were close, but Neah-Kah-Nie managed to sweep past Knappa Tuesday night, 25-22, 26-24, 29-27, in a Northwest League volleyball match.

After the Pirates won the first two games, the Lady Loggers trailed 13-3 in Game 3, before rallying to tie the game at 21-21. Neah-Kah-Nie was able to outlast Knappa for the sweep.

"The games were fast paced and a blast to watch," said Knappa coach Jeff Kaul.

While Jaden Miethe led Knappa's defensive effort with 30 digs, teammate Paris Vanderburg finished with 10 assists, nine kills and three blocks, to go with 18 digs.

Sophia Carlson added five kills for the Lady Loggers.

CROSS COUNTRY

Knappa runner wins league title

The Daily Astorian

ROCKAWAY BEACH — Neah-Kah-Nie was the host school for the Bigfoot Classic cross country meet Tuesday, with teams from the Northwest League scoring their league championship race in the same meet.

And while the Knappa boys did not field a complete team to place in the team standings, Knappa's Robert Pina-Morton won the individual title.

The sophomore ran the 5,000-meter course in 20 minutes, 29 seconds, to finish well ahead of Nestucca's Joe Wilkinson (20:58).

Vernonia won the team title with 42 points, followed by Nestucca (56), Faith Bible and Neah-Kah-Nie (61 apiece), and Delphian (122). Neah-Kah-Nie won the girls' team title, with no Knappa runners taking part.

In the Bigfoot Classic 5,000-meter girls' race, Warrenton junior Adriana Dejesus was the individual winner in 26:59, ahead of teammate Kaisa Liljenwall (second, 27:44). Jewell's Gabi Morales (29:27) was fourth.

On the boys' side, Jewell's Thomas Meehan placed fourth (21:45), just ahead of Warrenton's Forest Bigelow (fifth, 21:51) and Kale Moss (seventh, 22:44).

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY

Volleyball — Astoria at Banks, 7 p.m.; Seaside at Tillamook, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

Football — Astoria at Banks, 7 p.m.; Seaside at Tillamook, 7 p.m.; Volleyball — Warrenton at Rainier, 6 p.m.; Vernonia at Knappa, 6:30 p.m.

MLB

Red Sox fire manager Farrell after 2nd straight ALDS defeat

Associated Press

BOSTON — The Boston Red Sox fired manager John Farrell on Wednesday after the team's second straight loss in the AL Division Series.

The Red Sox announced the move less than 48 hours after they were eliminated from the playoffs with a 5-4 loss to the Houston Astros. Farrell's contract had been scheduled to run through the 2018 season.

Boston won back-to-back American League East titles for the first time in franchise history this season despite losing the bat of retired slugger David Ortiz.

US misses World Cup for 1st time since 1986 with loss

By **RONALD BLUM**
Associated Press

COUVA, Trinidad — Twenty-eight years after the United States ended a four-decade World Cup absence with a stunning victory at Trinidad, the Americans' chances for the 2018 tournament in Russia ended on this island nation off the coast of Venezuela in even more astonishing fashion.

Needing only a tie and confident of victory against the world's 99th-ranked

team, the U.S. was eliminated from World Cup contention Tuesday night with a 2-1 loss to Trinidad and Tobago that ended a run of seven straight American appearances at soccer's showcase.

"We let down an entire nation today," said defender Omar Gonzalez, whose 17th-minute own goal started the collapse.

Gonzalez casually tried to clear Alvin Jones' cross and sent it looping from 15 yards over the outstretched right arm of Tim Howard. Jones dou-

bled the deal in the 37th minute with a 35-yard strike.

Christian Pulisic, the Americas' rising 19-year-old star, scored in the 47th minute, giving the U.S. hope.

Clint Dempsey, at 34, entered to make it to a fourth World Cup, trying at the start of the second half and was denied by goalkeeper Adrian Foncette's leaping save in the 69th and hit a post from 22 yards in the 77th. Bobby Wood's header in the 88th was sent wide by Foncette.



AP Photo/Rebecca Blackwell

United States' Matt Besler squats on the pitch after losing 2-1 against Trinidad and Tobago.