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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Vernonia defeats Knappa to win Logger Clash

The Daily Astorian

KNAPPA — On Senior Night at Knappa, the visiting Vernonia Loggers topped the home Loggers in three games, 25-17, 25-23, 25-6, in Northwest League volleyball action.

Knappa falls to 2-8 in league play, with one match remaining, Saturday at City Christian (1-8). A Knappa win would put the Loggers into the league playoffs, which begin Oct. 20 at Vernonia. A City Christian win would force a sixth-place tie-breaker with Knappa, Tuesday at a neutral site.

In Thursday night's match, Knappa lost senior Kaitlyn Truax to an ankle injury in Game 1, but Knappa still held a lead throughout Game 2 before Vernonia rallied.

Knappa pushed its lead to 22-17, but Vernonia bounced back to tie at 23-23, then scored the next two points for the win.

Jaden Miethe had 25 digs to lead Knappa, and teammates Ressa Inman and Kourtney Tischer had four blocks apiece to spark the defense. Paris Vanderburg had three ace serves and five assists, and Sophia Carlson added four kills.

Trail Blazers radio announcer taking leave of absence

Associated Press

PORTLAND — Brian Wheeler, the longtime play-by-play radio voice of the Portland Trail Blazers, is taking a leave of absence effective immediately for undisclosed health reasons.

There is no timetable for Wheeler's return. He has been a radio announcer for the team for the past 19 seasons and last month signed a multi-year contract extension.

Taking over for Wheeler at the start of the NBA season will be Scott Lynn, a longtime fixture on Portland-area radio and television who relocated to Florida in 2014 and called games for the University of Tampa and Eckerd College.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY

Football — Rainier at Warrenton, 7 p.m.; Vernonia at Knappa, 7 p.m.; Willapa Valley at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.; Mary M. Knight at Naselle, 7 p.m.

Girls Soccer — Tillamook at Astoria, 7:15 p.m.; Valley Catholic at Seaside, 7 p.m.

Boys Soccer — Astoria at Tillamook, 7:15 p.m.; Seaside at Valley Catholic, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY

Volleyball — Seaside Tournament, 9 a.m.; Knappa at City Christian, 3:30 p.m.

Cross Country — George Fox Classic, 10 a.m.

FOOTBALL

Banks 41, Astoria 0
 Astoria 0 0 0 0-0
 Banks 21 7 6 7-41

First Quarter

B: Gunnar Partain 55 pass from Hayden Vandehey (Zachary Streblow kick)

B: Blaine Herb 54 pass from Vandehey (Streblow kick)

B: Josiah Ochoa 1 run (Streblow kick)

Second Quarter

B: Blake Gobel 10 pass from Vandehey (Streblow kick)

Third Quarter

B: Bennett Turner 2 pass from Vandehey (run failed)

Fourth Quarter

B: Tanner Shook 4 run (Streblow kick)

Seaside 54, Tillamook 23
 Seaside 14 21 13 6-54
 Tillamook 6 11 0 6-23

First Quarter

Sea: Gio Ramirez 15 run (Ramirez kick)
 Sea: Dawson Blanchard 27 pass from Payton Westerholm (Ramirez kick)
 Til: Austin Weeks 1 run (pass failed)

Second Quarter

Sea: Alex Teubner 5 run (Ramirez kick)
 Til: Tanner Richardson FG

Sea: Brayden Johnson 54 pass from Westerholm (kick failed)

Sea: Teubner 2 run (Johnson from Westerholm)

Til: Chris Silveira 60 pass from Chad Werner (2-point conversion good)

Third Quarter

Sea: Teubner 9 run (Ramirez kick)
 Sea: Duncan Thompson run (kick failed)

Fourth Quarter

Sea: Jake Black run (run failed)
 Til: Weeks run (run failed)

Gulls score victory at Tillamook

The Daily Astorian

TILLAMOOK — One week to play, and the Seaside Gulls are still alive for at least a share of the Cowapa League football title.

The Gulls locked up a state playoff spot with a routine 54-23 win at Tillamook Thursday, as ninth-ranked Seaside improves to 3-1 in league

play, tied with Banks for second behind Scappoose (4-0). The Gulls host the Braves next Friday, while Scappoose finishes at Astoria. Wins by Seaside and Astoria would put the Gulls into a first-place tie with Scappoose.

Seaside built a quick 14-0 lead in Thursday's game, on a 15-yard run by Gio Ramirez and a 28-yard pass

from Payton Westerholm to Dawson Blanchard.

The Gulls gave up their first points in three weeks, when Tillamook's Austin Weeks scored on a 1-yard run late in the first quarter.

Seaside broke the game open in the second period, which included two touchdown runs by Alex Teubner, and a 54-yard scoring pass from

Westerholm to Brayden Johnson.

Teubner scored his third touchdown in the third quarter, following by scoring runs from Duncan Thompson and Jake Black to cap Seaside's night.

After a 2-0 start to the season, the Cheesemakers (0-4 in league) have lost five straight, and close the season next Friday at Valley Catholic.



Astoria's Dylan Matteucci is tackled by a Banks player during Thursday's loss.

Wade Evanson/News-Times

Banks blanks Astoria, 41-0

The Daily Astorian

BANKS — The Banks Braves scored two touchdowns on their first three plays from scrimmage Thursday night, on their way to a 41-0 Cowapa League football win over Astoria at Kelly Field.

Coming off a 7-0 win over Tillamook, the Fishermen trailed 21-0 less than eight minutes into the game, and never recovered against the sixth-ranked Braves.

Junior quarterback Hayden Vandehey threw four touchdown passes, and the Braves kept the Fishermen out of the end zone, result-

UP NEXT: FISHERMEN

- Scappoose Indians (6-1) at Astoria Fishermen (4-3)
- Friday, Oct. 20, 7 p.m.

ing in Astoria's second shutout loss in league play.

Astoria wraps up the regular season next Friday at home vs. Scappoose, before the postseason regional play-in action begins.

Banks was on the scoreboard just seconds into Thursday's game, as Vandehey launched

a 55-yard touchdown pass to Gunnar Partain on a second down play.

The Fishermen went three-and-out on their first series, and the Braves struck quickly on their very next play from scrimmage, a 54-yard TD toss from Vandehey to Blaine Herb.

Banks scored again on its third series, a 1-yard run by Josiah Ochoa.

Astoria's defense toughened from there, allowing just a pair of scores in the second half. Fishermen senior Zac Patterson intercepted a pass in the end zone to stop one Banks drive.

Hall prepares to make his debut as head coach of Beavers

By ANNE M. PETERSON
Associated Press

When Gary Andersen abruptly left Oregon State earlier this week, he offered some advice to his interim successor.

"Be yourself," Andersen told Beavers cornerbacks coach Cory Hall.

And with that, Hall took over at Oregon State. The 40-year-old former assistant will make his head coaching debut on Saturday when the Beavers (1-5, 0-3) host Colorado (3-3, 0-3) at Reser Stadium.

"Just 'Be yourself,' that's exactly what he told me," Hall said. "'Be yourself and everything else will take care of itself.' He left me in good hands, he really did, and I have a lot to thank him for."

Oregon State announced Monday that the university and Andersen had agreed to part ways after a disappointing first half of the season. The Beavers did not have a victory over an FBS-level opponent.

Andersen 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.

"After many discussions with



Andy Cripe/The Corvallis Gazette-Times Oregon State interim football coach Cory Hall speaks at a news conference.

Scott (Barnes, athletic director), waiving my contract is the correct decision and enables the young men and the program to rest forward and concentrate on the move of this season," Andersen said in a statement released by the university.

Hall emphasized family in his first address to the team as head coach.

"We're a family. We are one big family and we're going to stay tight no matter what happens," Hall said he told the Beavers. "We're going to be competitive. We're going to do this for coach Andersen. We're going to do this for each other."

MLB PLAYOFFS

Yankees-Astros open ALCS, Cubs-Dodgers in NLCS

Associated Press

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

WILD REMATCH: Astros ace Dallas Keuchel opposes Yankees right-hander Masahiro Tanaka in the opener of their AL Championship Series at Minute Maid Park. It's a rematch of the 2015 wild-card game, when Keuchel dominated a lineup that included current New York regulars Brett Gardner, Chase Headley, Greg Bird and Didi Gregorius — that group was 2 for 9 with four strikeouts against Keuchel in a 3-0 loss. Keuchel also stumped the Yankees in a start this May, striking out nine with just an unearned run over six innings.

Tanaka had an up-and-down season but has been riding high of late. After finishing the regular season with a 15-strikeout game against Toronto, Tanaka pitched three-hit ball over seven innings in a 1-0 Game 3 win against Cleveland during the ALDS. The Japanese hurler with the nasty split-finger fastball has a 1.50 ERA over two career playoff starts.

DON'T JUDGE HIM: Yankees slugger Aaron Judge was out of whack in the AL Division

Series, going 1 for 20 and striking out a whopping 16 times vs. Cleveland. The rookie led the AL with 52 home runs this season and also topped the majors with 208 strikeouts.

Judge's slump brought to mind other severe playoff skids. Yankees star Robinson Cano went 3 for 40 in the 2012 postseason and was hitless in 29 straight at-bats. In 1995, big-hitting Reds outfielder Reggie Sanders struck out 19 times while going 4 for 29. Reigning NL MVP Kris Bryant fanned in six straight at-bats for the Cubs this week in the NLDS vs. Washington.

TAKE YOUR TIME: Dodgers star shortstop Corey Seager is getting over a sore back. He didn't practice during a workout at Dodger Stadium, two days before the NL Championship Series opener at home against the Chicago Cubs. The 23-year-old aggravated his back during the NLDS win over Arizona earlier this week. He's expected to be OK for Los Angeles in Game 1.

The Cubs beat Washington 9-8 in the deciding Game 5 of the NLDS late Thursday night. Chicago topped the Dodgers in six games last year in the NLCS.