

# SPORTS

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## Knappa wins Logger Bowl '17

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KNAPPA — The Knappa Loggers locked up a share of the Northwest League title Friday at home, with a 40-7 win over the Vernonia Loggers, in Logger Bowl '17.

Knappa (6-0 overall), takes a break from league play next Friday vs. Central Linn, and can wrap up yet another perfect league season Oct. 27 vs. Gaston. The Loggers will be heavily favored against the Greyhounds (1-5), and a win would give Knappa its third 4-0 league record in four years, and their fifth perfect league season since 2009.

More importantly, the No. 2-ranked Loggers should be home throughout the state playoffs.

Knappa opened up a 19-0 half-time lead in Friday's game, which included a Kaleb Miller run for a score, and a 65-yard touchdown pass from Miller to Reuben Cruz.

Mason Hoover, Cruz and Luke Goozee had second half touchdowns, as the lead reached 40-0.

"We faced adversity and battled through it," said Knappa coach Aaron Barendse. "Kaleb kept the guys together offensively with his calm demeanor and leadership. Reuben made some big plays for us, which gave us some spark in key moments."

Defensively, "the starting D pitched another shutout and the young guys that got in to finish the game did a great job of battling," he said. "Kanai (Phillip) had a great game. He shut down their top receiver and had a bunch of knocked down passes. He's really become our guy to cover the other teams' No. 1 receiver."

Hoover "continues to do the dirty work on D, and has been playing a huge roll for us at linebacker," he added. "Vernonia eventually scored but those young guys made them earn every yard. I am very proud of how they scrapped out there. I'm very proud of our kids and how they've been responding to adversity, etc. They never stay down and find a way to grind it out. These kids are going to be great members of whatever community they choose to reside in as adults. Great young men."



Photos by Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

Nic Pior, center wearing number 27, puts a big hit on the Rainier quarterback for the Warrenton Warriors during Friday's game.

## Rainier tops Warrenton with long-distance scores

By GARY HENLEY  
The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — The Warrenton Warriors were riding the "Upset Express" through one quarter of Friday night's football game with the mighty Rainier Columbians.

But, Rainier is a perennial top 10 team for a reason. And the No. 5-ranked Columbians showed it, rallying from a 7-6 deficit after the first quarter for a 56-7 win over the Warriors.

The game was the first in two years between the two rivals, after Warrenton forfeited last year's meeting at Rainier.

With an offense that struggled out of the gate in Friday's game, the Columbians derailed Warrenton's upset hopes with a couple of special teams plays.

Rainier junior quarterback Joey Tripp — who owned the night — opened the scoring with a 61-yard punt return for a quick 6-0 Columbians' lead.

The Warriors followed with their best drive of the evening, a nine-play, 56-yard march, capped by Jake Morrow's 24-yard touchdown pass to Gio Martinez. Gabe Breitmeyer made the extra point for Warrenton's only lead of the night.



Logan Fischer reaches for more yards for the Warrenton Warriors as he is tackled by a Rainier player during Friday's game.

### UP NEXT: WARRIORS

- Warrenton Warriors (1-6) at Portland Christian/Columbia Christian (0-6)
- Friday, 7 p.m.

Warrior senior Preston Miller intercepted a Tripp pass moments later, but the Warriors

were unable to capitalize.

Following a couple of scoreless possessions, Rainier's Jacob Bruce put the Columbians ahead to stay with a 64-yard punt return early in the second quarter.

That would be the second of six Rainier touchdowns that covered 45 or more yards.

After the punt return by Bruce, the Columbians recovered an onside kick, and Bruce was back in the end zone two plays later, on a 49-yard scoring run.

Tripp added TD runs of 45 and 53 yards in the final 6:23 of the first half, for a 36-7 half-time lead.

Tripp rushed for 147 yards and four touchdowns on just five carries (29.4 yards per run), and completed 8-of-14 passes for 159 yards and two TD passes, as he accounted for six touchdowns.

Logan Fischer gained 93 yards rushing on 29 carries for the Warriors, while Morrow was 5-of-16 passing for 70 yards, which included a diving, 30-completion by Preston Miller late in the game.

Miller and Morrow intercepted passes for the Warriors, while Peyton Reed and Dawson Carr picked off passes for Rainier.

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SCHEDULE

#### TUESDAY

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

**Cross Country** — Clatskanie Invitational, TBA

### FOOTBALL

Rainier 56, Warrenton 7
Rainier 6 30 20 0-56
Warrenton 7 0 0 0-7

#### First Quarter

Rai: Joey Tripp 61 punt return (kick failed) 9:49

War: Gio Martinez 24 pass from Jake Morrow (Gabe Breitmeyer kick) 5:34

#### Second Quarter

Rai: Jacob Bruce 64 punt return (Tripp run) 10:03

Rai: J.Bruce 49 run (Tripp run) 9:06

Rai: Tripp 45 run (Cris Becerra kick) 6:23

Rai: Tripp 53 run (C.Becerra kick) 2:14

#### Third Quarter

Rai: Tripp 11 run (kick failed) 11:03

Rai: Caymon Rea 67 pass from Tripp (C.Becerra kick) 8:13

Rai: Dawson Carr 10 pass from Tripp (C.Becerra kick) 4:57

#### Rainier Statistics

**Rushing:** Tripp 5-147, J.Bruce 6-50, D.Carr 5-30, Isaacson 2-27, Gladfelder 2-12, Guerr 2-7, Howell 1-1. **Passing:** Tripp 8-14-159-2. **Receiving:** D.Carr 5-63, J.Bruce 2-29, Rea 1-67.

#### Warrenton Statistics

**Rushing:** Fischer 29-93, P.Miller 4-17, Jackson 3-0, Morrow 4-(-1). **Passing:** Morrow 5-16-70-2, G.Martinez 0-1-0-0. **Receiving:** Jackson 3-16, P.Miller 1-30, G.Martinez 1-24.

Willapa Valley 38, Ilwaco 20
Willapa V. 14 0 8 16-38
Ilwaco 6 6 8 0-20

#### First Quarter

WV: Max Smith 8 run (kick blocked)

Ilw: Brandon McMullen 10 run (kick failed)

WV: Matt Pearson 1 run (Peter Hamilton run)

#### Second Quarter

Ilw: McMullen 3 run (run failed)

#### Third Quarter

WV: Tyson Nissell 5 run (Nissell run)

Ilw: McMullen 20 pass from Ethan Personius (McMullen from Personius)

#### Fourth Quarter

WV: Smith 10 run (Nissell run)

WV: Smith 6 run (Nissell run)

#### Ilwaco Statistics

**Rushing:** McMullen 36-148, Duke 6-39, Cox 3-17, Personius 4-(-11). **Passing:** Personius 5-6-52-0, Mc Mullen 0-1-0-0. **Receiving:** McMullen 3-30, Kaino 1-23, Duke 1-0.

## MLB PLAYOFFS

### Astros, Yanks try to get bats going in New York

Associated Press

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

**GOING BATTY:** The two highest-scoring teams in the majors this season have combined for all of six runs in the first two games of the AL Championship Series. Houston, which totaled 896 runs to 858 for the Yankees this year, won a pair of nail-biters back home by identical 2-1 scores behind ace pitchers Dallas Keuchel and Justin Verlander. Two wins from the franchise's second trip to the World Series, the Astros send 14-game winner Charlie Morton to the mound in Game 3 at Yankee Stadium (5:08 p.m. PDT).

**HOLE IN THE MIDDLE:** If the Yankees are going to rally in this ALCS, they're probably going to need more production from their top hitters. Aaron Judge, Gary Sanchez and Didi Gregorius combined to go 2 for 22 in the first two games of the series, while Astros stars Jose Altuve and Carlos Correa went 8 for 15. Not to mention, Yankees designated hitters are 0 for 27 in the post-season, with Chase Headley, Jacoby Ellsbury and Matt Holliday all coming up empty. Maybe being back at Yankee Stadium will help.

**RIGHT MAN ON THE MOUND:** CC Sabathia pitches for the Yankees as they try to stop a seven-game ALCS losing streak that



AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill

**Los Angeles Dodgers right fielder Yasiel Puig, right, catches a fly ball over the top of centerfielder Chris Taylor during the first inning of Game 2 of baseball's National League Championship Series.**

dates to 2010 against Texas. The 37-year-old lefty went 14-5 with a 3.69 ERA during the regular season. But he was at his best when New York needed to rebound, going 9-0 with a 1.71 ERA in 10 starts following Yankees defeats.

**CHILL OUT:** The Dodgers and Cubs will trade sunglasses for long sleeves as their NL Championship Series shifts from Los Angeles to Chicago. Dodger Stadium was 92 degrees for first pitch of Game 2 on Sunday night, and Los Angeles right fielder Yasiel Puig had to battle a difficult setting sun to track a fly ball in the first inning.

Temperatures are projected to dip into the low-50s for Game 3 on Tuesday night at Wrigley Field.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### VOLLEYBALL

#### Knappa outlasts City Christian

PORTLAND — The Knappa volleyball team will be in the Northwest League playoffs, thanks to a five-game win Saturday at City Christian, 25-22, 15-25, 9-25, 25-17, 15-13.

After dropping two of the first three games, Knappa trailed for much of Game 4, before some power kills by Kaitlyn Truax gave the Loggers a 13-8 lead.

Truax also had a string of six straight serves for points, and the Loggers forced a fifth game.

City Christian held a 9-8 lead in Game 5, before Kourtney Tischer served Knappa into an 11-9 advantage. The Lions answered with a rally of their own for a 12-11 lead, but Mack Strain served Knappa into a 14-12 advantage, and Paris Vanderburg set Truax for a kill at match point for the winner.

Vanderburg had 14 assists to go with 10 digs and 10 kills; Strain finished with eight blocks; and Jaden Mieth had 35 digs. Truax added nine kills and four aces.

### SOCCER

#### Seaside boys close in on league title

BEAVERTON — The Seaside boys soccer team all but wrapped up the Cowapa League title Friday night at Valley Catholic, where the Gulls posted a 1-0 victory over the Valiants.

### FOOTBALL

#### Willapa Valley defeats Ilwaco

COLTON Carter scored the lone goal for Seaside, which improved to 7-0-1 in league (9-1-1 overall), while second-place Valley Catholic dropped to 5-2-1. The Gulls can make it official Wednesday night at home vs. Tillamook (2-5) or Oct. 24 vs. Banks (0-7).

In other action Friday, Astoria topped Tillamook, 2-0, as the Fishermen took one step closer to locking up a regional play-in spot.

In Cowapa League girls' soccer games Friday, Astoria scored a 1-0 win over Tillamook, and Valley Catholic defeated Seaside, 8-0. The 20th-ranked Lady Fishermen have a solid hold on third place in the league standings, at 4-3-1.

### FOOTBALL

#### Willapa Valley defeats Ilwaco

ILWACO, Wash. — Willapa Valley escaped with a wild 38-20 win Friday night in Pacific 2B Coastal football action at Ilwaco, Wash.

The Vikings took a 22-20 lead into the fourth quarter, when two touchdown runs by Willapa's Max Smith helped the Vikings pull away for the win. Willapa Valley remains unbeaten in league play (3-0), while Ilwaco drops to 1-2, 3-4 overall.

Brandon McMullen scored all three touchdowns for the Fishermen, which included a 20-yard TD toss from Ethan Personius late in the third quarter that brought Ilwaco to within two points.

McMullen rushed for 148 yards on 36 carries, and also caught three passes for 30 yards.

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