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## CROSS COUNTRY



Submitted Photo  
**McKenzie Burnett, right, won Thursday's 3,000-meter race at Cullaby Lake, just ahead of teammate Sophie Long.**

## Astoria, Seaside tune up for league championships

The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — The Astoria and Seaside cross country teams met for one last tune-up before next week's league championship meet, at Cullaby Lake for a 3,000-meter race Thursday.

The Lady Fishermen, who will seek a Cowapa League title next week, had runners in the top six places in Thursday's race, won by senior McKenzie Burnett in 12 minutes, 26 seconds. Freshman Sophie Long finished just behind Burnett in 12:27.

Seaside senior Rafi Sibony — who scored a goal in the Seaside boys' soccer win less than 24 hours earlier — won the boys' race in 10:03, ahead of Astoria freshman Cameron VanRaden (10:34). Seaside sophomore Beau Johnson was third (10:52).

Tillamook hosts the league championship next Thursday at Alderbrook Golf Course.

## VOLLEYBALL

## Delphian tops Knappa Loggers

The Daily Astorian

PORTLAND — Delphian defeated Knappa in the regular season, and the Dragons took out the Lady Loggers in a Northwest League playoff Thursday, 25-14, 25-12, 25-16.

The 15th-ranked Dragons won their sixth in a row, and advance to play Columbia Christian in a league playoff Saturday.

Knappa finishes 4-12 overall.

## BOYS SOCCER

## Astoria blanks Banks, 5-0

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The Astoria boys soccer team climbed to 16th in the latest OSAA rankings, with a 5-0 win over Banks Thursday night, in a Cowapa League match at CMH Field.

Astoria improves to 4-3-2 and can lock up third place in the league standings with a win next Tuesday at Scappoose.

Astoria was celebrating Senior Night, while the Braves played with just nine players.

Astoria's Cole Beeson had three goals 25 minutes into the match, and teammate Trevor Byrd added a goal for a 4-0 lead by halftime.

Aldo Cruz capped the scoring in the second half.

## SCOREBOARD

## PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

## TODAY

**Football** — Scappoose at Astoria, 7 p.m.; Banks at Seaside, 7 p.m.; Warrenton at Portland Christian, 7 p.m.; Central Linn at Knappa, 7 p.m.; Ilwaco at Ocoosta, 7 p.m.; Naselle at Taholah, 7 p.m.

## SATURDAY

**Volleyball** — 4A regional play-in round: North Valley at Astoria, 3 p.m.; Seaside at Sweet Home, 4 p.m.



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The Astoria Fishermen and the Scappoose Indians will go head-to-head for one last time as members of the Cowapa League. Scappoose moves to the 5A level next year.

## Astoria, Scappoose play last Cowapa League football game

## Schools plan to continue rivalry in nonleague play

By **GARY HENLEY**  
 The Daily Astorian

**T**onight's football game between the Astoria Fishermen and the Scappoose Indians at CMH Field will be the last league meeting between the two rivals — at least for now.

Starting with the 2018-19 school year, Scappoose, the Cowapa League's largest school, is on its way to the Class 5A level, along with a few other large 4A schools around the state.

They will be a member of the 5A Northwest Oregon Conference, along with Hillsboro, Milwaukie, Parkrose and Wilsonville, among others.

The Indians and Fishermen plan on continuing the rivalry with nonleague games in football, baseball and soccer, Scappoose Athletic Director Robert Medley said.

If student enrollment changes and Scap-

## UP NEXT: FISHERMEN

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

poose returns to the 4A level in a few years, the departure from the Cowapa could be just temporary.

But for now, the days of football league titles coming down to Scappoose and Astoria are over.

There aren't many 4A leagues around the state that can boast of having three of its former players in one NFL game. That's what happened in Week 2 of the current season, when the Carolina Panthers — with Scappoose graduates Derek Anderson and David Mayo — faced Astoria's Jordan Poyer and the Buffalo Bills. Poyer had a game-high seven tackles, but the Panthers got the win, 9-3.

"It's really sad to see them leave," said Astoria head coach Howard Rub, who has gone up against Scappoose head coach Sean

McNabb since 2000. "Through the years, we've earned a lot of respect for each other, and there's some pretty competitive stories between us."

Enough to write a book.

"I actually plan on writing a little book about the rivalry, before my time is done," Rub said. "It's been a good little rivalry."

And what games stand out for Rub?

"Obviously the ones we've won," he said. "In my first year, we finished 1-2 in the league, then it took a few years for us to get it rolling and be a big part of the mix (Scappoose won state titles in 2000, '01 and '02). From '06 on, it's been a competitive game, year in and year out. We've been fortunate to win a couple of them."

Anything special planned for tonight's game at CMH Field?

"It's Senior Night and Youth Football Night, but I don't have a birthday present for coach McNabb or anything," Rub said.

Coming into the game, McNabb has a career record of 160-75 with the Indians; Rub is 106-75 at Astoria.

## MLB PLAYOFFS

## Astros try to force Game 7 vs Yanks

Associated Press

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

**TRUST IN JUSTIN:** Justin Verlander and the Astros try to stave off elimination and force a decisive Game 7 in the AL Championship Series when they host the New York Yankees at Minute Maid Park (5:08 p.m. PDT). Verlander has won all eight outings with Houston since arriving in an Aug. 31 trade, including his first career relief appearance during the Division Series clincher at Boston. The 2011 AL MVP is 10-5 with a 3.18 ERA in his postseason career, and an 11th win would tie him with Greg Maddux and Curt Schilling for fifth place all-time. Young ace Luis Severino starts for New York in a rematch of Game 2, when Verlander struck out 13 in a complete game and threw a season-high 124 pitches for a 2-1 victory. The Yankees have shown they can adjust, though. Houston's other Cy Young Award winner, Dallas Keuchel, dominated Game 1 before taking a 5-0 loss in Game 5.

**ROAD TO PARADISE:** The wild-card Yankees have two chances to win one game in Houston for their record 41st trip to the World Series and first since 2009. After going 51-30 at home during the regular season, the AL's best mark, New York is 6-0 at Yankee Stadium in these playoffs but only 1-4 on the road. Didi Gregorius and the Yankees did win a decisive Game 5 in Cleveland to take that Division Series, but the home team has won all five games in the ALCS so far. New York just outscored the Astros 19-5 in three straight victories at home but was beaten 2-1 in each of the first two games at Minute Maid Park.



AP Photo/Matt Slocum

**Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Clayton Kershaw throws Thursday against the Chicago Cubs.**

**RIGHT BACK TO WORK:** Clayton Kershaw is already scheduled to pitch the World Series opener on regular rest Tuesday night, which means he has work to do. The Dodgers' ace will begin prepping for the Yankees or Astros a day after Los Angeles eliminated the defending champion Cubs in Game 5 of the NL Championship Series for its first pennant since 1988. Kershaw tossed six smooth innings in the 11-1 win and is excited for his first World Series. "It's been a long time coming for this team," he said before entering a booze-soaked clubhouse at Wrigley Field.

**GETTING HEALTHY:** All-Star shortstop Corey Seager is expected to return for the Los Angeles Dodgers in the World Series after missing the NLCS because of back pain. Seager watched from home as the Dodgers eliminated the defending champion Chicago Cubs in Game 5 on Thursday night. Los Angeles manager Dave Roberts said Seager

is "doing everything he can to get healthy" and the Dodgers "expect him back for Game 1."

**JUDGEMENT DAY:** The Yankees' top hitters are heating up as October wears on. Once mired in a postseason slump, Aaron Judge is batting .313 with two homers in the ALCS. Gary Sanchez and Didi Gregorius each had two hits in Game 5. Sanchez was hitless in the series before ripping a go-ahead, two-run double in the eighth inning of a 6-4 win in Game 4. On the flip side, Judge has 24 strikeouts, two shy of the Yankees' Alfonso Soriano in 2003 for the most in a single postseason.

**NEW SHERIFF IN TOWN?** The Detroit Tigers could be close to hiring a manager. The team was in talks Thursday with former Minnesota skipper Ron Gardenhire, according to a person with knowledge of the discussions. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because no announcement had been made.

## Oregon Episcopal slips past Warrenton

The Daily Astorian

PORTLAND — It took three close games, but Oregon Episcopal held off Warrenton Thursday night in a Lewis & Clark League playoff, 25-23, 25-21, 25-23.

"The games were all close and very competitive," said Warrenton coach Staci Miethe. "We played outstanding defense, both at the net blocking and on the floor. We essentially were able to alter their big girl's offensive attack by putting up some big blocks. We didn't let them get into a good serving rhythm either, which was our downfall last time."

In other L&C playoff action Thursday, Rainier swept Portland Christian, 25-22, 25-19, 25-18. OES advances to play Portland Christian in a seeding match.

Miethe added, "We had been working all week on being smart offensively and making them move, instead of going head-to-head at the net, and this was the right strategy. I was very proud of how they played, and a few more serves in and over the net, and a couple of calls to go our way and the outcome could have been much different."

Warrenton finishes 8-12 overall under Miethe in her first year as coach.

"It's never easy to lose your final game, but we didn't quit, rollover or make it easy for them," she said. "So if we have to be done, this is probably the best possible way to end it. It was a fun season and I can't be more proud of the girls' growth, both as volleyball players but also as teammates and people."

Two-thirds of the Warriors were junior varsity players last season, "so to end the season being competitive with every team in our league shows how hard they have worked and far they have come. I think they exceeded their own personal expectations and that as a coach is a successful season."