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BOYS SOCCER

Astoria scores
road win at
Scappoose, 3-1

SCAPPOOSE — The Astoria boys soccer team closed out the Cowapa League season with a 3-1 win Tuesday at Scappoose, sending the Indians out with a loss in their final league game as a member of the Cowapa.

Astoria finishes third in the league standings at 5-3-2, 8-4-2 overall. The Fishermen will await an opponent for the upcoming Regional Play-in round.

Scappoose was on the scoreboard first in the fourth minute of Tuesday's game, when Astoria could not get back to defend a counter attack. But that would be the Indians' only goal.

Astoria found the equalizer in the 28th minute when freshman Josh Condit carried the ball up the center of the field and found senior Trevor Byrd, who scored from 12 yards out with a carefully placed shot low to the right corner.

Astoria was often defending in its final third during the second half, but managed to find the go-ahead goal in the 67th minute when a chip pass from junior Taylor Palmberg deflected to the feet of Condit, who took a deep shot from 30 yards away, which deflected off the cross bar and struck the Scappoose goalkeeper in the back and into the net.

The Indians made it interesting in the 74th minute when Astoria senior goalkeeper Jake Hurd parried a shot wide left and chased the ball out of the left side of the box, only to have a Scappoose player cross the ball in front of the empty goal with no teammate to get a play on the ball.

Two minutes later, a combination from Byrd to Gus Velazquez to Cole Beeson iced the match with Beeson's shot into the lower right corner of the net.

Gulls beat Banks,
set to make run
at state title

BANKS — The Seaside Gulls held on to their No. 1 ranking, and will be the favorites to win the Class 4A state title when the state playoffs begin next week, as the top-ranked Gulls closed out the Cowapa League season Tuesday with an easy 4-0 win at Banks.

Seaside finishes 9-0-1 in league play, 11-1-1 overall. Their only non-win in league was a 2-2 tie vs. Astoria Sept. 23. Since then, the Gulls have gone on an eight-game win streak, outscoring the opposition 27-1, with seven straight shut-out victories.

As the top seed, Seaside will be the home team throughout the playoffs, up until the state championship game, Nov. 11 at Liberty High School in Hillsboro.

The Gulls will host a first-round game Nov. 1 at Broadway Field.

Basketball clinic
begins Nov. 4

The Astoria girls basketball program will host its annual Youth Girls Basketball Clinic, Nov. 4, 11 and 18.

The clinic is divided into two groups: First through fourth grade girls, from 10:30 a.m. to noon each day; registration begins Nov. 4 at 10 a.m. Fifth through eighth grade girls, from 1-3 p.m. each day; registration begins Nov. 4 at 12:30 p.m.

Cost is \$30 for the clinic, which is organized by Astoria senior McKailyn Rogers, along with current and former players.

— *The Daily Astorian*

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY
Volleyball — 1A State Playoffs: Jewell at Alsea, 6 p.m.
THURSDAY
Cross Country — Cowapa Championships, at Tillamook, TBA; District 1/3A/2A/1A Championships, 3:30 p.m.
Football — North Beach at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.



Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

Elizabeth Whitsett, far right, chases down a Scappoose player for the Astoria Fishermen.

SCAPPOOSE HOLDS OFF
ASTORIA AT CMH FIELD

The Daily Astorian

A strong defense and a great goalkeeper kept Astoria within striking distance for much of the game — but the Lady Fishermen were unable to hold off the state's No. 3-ranked team in a late-night girls soccer game Tuesday at CMH Field.

Scappoose finished off a perfect league season (10-0) with a 2-0 win over the Lady Fishermen.

Astoria honored eight seniors before the game on Senior Night for the Fishermen, who were hosting Scappoose for the Indians' final league contest as a member of the Cowapa.

And the Indians scored the only goal they would need less than eight minutes into the game.

Payton Fisher gathered in a crossing pass and scored from the top of the 18-yard box for a 1-0 lead, with 32:19 left in the first half.

And that set the tone for the remainder of the night, as the Indians dominated in time of possession, shots on goal and corner kick opportunities.

The Fishermen were able to turn away most of the Scappoose attacks, while Astoria keeper Lexi Law showcased her talents in her final home game, making saves on 13 Scappoose attempts. Six other shots were wide of the mark.

With the Indians still clinging to a 1-0 lead at halftime, Scappoose tacked on a much-needed goal with 30:32 left in the second half, a left-footed shot from Mackenzie Ela that deflected off the cross bar and into the net from 25 yards out for a 2-nil advantage.

Law still provided most of the highlights for Astoria in the second half, knocking down a penalty kick in the 45th minute, then making diving stops on a few more Scappoose shots on goal.

Astoria's only shots on goal in the second half came from Elizabeth Whitsett and Elle Espelien, but both were saved by Scappoose goalkeeper Alyssa Bakkensen.

The Lady Fishermen finish third in the Cowapa standings at 4-5-1 (6-6-2 overall), and advance to the Class 4A Regional Play-in round. They will await an opponent, day and time to be announced.

In other Cowapa League girls soccer action Tuesday, Banks and Seaside battled to a 3-3 tie at Broadway Field, as the Gulls finish the regular season 1-9-3, with hopes of landing a spot in the Regional Play-in round.

Blazers beat Pelicans to extend
home-opener win streak to 17

By ANNE M. PETERSON
Associated Press

PORTLAND — CJ McCollum scored 16 of his 23 points in the final quarter and Portland won its NBA-record 17th straight home opener with a 103-93 victory over the New Orleans Pelicans on Tuesday night.

Damian Lillard and Evan Turner each added 13 points for Portland, which is off to a 3-1 start for the first time since the 2011-12 season.

"We just tried to be aggressive, tried to push the tempo a little bit more and we got some stops, a lot of stops in the second half," McCollum said. "We just wanted to make something happen. We were a little sluggish offensively, our flow wasn't as good as we would like it to be. But luckily we were able to get a win."

DeMarcus Cousins had 39 points and 13 rebounds for his fourth straight double-double to start the season. The Pelicans were hurt when Anthony Davis departed with a left knee injury in the first quarter.

McCollum hit back-to-back 3-pointers to put Portland up 87-81 with 7:32 left. Lillard, who had been cold through three quarters, added a layup and another 3 to extend the lead to 92-81.

The Pelicans answered with a 10-0 run to close to 92-91 with 4:06 left. Lillard was fouled on a 3-point attempt



AP Photo/Craig Mitchell/Edyer

New Orleans Pelicans guard Jameer Nelson, left, passes the ball away from Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard.

and made all three free throws to give the Blazers a cushion at 99-83 with 1:25 left.

"We got stops. DeMarcus Cousins is a handful. Jrue Holiday is really crafty out there. They have so many options, guys that are aggressive and can go make something happen," Lillard said. "We buckled down, we got stops, we rebounded. A few shots went in for us and we pulled it out."

Davis left for the locker room midway through the opening period after

he appeared to knock knees with Lillard. In his sixth NBA season, Davis had 27 points and 17 rebounds in New Orleans' 119-112 victory over the Lakers in Los Angeles on Sunday.

Following the game, Davis was not walking with a noticeable limp when he left the arena.

"At halftime I was hoping AD was going to come back out there," Cousins said. "That didn't happen. I had to step up to the plate, and that's what I tried to do."

WORLD SERIES

Verlander
tries to keep
Astros from
0-2 hole

Associated Press

A look at what's happening in the World Series:

ACE IN THE HOLE: After dropping the World Series opener at Dodger Stadium, the Astros are confident they can rebound in Game 2 — with good reason. Justin Verlander is on the mound, and he's perfect in a Houston uniform.

The ALCS MVP is 4-0 with a 1.46 ERA this postseason, including his first career relief appearance. He is 9-0 with a 1.23 ERA and 67 strikeouts in nine outings for the Astros since agreeing to a trade from Detroit that was completed only seconds before the Aug. 31 midnight deadline for postseason eligibility.

"We think we can win every single game he pitches. I don't know there's any better compliment for a starting pitcher," Houston manager A.J. Hinch said. "I expect his best, and that's what he's delivered since the day he became an Astro."

HUSHED HOUSTON HIT-TERS: Houston's batters are looking for a breakout after getting three-hit in the Series opener. It was an especially tough night for George Springer, who went 0 for 4 with four strikeouts from the lead-off spot in a game started by Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw.

Springer, who hit 34 homers this season and made his first All-Star team, batted .412 with a homer and two doubles in the Division Series against Boston but only .115 (3 for 26) in the ALCS vs. the Yankees.

Seahawks agree to deal with veteran DE Dwight Freeney

Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Veteran defensive end Dwight Freeney is back in the NFL after agreeing to a deal to join the Seattle Seahawks.

The Seahawks announced they had agreed to terms on a deal with Freeney on Tuesday night after bringing

him in for a visit earlier in the day. The 37-year-old has been without a job after spending last season with Atlanta.

Freeney will have a specific role as a pass rusher with the Seahawks, adding depth after defensive end Cliff Avril was placed on injured reserve last week with a neck injury. Seattle played last week against the New

York Giants with just 52 players on its roster.

Last year with the Falcons, Freeney appeared in 15 regular season games and had three sacks. He started two of Atlanta's three playoff games.

Freeney spent 11 seasons with Indianapolis, where he was a three-time All-Pro.