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State playoffs begin Wednesday

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State playoff football and soccer games are set to begin this week, with four local teams in the state title hunt.

The action begins Wednesday in Class 4A boys soccer. No. 15 seed Astoria takes to the road to play No. 2 Stayton at 5 p.m.; and the No. 1-ranked Seaside Gulls open at home vs. No. 16 seed Philomath, 6:30 p.m. at Broadway Field.

Winners of both games will play Saturday, times and opponents to be determined.

In Class 4A football, Seaside holds down the No. 5 seed and will host the Henley Hornets, 7 p.m. Friday at Broadway Field. The winner will play South Umpqua or Mazama in the quarterfinals.

At the Class 2A level, 16 of the 27 schools are still in the title hunt, as the



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Clatsop County high school sports teams begin playoff games this week, including the Seaside Seagulls' No. 1-ranked boys soccer team.

state playoffs begin. The No. 3-seed Knappa Loggers host Bandon, 1 p.m. Saturday at CMH Field. The winner will take on either Oakland or Gold Beach in the quarterfinals.

Tickets to state playoff contests (first round through quarterfinals) are \$6 for adults, \$4 for students.

Across the Columbia River, the Ilwaco football team will host Toledo in a cross-over play-in game, 7 p.m. Friday. The two teams finished in ties with Raymond and South Bend. Despite a head-to-head loss to Toledo earlier in the season, Ilwaco won a coin toss and will host as the No. 2 seed.

In 2B volleyball, Ilwaco plays Wednesday at Willapa Valley. Six teams from District 4 will play at the state tournament, Nov. 9-10 at the Yakima Sun Dome.

Local cross country runners will be in action at state meets Saturday.

HOMETOWN REPORT



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Seaside High School graduate Sam Hinton, following his victory earlier this month in the George Fox Invitational, which was held at Gearhart Golf Links.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Timbers play Dynamo to 0-0 draw in West semifinals

HOUSTON — Jeff Attinella had two saves to help the Portland Timbers to a 0-0 draw with the Houston Dynamo on Monday night in the opener of their Western Conference semifinal.

The second leg of the two-game aggregate series is Sunday in Portland. The fourth-seeded Dynamo had just one road win in the regular season.

Attinella posted his 10th career shutout in his first playoff action — including a sliding 1-on-1 save against Alberth Elis in the 51st minute and a leaping stop of a header by Philippe Senderos in the 56th.

Houston is unbeaten in its last eight matches, including a 1-0 win over Sporting Kansas City in Thursday's single-elimination knockout round.

Seahawks land needed LT, getting Brown from Texans

RENTON, Wash. — The Seattle Seahawks solidified a big area of concern by reaching agreement to acquire veteran left tackle Duane Brown from the Houston Texans on Monday for cornerback Jeremy Lane and two draft picks.

Seattle general manager John Schneider confirmed the sides reached agreement on the deal, but it had not been fully finalized yet. The agreement happened a day before the NFL trading deadline.

Brown made his season debut for the Texans on Sunday against the Seahawks after a lengthy hold-out in search of a new contract. He was also at the center of the Texans' decision where the majority of the active roster knelt during the national anthem in protest of comments made by Houston owner Bob McNair. Brown played 68 of 71 snaps for the Texans in Sunday's 41-38 loss to Seattle.

Toronto downs Portland 99-85

PORTLAND — DeMar DeRozan credited Toronto's second unit for Portland's ugly second quarter.

The Trail Blazers were held to just six total points — Evan Turner's layup and four free throws — in the period and Toronto went on to win 99-85 on Monday night.

DeRozan had 25 points to lead the Raptors, who were up by as many as 26 points. Kyle Lowry added a season-high 19 points and added 10 rebounds.

— Associated Press

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday

Boys Soccer — Class 4A First Round: Astoria at Stayton, 5 p.m.; Philomath at Seaside, 6:30 p.m.



AP Photos/Matt Slocum

The Houston Astros celebrate after Alex Bregman's game-winning single during Game 5 of baseball's World Series against the Los Angeles Dodgers Sunday in Houston. Astros won 13-12.

Dodgers on brink of wipeout

By BETH HARRIS
 Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Dodgers were baseball's best team during the regular season, piling up 104 wins, blasting 53 homers in June and finishing up a 43-7 run in August.

Now, they're one loss away from being eliminated in their first World Series appearance since 1988.

Riding high in summer, potentially knocked out in fall.

All that early success could be wiped out with four defeats in October, leaving the Dodgers without the title they so desperately crave and last won 29 years ago.

"It would certainly be disheartening and disappointing," manager Dave Roberts said Monday. "At the outset, our goal was to be the last team standing and we still have that opportunity."

Los Angeles trails the Astros 3-2 heading into Game 6 on Tuesday night at Dodger Stadium.

"Right now, we're not thinking of the alternative," Roberts said.

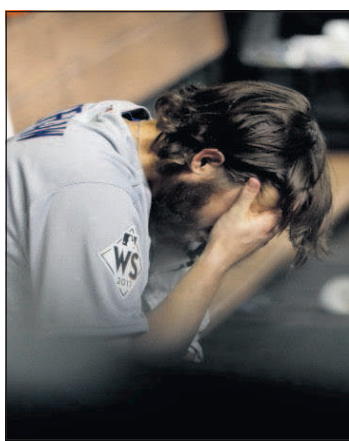
The Dodgers won their record fifth consecutive NL West title before rolling past Arizona in the NL Division Series and the defending World Series champion Cubs in the NL Championship Series.

But that's nothing to hang their hat on.

"At the end of the year, if all you've won is the NL West and you still didn't reach the World Series or win the World Series, you didn't reach your goal," outfielder Andre Ethier, the longest-tenured Dodgers player, said on the eve of Game 1.

Ethier cautioned his teammates: "We haven't achieved anything, we haven't won anything. All we did was won the NL West and that doesn't mean anything."

Winning 100-plus games doesn't guarantee anything, either. Heading into opening day this



Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Clayton Kershaw sits in the dugout after Houston Astros' Yuli Gurriel hit a three-run home run during the fourth inning of Game 5 of baseball's World Series Sunday in Houston.

WORLD SERIES: GAME 6

• Houston Astros at Los Angeles Dodgers (Astros lead the series 3-2)
 • Today, 5:20 p.m. TV: FOX

season, 16 teams had posted that many wins since the 21st century began. Just two went on to win the World Series: the Cubs last year and the Yankees in 2009.

As for the others, they're better remembered for losing than winning.

The Mariners tied a major league record by winning 116 games in 2001. But Ichiro Suzuki and his teammates didn't get past the ALCS, bowing in five games to the Yankees.

The great Orioles teams of the late 1960s and early '70s had dominant pitching to go with an offense powered by Frank Robinson, Brooks Robinson and Boog Powell. They won 109 games in 1969 only to lose to the Miracle Mets in the World Series. They followed up with 108 victories in 1970 and beat Cincinnati for the title. But in 1971, despite notching

101 wins and having four 20-game winners on the mound, the O's failed to defend their title, losing to Pittsburgh in seven games.

Bash Brothers Jose Canseco and Mark McGwire powered Oakland to 104 wins in 1988, only to lose to the Dodgers in the World Series. The Athletics rebounded the following year with 99 wins and beat the Giants in the earthquake-interrupted Series before racking up 103 wins in 1990 and getting swept by the Reds in defense of their title.

The Dodgers had many milestone moments during the regular season. Alex Wood began the season 10-0, the first Dodgers starter to do so since Don Newcombe in 1955. Cody Bellinger, a favorite for NL Rookie of the Year, hit for the cycle on July 19, the ninth player in franchise history to accomplish the feat. Closer Kenley Jansen was undefeated.

By early August, the Dodgers had gone 43-7 for the best 50-game run by a major league team since the 1912 Giants.

They coasted for much of the season, with their lead stretching to a whopping 21 games on Aug. 23.

It was enough for them to survive a woeful September stretch in which they dropped 16 of 17, including a major league-worst 11 in a row.

But the turning of the calendar has brought mixed results.

Jansen has a blown save and a loss in this World Series. Ace Clayton Kershaw, so outstanding in a Game 1 victory, couldn't hold a four-run lead in Game 5 and allowed the Astros to tie the score on a walk, two hits and a three-run homer. Houston eventually won 13-12 in 10 innings to move within a victory of its first championship.

This year, with a pair of 100-win teams in the World Series for the first time since 1970, someone is likely to end up being forgettable.

Hinton having big year on the golf course

By GARY HENLEY
 The Daily Astorian

Seaside High School graduate Sam Hinton is scoring some big victories on the links recently, as the junior at Willamette University has earned medalist honors twice this fall.

In his third year with the Bearcats, Hinton has Willamette ranked 17th in the country in the latest NCAA Division III coaches poll.

The Bearcats have won all four tournaments they have entered over the fall season, including the 2017 Northwest Conference Fall Classic, which counts for one-fourth of the overall 2017-18 NWC championship.

Willamette golfers have also won three individual titles this fall, two by Hinton.

He won the George Fox Invitational Oct. 7-8, carding an even-par 144 (73-71) on his home course, as the tournament took place at Gearhart Golf Links. Before that, Hinton took first place at the Whitworth Invitational, Oct. 1-2 at Kalispell Country Club in Spokane, Wash., with a 3-under par 141 (71-70).

A list of other local and regional athletes competing at the professional and collegiate levels this fall:

- ASTORIA**
 Lucas Caruana, Fr., Western Oregon cross country
 Chloe Hunt, So., Evergreen volleyball
 Keldon Littell, Fr., Western Oregon football
 Jordan Poyer, Buffalo Bills
- SEASIDE**
 Lizzy Barnes, Fr., Guilford soccer
 Danielle Willyard, Jr., Northwest Christian volleyball
- ILWACO**
 Alec Bell, Fr., Puget Sound football
 Kenneth Sheldon, Jr., Willamette golf
- BANKS**
 Grace Buchanan, Fr., Mt. Hood volleyball
 Megan Bunn, So., Eastern Oregon volleyball
 Nikayla Doane, So., Clark volleyball
 Twister McComas, Fr., Western Oregon football
 Samantha Pestner, Fr., Lower Columbia soccer
 Trevor Thiessen, Fr., George Fox football
- RAINIER**
 Johnathan Guisinger, Fr., George Fox cross country
 Monica Guisinger, So., Lower Columbia soccer
- SCAPPOOSE**
 Derek Anderson, Carolina Panthers
 Dan Carrier, Jr., Northwest Christian cross country
 Lucy Davidson, So., U. Portland soccer
 David Mayo, Carolina Panthers
 Asa Flanagan, Corban soccer
 Eleanor Jones, So., Western Oregon soccer
 David Krupsky, Fr., Western Oregon football
 Natalie Muth, So., U. Portland soccer
 Paul Revis, Sr., Western Oregon football
 Ariel Viera, Sr., U. Portland soccer
- TILLAMOOK**
 Colin Atchison, Sr., George Fox cross country
 Andrew Jenck, So., U. Portland cross country
 Jaxsen Johnson, Fr., Western Oregon football
 Zachary Macias, So., Pacific football
 Seth Martin, Fr., Clackamas cross country
 Kaler Moore, Fr., Eastern Oregon football
 Damara Morales, So., Blue Mountain soccer
 Lexie Zuercher, Fr., George Fox volleyball
 Jordan Zweifel, Fr., Pacific volleyball