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Toledo blanks Ilwaco, 34-0

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ILWACO, Wash. — Toledo defeated Ilwaco for the second time this season, a 34-0 shutout Friday night at Ilwaco, in a post-season cross-over game.

Toledo built a 21-0 halftime lead, highlighted by first-quarter touchdown runs from Ethan Buck (43 yards) and Coleby Cherington (67 yards).

The Fishermen were held to just 91 yards rushing, and 139 yards of total offense. Brandon McMullen ran 27 times for 82 yards for Ilwaco, which falls to 5-5 overall.

Knappa runner finishes 20th at state meet

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EUGENE — The only runner from Clatsop County in the OSAA state cross country meet scored a top 20 finish Saturday at Lane Community College in Eugene.

Knappa sophomore Robert Piña-Morton finished 20th in the Class 3A/2A/1A boys' race, out of 114 runners. He covered the 5,000-meter course in a personal best time of 17 minutes, 35 seconds.

Cowapa League schools Tillamook and Scappoose took first and second, respectively, in the team standings for the Class 4A girls.

SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL

Henley 43, Seaside 39
Henley 7 14 8 14—43
Seaside 14 12 0 13—39

First Quarter

Sea: Alex Teubner 75 run (Gio Ramirez kick) 11:01

Hen: Kyle Hadwick 48 run (Josh Ledgerwood kick) 9:17

Sea: Dawson Blanchard 39 pass from Payton Westerholm (Ramirez kick) 3:58

Second Quarter

Sea: Teubner 3 run (kick failed) 9:00

Hen: Hadwick 5 run (Ledgerwood kick) 6:21

Sea: Brayden Johnson 76 pass from Westerholm (pass failed) 6:03

Hen: Will Conrad 50 pass from Hadwick (Ledgerwood kick) :10

Third Quarter

Hen: Hadwick 16 run (John O'Connor from Alex Davenport) 4:10

Fourth Quarter

Sea: Teubner 1 run (Ramirez kick) 10:41

Hen: Hadwick 27 run (Ledgerwood kick) 9:42

Sea: Teubner 2 run (kick failed) 5:32

Hen: Gabe Young 15 pass from Hadwick (Ledgerwood kick) :20

Henley Statistics

Rushing: Hadwick 24-208, Conrad 22-113, J.O'Connor 5-23. **Passing:** Hadwick 12-20-209-0. **Receiving:** Conrad 3-57, Overstreet 3-56, Young 3-51, J.O'Connor 3-45.

Seaside Statistics

Rushing: Teubner 25-231, Ramirez 4-31, Westerholm 5-24, Thompson 1-7, Landwehr 4-(-1). **Passing:** Westerholm 9-13-234-0, Johnson 0-1-0-1. **Receiving:** Johnson 3-94, Blanchard 2-76, Thompson 2-34, Landwehr 1-19, Teubner 1-11.

Team Statistics

	Henley	Seaside
Total offense	553	527
Rushes-yards	51-344	39-292
Comp-Att-Int	12-20-0	9-14-1
Passing yards	209	234
First downs	27	20
Fumbles-lost	2-0	1-1
Turnovers	0	2
Penalties	7-52	4-25

Knappa 62, Bandon 32
Bandon 6 14 0 12—32
Knappa 8 20 20 14—62

First Quarter

Ban: Donavin Phommaphat 55 run (run failed) 4:49

Kna: Luke Goozee 4 run (Goozee run) 4:28

Second Quarter

Kna: Kaleb Miller 3 run (pass failed) 9:10

Ban: Do.Phommaphat 8 run (pass failed) 7:20

Kna: K.Miller 8 run (run failed) 2:26

Kna: L.Goozee recover fumble in end zone (Cruz from K.Miller) 2:12

Ban: Coby Smith 15 pass from Braydon Freitag (Freitag run) :30

Third Quarter

Kna: K.Miller 1 run (pass failed) 7:33

Kna: Cruz 14 pass from K.Miller (Braedon Eltagonde from K.Miller) 6:11

Kna: Spencer Teague 45 int. return (pass failed) 3:51

Fourth Quarter

Ban: Freitag 4 run (pass failed) 11:55

Kna: K.Miller 5 run (K.Miller run) 10:55

Kna: Eltagonde 6 pass from Eli Takalo (run failed) 4:18

Ban: Freitag 1 run (pass failed) :07

Knappa Statistics

Rushing: Miller 16-172, L.Goozee 9-61, M.Hoover 4-52. **Passing:** Miller 8-21-149-0, Takalo 1-1-6-0. **Receiving:** Cruz 5-46, Phillip 3-103, Eltagonde 1-6.



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Reuben Acosta-Cruz makes a diving defensive play for the Knappa Loggers.

Knappa piles up points in 62-32 win over Bandon

The Daily Astorian

The Knappa Loggers are back in the Class 2A football state quarterfinals, scoring lots of points and looking like state title contenders in their home away from home, Astoria's CMH Field.

That's where the Loggers demolished Bandon Saturday afternoon, scoring a season high in points in a 62-32 win over the Tigers in a first-round playoff.

Knappa (9-0 overall) will face a familiar playoff foe later this week, as the Loggers will host Oakland (6-3), 4 p.m. Saturday at CMH Field. The Oakers are ranked 11th in the state, despite a 1-3 record in the Mountain View Conference. Bandon finishes 4-6 overall.

Coming into Saturday's game having given up a total of just 53 points in eight games, the Loggers gave up more than half of that to the upstart Tigers, who

trailed heavily-favored Knappa just 28-20 at halftime.

But the Loggers looked more like the Loggers in the second half, running at will and stuffing the Bandon run game.

Knappa scored three unanswered touchdowns in the third quarter — a run by Kaleb Miller, a 14-yard Miller-to-Reuben Cruz touchdown pass, and Spencer Teague's 45-yard interception return.

Miller scored on runs of three and eight yards in the first half.

After his second score, the Tigers attempted a reverse on the ensuing kickoff, ran backwards into the end zone, fumbled, and the ball was recovered by Knappa for a touchdown.

Knappa sophomore Jaxson Goodman recovered two fumbles for the Loggers, Kanai Phillip caught three passes for 103 yards, and Miller completed 8-of-21 passes for 149 yards.

Seaside ousted from football playoffs

Five lead changes took place in the fourth quarter

By GARY HENLEY

The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — After a combined 1,080(!) yards in total offense, 47 first downs and five lead changes ... the final difference on the scoreboard was just four points Friday night at Broadway Field: Henley 43, Seaside 39.

In a game that fans and players on both sides will not soon forget, the Hornets drove 98 yards in the final three minutes and scored on a 15-yard pass from Kyle Hadwick to Gabe Young with 20 seconds left for the winning points.

The players were spent physically after 48 hard-fought minutes, and the fans were equally exhausted after one of the craziest games in Broadway Field history.

Long after the final touchdown, one fact remained on the artificial turf at Broadway: Both teams had a tremendous amount of respect for the other.

"We ran into a good team tonight," said Seaside coach Jeff Roberts, whose team finishes 6-3, and second place in the Cowapa League.

"This really stings," he said of the loss. "But Henley's a good football team. I thought we would do a little better defensively, especially having defended Banks so well, but (the Hornets') kids up front are really good, and we got beat up a little up front."

Henley coach Alex Stork stated, "I have to give a lot of credit to Seaside. That is a talented ball club, and they have some guys with character and heart. Absolutely first class. The whole program — coaching staff and every single player."

As always, Roberts delivered a good message to his players following the game.

"I told them (the loss) isn't going to define who they are for the rest of their lives," he said. "You can work your tail off and do everything right, but sometimes you just don't come out ahead."

As for the game itself, there were

five touchdowns of 39 yards or more, and all five lead changes took place in the fourth quarter.

Seaside opened the fireworks on just the second play of the game, a 75-yard run by Alex Teubner. And that set the tone for the night.

Hadwick reeled off a 48-yard touchdown run five plays later; Seaside answered with a 39-yard Payton Westerholm-to-Dawson Blanchard TD toss; and Teubner's 3-yard scoring run gave the Gulls a 20-7 lead early in the second quarter.

And the highlight show was far from over.

Hadwick had a 5-yard scoring run with 6:21 left in the first half; the Gulls responded with a one-play drive, a 76-yard touchdown pass from Westerholm to Brayden Johnson; and Henley capped the first half with a screen pass from Hadwick to Will Conrad, that the 5-foot-10, 220-pound running back took 50 yards for a touchdown with just 10 seconds left before halftime.

If there was one key score, that was it.

"That's the first time we've run that play all year," Stork said. "I was asking our offensive coordinator, 'what are you doing?! No! You're running a jet screen to our running back?' And he made a big-time play."

"I really wanted to get a score before halftime," he said. "I knew if we could get in, then make some half-time adjustments, we'd come out and make some stops."

In a much more down-to-earth third period, the Hornets took their first lead on a 16-yard run by Hadwick with 4:10 left in the third quarter, the only score of the quarter.

The scoring heated up again in the final period, with Teubner barging in from 1-yard out to put Seaside back in front, 33-29.

Hadwick scored on a 27-yard run, capping a 77-yard drive to put Henley in front, 36-33; but Seaside marched right back with a six-play drive, highlighted by a 37-yard Westerholm-to-Blanchard pass. Teubner scored on a 2-yard run with 5:32 remaining for a 39-36 Seaside lead.

From there, the Hornets failed on a fourth down play to give the ball back to Seaside, but the Gulls were forced to

punt — a 41-yard boot by Blanchard that the Gulls downed at the Hornet 3-yard line with 3:22 left.

A false start on second down moved the ball back to the 2-yard line, and the Hornets were 98 yards away.

Gains of 25 and 29 yards moved the ball into Seaside territory with 51 seconds remaining, and — out of timeouts — Hadwick rolled right and found Young in the right corner of the end zone for a 15-yard touchdown.

The point-after kick gave the Hornets a 43-39 lead with just 20 seconds left.

"I said on the sideline before we started — this is going to be called 'The Drive,' in about 20 years," Stork said. "We went 98 yards. We had to mix it up. Seaside was giving us some different looks and taking some stuff away that we like to do."

The Gulls still had one final possession. Seaside moved the ball to its own 42 with seven seconds remaining, but a desperation pass on the final play was intercepted by Henley's John O'Connor.

"There was a couple of stops in the game by both sides, but that was it," Stork said. "It was, 'who's going to have it last?' It really showed our grit and character. Our character has gotten us here, and that's what's kept us going. An eight-hour road trip, and we made the best of it."

Teubner rushed for 231 yards on 25 carries and scored four touchdowns; and Westerholm completed 9-of-13 passes for 234 yards and two touchdowns. Brayden Johnson caught three passes for 94 yards.

For the Hornets, Hadwick carried 24 times for 208 yards and four scores, and passed for 209 yards (12-for-20) and two touchdowns.

"Football's a vehicle that turns young men into great people," said Roberts, who returned to coach this season, in addition to his role as the school's principal. "Whatever my role in this program is as I move forward, that will never change."

With many of their key players returning next season, Roberts said, "we've put ourselves in a good position to be a contender for the Cowapa League title next year."

BOYS SOCCER

Newport scores dramatic win at Seaside

By GARY HENLEY
The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — The 2017 Seaside boys soccer team spent most of the season ranked in the top three at the 4A level, and opened the state playoffs as the No. 1-ranked team in the state.

But the No. 1 seed didn't help Seaside Saturday night at Broadway Field, where Newport's Romario Mendoza scored with just 41 seconds remaining in regulation, giving the Cubs a 2-1 win over the Gulls in the state quarterfinal contest.

Even more impressive for Newport — the Cubs played the final 18 minutes with just 10 players.

The loss snapped a 10-game win streak for the Gulls, who had given up just two goals since Sept. 26.

"I'm disappointed, yes, but what a tremendous year we've had," said Seaside coach John Chapman. "We win league, we had nine shutouts this year. We played and competed against 5A teams, beating Hillsboro (4-1) and played to a 0-0 tie with Corvallis until the last minute of an overtime game."

"So the boys played well. Soccer's a funny old game. You just don't know how the ball's going to bounce, and tonight it bounced with the weather for Newport. Best of luck to them."

The Cubs had the wind and rain at their back in the second half, but Seaside had the weather in the first half, and led 1-0 at halftime.

After 39 scoreless minutes, Seaside's Irving Contreras hammered a shot past Newport goalkeeper Luis Reyes from 20 yards out, with just 49 seconds left in the first half.

Newport senior Ricardo Gonzalez-Vazquez scored the equalizer in the 50th minute (29:34 remaining in the second half), after Seaside keeper James Petie was issued a yellow card, resulting in a close-range free kick for the Cubs.

And Gonzalez-Vazquez converted to tie the game.

The next major play was a yellow card assessed to Newport's Julian Elizalde with 17:42 remaining.

It was the second yellow card issued to Elizalde, who argued the point with an official and was given a red card, forcing Newport to play the rest of the match with just 10 players.

But the Cubs' 11th man was the wind, and the two teams battled evenly for most of the second half.

With under a minute remaining, Newport worked the ball into the left corner, centered a pass for Mendoza, who drilled a shot past a diving Petie with just 41 seconds left.

"We knew that if we got to see Newport, it was going to be tooth and nail," Chapman said of the defending 4A state champions. "The weather, obviously, came on in the second half, which was a bit of an advantage for Newport."

"We defended well, we were scrappy, and that last free kick by Newport — if you look back — that's when they score. They often find that lucky one in the net, near the end of the game."

The Gulls finish 13-2-1, one of the best seasons in school history. The 13 wins surpassed the 11 victories Seaside had in 2000, '03, '09 and '15.

"Our boys should be very proud of a very successful season," Chapman said. "We're losing three guys from the field (seniors Colton Carter, Henry Chapman and Rafi Sibony), so we have a lot of young guys coming back. I can't see anything but another successful year for Seaside."