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Athletes of the Week



KAYLEE MITCHELL
 Sprague

The Daily Astorian

The former three-sport star at Astoria High School is now competing at a higher level, but still enjoying plenty of success as a runner. A senior at Sprague High School in Salem, Mitchell capped her prep cross country career Nov. 4 with a fourth-place finish (out of 138 runners) in the Class 6A girls' race at the state meet in Eugene. She ran the 5,000-meter course in 18 minutes, 4 seconds. Mitchell ran cross country, played basketball and was a member of the track team at Astoria High School, before transferring to Sprague two years ago.



KALEB MILLER
 Knappa

Krissy Barendse-Goodman/The Daily Astorian

Miller's week started with the senior signing a letter-of-intent to play baseball at Clark College, and ended with his leading Knappa to a 62-32 state playoff win over Bandon. The Logger quarterback (nicknamed "Bubba") rushed for 172 yards on just 16 carries (10.7 yards per run), ran for four touchdowns and a two-point conversion, threw a 14-yard TD pass to Reuben Cruz, and also threw two additional passes for two-point conversions, accounting for 36 points. This week, he was announced as the Northwest League's Offensive Player of the Year.

SCOREBOARD

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Saturday

Football: Class 2A quarterfinal: Oakland vs. Knappa, 4 p.m., CMH Field

Northwest All-League

Offensive Player of the Year: Kaleb Miller, Knappa
Defensive Player of the Year: Mason Hoover, Knappa
Coach of the Year: Aaron Barendse, Knappa

First Team Offense

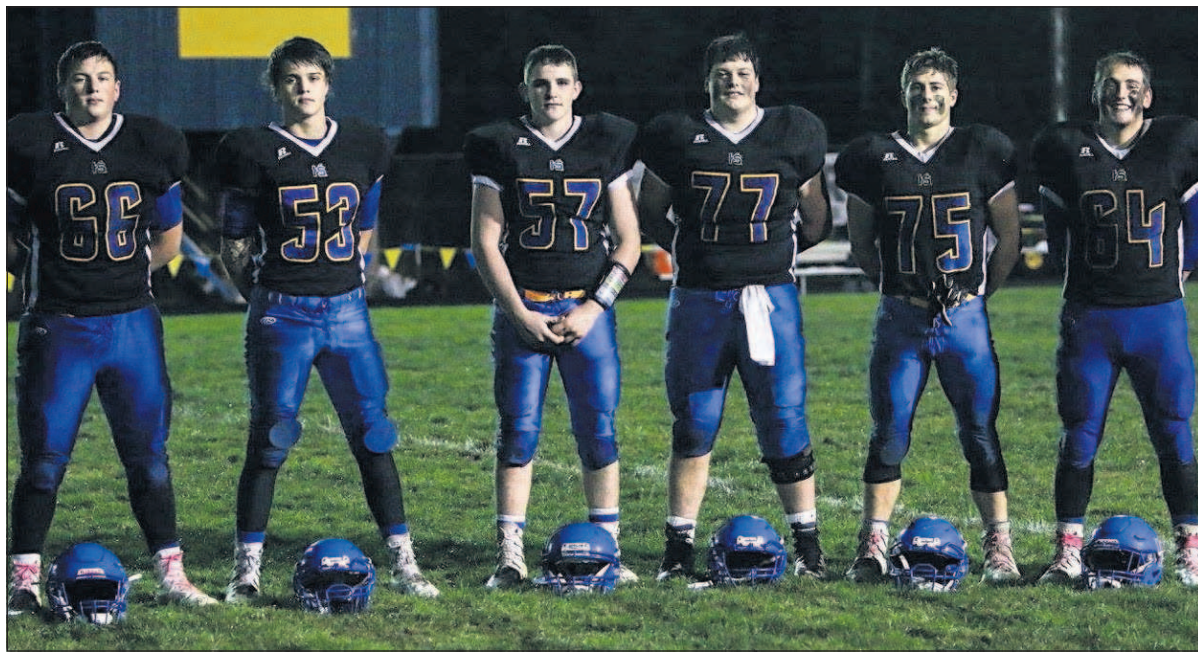
OL: Reece Hunt, Sr., Knappa
 OL: Jacob Ford, Sr., Knappa
 OL: Jaxson Goodman, So., Knappa
 OL: Zach Kress, Sr., Gaston
 OL: Tucker Champ, Jr., Neah-Kah-Nie
 C: David Patterson, Sr., Knappa
 RB: Joshua Rice, So., Vernonia
 RB: Tristan Bennett, Jr., Neah-Kah-Nie
 RB: Luke Goozee, Jr., Knappa
 WR: Reuben Cruz, Sr., Knappa
 WR: Kanai Phillip, So., Knappa
 WR: Mason Hoover, Sr., Knappa
 WR: Gaven Everett, Sr., Vernonia
 QB: Kaleb Miller, Sr., Knappa
 K: Caedan Martin, Sr., Gaston
 Returner: Reuben Cruz, Sr., Knappa

First Team Defense

DL: Tucker Champ, Jr., Neah-Kah-Nie
 DL: Reece Hunt, Sr., Knappa
 DL: Jacob Ford, Sr., Knappa
 DL: Cody Stuhr, Sr., Knappa
 DL: Jaxson Goodman, So., Knappa
 LB: Mason Hoover, Sr., Knappa
 LB: Tristan Bennett, Jr., Neah-Kah-Nie
 LB: Joshua Rice, So., Vernonia
 LB: Gaven Everett, Sr., Vernonia
 DB: Jake Patton, Sr., Vernonia
 DB: Josh Longfellow, Jr., Neah-Kah-Nie
 DB: Reuben Cruz, Sr., Knappa
 DB: Kanai Phillip, So., Knappa
 P: Caedan Martin, Sr., Gaston

Other Knappa selections:

Second Team Offense
 OL: Isaac Goozee, Fr., Knappa
Second Team Defense
 DL: Joe Ramvick, So., Knappa
 LB: Spencer Teague, So., Knappa
Honorable Mention Offense
 WR: Braedon Eltagonde, Sr., Knappa
Honorable Mention Defense
 LB: Eli Takalo, So., Knappa
 DB: Cameron Miethe, Fr., Knappa



Krissy Barendse-Goodman/The Daily Astorian

Knappa all-league linemen Jaxson Goodman (66), Isaac Goozee (57), David Patterson (77), Jacob Ford (75) and Reece Hunt (64) are joined by future all-leaguer Ryson Patterson (53).

Knappa Loggers dominate all-league football awards

The Daily Astorian

The team that went undefeated on the field in Northwest League football, also had a strong presence in the all-league selections, released this week. As voted on by the league's coaches, Knappa's entire starting lineup on offense earned all-league recognition, along with 10 of their 11 starters on defense. The Offensive Player of the Year was Knappa senior quarterback Kaleb Miller, senior linebacker Mason Hoover was Defensive Player of the Year, and Aaron Barendse earned the NWL's Coach of the Year honor.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Chinese authorities say 3 Americans are under investigation

BEIJING — Chinese authorities are investigating three Americans following media reports that three UCLA freshmen were arrested for shoplifting ahead of their basketball game against Georgia Tech in Shanghai.

Chinese foreign ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said Thursday that the case was in the hands of local police.

"Three American men are being investigated in Hangzhou by Chinese law enforcement agencies for alleged theft," Hua said during a regularly scheduled news briefing. "China has informed U.S. side of this case in accordance with the consular treaty."

"China will handle this case in accordance with law and protect the lawful rights and interests of the people involved."

Hua did not give details of the individuals, who have been identified by the Los Angeles Times as Cody Riley, Jalen Hill and LiAngelo Ball — the brother of Los Angeles Lakers rookie Lonzo Ball.

Lonzo Ball said Wednesday he has not spoken with LiAngelo since reports of the incident emerged.

"I haven't talked to him yet," Lonzo Ball said after the Lakers lost to the Boston Celtics. "Whenever I talk to him, I'll find out more."

US hockey women beat Canada 4-2 in Four Nations Cup

WESLEY CHAPEL, Fla. — The Americans showed off their special teams skills in beating Canada for the second time in three games as part of their pre-Olympic exhibition tour.

Kendall Coyne and Megan Bozek each had a goal and an assist and the United States women's hockey team beat Canada 4-2 on Wednesday night in a physical game at the Four Nations Cup.

Cayla Barnes and Alex Carpenter each had power-play goals as the Americans went 3 of 5 with the advantage. Brianna Decker had two assists, and goalie Maddie Rooney made 20 saves for her second win in 20 nights with the Americans trying to win this event for a third straight time and eighth overall.

"We did so many things right, it's a great thing to build off of," U.S. coach Robb Stauber said.

— Associated Press

Seahawks seem to love the desert, look for another win there

By **BOB BAUM**
 Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — The Seattle Seahawks must love the desert. They've beaten coach Bruce Arians' Cardinals three of the past four times they've played there. The exception was last season's excruciating 6-6 tie, a Sunday night game when Arizona and Seattle both missed chip-shot field goals that would have won the game in overtime.

"It was old-time football," Arizona coach Bruce Arians said. "I've never been in a game with 97 snaps on offense and you only score six points."

It's the latest matchup between NFC West foes where home field doesn't seem to mean much. The Cardinals have won in three of its past four trips to Seattle, but the Seahawks have dominated in Arizona.

The Seahawks (5-3) will be favored again when they face the Cardinals (4-4) on Thursday night,



AP Photo/Stephen Brashear
Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson scrambles away from Washington Redskins defensive end Stacy McGee.

with Seattle's tough defensive front aiming to stop Adrian Peterson, who literally is carrying the offensive load since coming to the Cardinals.

With quarterback Carson Palmer out with a broken arm, Arizona is leaning on Peterson even more.

Thursday night's game comes just four days after the 32-year-old running back carried a career-high

UP NEXT: SEAHAWKS

• Seattle Seahawks (5-3)
 at Arizona Cardinals (4-4)
 • Tonight, 5:25 p.m. TV: NBC

37 times for 159 yards in the Cardinals' 20-10 victory at San Francisco. "I'm feeling good," Peterson said on Wednesday. "My body's feeling fresh. I'm ready to roll. I'm sure they are as sore as us, so it's going to be a battle of will."

The Seahawks are coming off a home loss to Washington.

"We took a step back last week," coach Pete Carroll said. "We didn't play like we wanted to, but over the last month or so, we've been playing pretty good football. We're moving in the right direction."

Seattle not only has to play on short rest, but must travel to play the game.

"If you're going to play on Thursday night," Arians said, "home is a huge advantage."

The Cardinals, whose wins have

come against teams that are a combined 5-21, will need all the advantages they can muster.

The Seahawks had several players miss practice in the short week due to injuries. Most will probably play, but running back Eddie Lacy (groin) and defensive end Marcus Smith (concussion) are out, and safety Earl Thomas (heel) is listed as doubtful.

Here are some things to consider when Seattle faces Arizona:

KICKING WOES: The teams got rid of the kickers who missed those field goals in last season's 6-6 tie — Seattle's Stephen Hauschka and Arizona's Chandler Catanzaro — and figured they had upgraded.

But Blair Walsh missed three field goals in Sunday's loss to the Redskins. And 42-year-old Phil Dawson, one of the most consistent kickers in recent years, has missed six for Arizona, equaling his misses for the previous two seasons combined.

Four of Dawson's misfires have come from 40 yards and in.