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BOYS SOCCER

Carter earns another MVP for Seaside

The Daily Astorian

The Seaside boys soccer program scored big in the Cowapa All-League selections, announced last week.

As voted on by the league's coaches, the league champion Gulls had eight players selected to the all-league team, to go with Player of the Year and Coach of the Year honors.

Senior Colton Carter turned the "MVP hat trick," picking up his third straight Player of the Year award, while John Chapman was named Coach of the Year for leading Seaside to a 13-2-1 record, 9-0-1 in league play.

Astoria senior Jake Hurd was named the league's Goalkeeper of the Year, joining five other Fishermen on the all-league squad.

Astoria's season ended in the first round of the state playoffs, in a 4-0 loss to Stayton, which will be playing in the 4A state championship game Saturday against Newport, which eliminated Seaside in the quarterfinals.

Hurd made 25 saves in Astoria's season-ending loss, in which the Fishermen accomplished what no other team could this year against Stayton — keeping the Eagles off the scoreboard in the first half.

"I am very proud of them," Astoria coach Lee Cain said of his team. "Not only for a winning season and making it to the playoffs, but also holding the best 4A team we've played this year to a scoreless first half, possibly the only one they've experienced."

Cain said Hurd "withstood a blistering barrage of mostly long distance line drives. He is in the books with 25 saves, 14 of them coming in the second half."

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

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

BOYS SOCCER

COWAPA ALL-LEAGUE

Player of the Year: Colton Carter, Seaside

Goalkeeper of the Year: Jake Hurd, Astoria

Coach of the Year: John Chapman, Seaside

FIRST TEAM

Colton Carter, Sr., MF, Seaside
Cole Beeson, Sr., CM, Astoria
Ethan Bly, Jr., M, Valley Catholic
Trevor Byrd, Sr., M, Astoria
Westin Carter, Fr., D, Seaside
Henry Chapman, Sr., D, Seaside
Parker Conrad, Jr., D, Seaside
Garrett Gilbert, Sr., M, Valley C.
Jose Gonzalez, Sr., CB, Astoria
Oscar Lozano, Jr., D, Tillamook
Trew Oliver, Sr., D/MF, Tillamook
Irving Peon, Jr., MF, Seaside
Jake Saito, Sr., F, Valley Catholic
Austin Schwalge, Sr., F, Scappoose
Rafi Sibony, Sr., MF, Seaside
Zach Streblov, Sr., CM, Banks
Rylan Torres, Sr., D, Valley C.
Nicolas Tubito, So., MF, Valley C.
Caden Verzino, Sr., MF, Scappoose
Robby Walsh, Sr., F, Scappoose

GK: Jake Hurd, Sr., Astoria

HONORABLE MENTION

DJ Backus, So., Scappoose
Ashton Boyd, Sr., Seaside
Aldo Cruz, Jr., Astoria
Corbin Edson, So., Scappoose
Eve Hernandez, So., Tillamook
Tobi Irrgang, Sr., Valley Catholic
Chase Janiuk, Jr., Seaside
Luis Macias, Jr., Tillamook
Noa Martinez-Lutali, Sr., Banks
Daniel McCuen, Sr., Banks
Quinn Schroeder, Jr., Valley C.
Porter Whitsett, Jr., Astoria

US gets 3 medals in bobsled opener

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. — Some of Steven Holcomb's ashes are scattered at Mount Van Hoevenberg, the track where the long-time U.S. bobsled driver dominated like no other for about the last two decades. His initials are on the speedsuits that his teammates will wear this season. His words still echo in their heads.

For the first time in nearly two decades, the U.S. raced in a World Cup bobsled competition without Holcomb — the three-time Olympic medalist — on the roster. They took three of the six available medals Thursday.

— Associated Press

INJURIES APLENTY

WILSON THROWS 2 TD PASSES, SEAHAWKS WIN



AP Photo/Rick Scuteri

Seahawks cornerback Richard Sherman lies injured on the turf after tackling Arizona Cardinals wide receiver John Brown during the second half Thursday, in Glendale, Ariz. Sherman ruptured his achilles during the Seahawks' 22-16 win and did not return to the game after the injury.

By BOB BAUM

Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Richard Sherman limped off the field with a ruptured Achilles tendon, just one of a host of players knocked out of the Seattle Seahawks' 22-16 victory over the Arizona Cardinals.

"It's a good division win, a good team win," Seattle linebacker Bobby Wagner said afterward, "but it's hard to truly appreciate it when you see a lot of guys go down with minor injuries, serious injuries."

Players don't like Thursday night football, and the injuries that hit the Seahawks and Cardinals are examples of why.

It's just too difficult, they say, to play that soon after Sunday.

"It's kind of hard to get back out there and recover," Seattle defensive end Michael Bennett said. "That's why you see so many injuries on Thursday night. You want to give the fans what they want, but also be able to protect the players as much as you can."

"Sometimes I feel like Thursday night football doesn't give them the opportunity to protect them."

At least seven players left the game with injuries, including knee injuries to Arizona's starting left tackle D.J. Humphries and the team's leading tackler, safety Tyvon Branch. Both could be headed for injured reserve, Arizona coach Bruce Arians said.

Asked if Thursday night football is unsafe, Seattle coach Pete Carroll said "It's a challenge."



AP Photo/Ross D. Franklin

Seahawks tight end Jimmy Graham celebrates his second touchdown catch.

"It's a real challenge for our players," he said. "Our guys did it and their guys did it. It's a great event for everyone, but it's very difficult and very challenging."

But should it be changed?

"I don't want to pay anything so I'm not going to comment on anything," Carroll said.

The game featured loads of penalties and sluggish play with one of amazing escape by Russell Wilson in a 54-yard pass to Doug Baldwin.

"He made a play that will probably go down in history," Arizona inside linebacker

Karlos Dansby said.

The Cardinals sacked Wilson a season-high five times but couldn't get him down this time.

Retreating, spinning, slipping out of serious trouble, Wilson was on his heels when he threw to Baldwin. Defender Antoine Bethea went up to try to intercept, then slipped. Baldwin caught it and raced downfield to the Cardinals 2-yard line, setting up Wilson's second touchdown pass to Jimmy Graham.

The Seahawks (6-3) bounced back from Sunday's home loss to Washington to climb within a half-game of the first place Los Angeles Rams in the NFC West. Arizona (4-5) has yet to beat a team that does not have a losing record.

Here are some things to consider from Seattle's Thursday night victory.

WINNING IN ARIZONA: As usual, there were plenty of Seahawks fans in the sellout crowd at University of Phoenix Stadium and they watched their team, decked out in electric all-green uniforms, win again in the desert.

The Seahawks are 4-0-1 in Arizona since Bruce Arians became the Cardinals' coach.

The only time Seattle didn't win there was in last season's 6-6 tie.

Oddly enough, Arizona is 3-1 in its last four trips to Seattle. The teams meet again there on Dec. 24.

PETERSON'S PROBLEMS: Adrian Peterson, playing four days after carrying a career-high 37 times for 159 yards in San Francisco, had a tough day.

He fumbled the ball away the first time he touched it and wound up with just 29 yards in 21 carries.



AP Photo/Ross D. Franklin

Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson loses the ball as he is hit by Cardinals linebacker Haason Reddick.

NFL reviewing whether Seahawks followed concussion protocol

NEW YORK — The NFL confirmed it is reviewing whether the Seattle Seahawks followed proper concussion protocol with quarterback Russell Wilson.

An NFL spokesman said Friday that the league is conducting a "thorough review" of whether the Seahawks followed the protocols when Wilson was sent off the field in the third quarter of Seattle's 22-16 win over Arizona.

Wilson was hit in the chin Thursday night

by Karlos Dansby, who was flagged for roughing the passer. Referee Walt Anderson sent Wilson off the field. But Wilson was in Seattle's injury tent for only a few moments and he missed just one play.

Wilson said after the game, "I wasn't concussed or anything like that."

The team can be subject to league discipline if concussion protocols are not followed properly.

Olympic gymnast: I was abused by doctor

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Olympic gymnast Aly Raisman says she is among the young women sexually abused by a former USA Gymnastics team doctor.

Raisman tells "60 Minutes" she was 15 when she was first treated by Dr. Larry Nassar, who spent more than two decades working with athletes at USA Gymnastics. He's now in jail in Michigan awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty to possession of child pornography.

Raisman, the captain of the 2012 and 2016 Olympic gold-medal winning teams, details the abuse in her book "Fierce," which will be released on Tuesday. Raisman's interview with "60 Minutes" will air on Sunday night.

Raisman is the latest gymnast to claim she was sexually abused by Nassar. McKayla Maroney, who won

two medals at the 2012 Games as Raisman's teammate, said last month she was molested for years by Nassar.

Nassar also is awaiting trial on separate criminal sexual conduct charges and has been sued by more than 125 women alleging sexual abuse. Nassar has pleaded not guilty to the assault charges, and the dozens of civil suits filed in Michigan are currently in mediation.

USA Gymnastics said in a statement Friday that Raisman sharing her personal experience took "great courage" and it is "appalled by the conduct of which Larry Nassar is accused."

The 23-year-old Raisman has been highly critical of USA Gymnastics in recent months, calling for leadership change at the top of the organization while advocating for athlete's rights.

USA Gymnastics launched an independent review of its policies in

the wake of the allegations against Nassar and reporting by the Indianapolis Star in August 2016 that highlighted chronic mishandling of sexual abuse allegations against coaches and staff at some of its more than 3,500 clubs across the country.

Nassar began working with USA Gymnastics as an athletic trainer in 1986 and became the national team doctor in 1996. He stepped down in 2014 but remained on staff before being fired in 2015.

"These girls, they should be comfortable going to USA Gymnastics and saying 'I need help, I want therapy. I need this,'" Raisman said in an interview with The Associated Press and USA Today in August during the 2017 national championships.

Raisman declined to get into specifics at that time about whether she was abused by Nassar but painted a vivid picture of how Nassar's behavior went unchecked.

Cowboys' Elliott loses appeal; ineligible to play

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott's half-season run from his six-game suspension ended Thursday when a federal appeals court refused to let him play while it considers his appeal.

A bespectacled Elliott in a suit and tie sat directly in front of a three-judge panel that considered a request from the NFL Players Association that he be allowed to play. But the court issued an order in less than an hour disqualifying him from Sunday's game at Atlanta. It appears he'll miss all of November's games since the court set a Dec. 1 hearing for oral arguments on the merits of the union's appeal.



Aly Raisman