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Knappa races past Astoria, 74-36

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KNAPPA — Knappa bounced back from a Friday night defeat — and last year’s early-season loss to Astoria — with a resounding 74-36 win Saturday night over the Fishermen in the final game of the Loggers’ annual Tip-Off Classic. The Fishermen were coming off a 60-40 loss to Oregon Episcopal the night before, and Toledo shocked the Loggers 60-44 in Friday’s nightcap. OES defeated Toledo 78-59 in Saturday’s early game.

The Loggers were hitting on all cylinders in Saturday’s late contest, as they built a 33-20 halftime lead, then outscored Astoria 25-4 in a decisive fourth quarter.

Knappa’s Colton Weirup hit eight of the Loggers’ 12 3-pointers, on his way to a 28-point night. Dale Takalo added 18 points and Kaleb Miller scored nine for Knappa.

Ian Hunt and Josh Olson led Astoria with 10 points apiece.

“We’re just struggling to score right now,” said Astoria coach Kevin Goin. “And we knew we would. We’re young and it’s a building year for us. We actually played well through three quarters, before we started subbing in the fourth.”

But “I have to give it to Knappa — they really played well,” Goin said. “I don’t even know if Weirup scored in the first quarter, then he ends up with 28.”

Knappa returns to nonleague action Tuesday at Clatskanie, while Astoria plays Friday at R.A. Long. Astoria’s home contest Thursday against a Canadian team from Semiahmoo has been canceled.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY
Girls basketball — Naselle at Warrenton, 5:30 p.m.; Knappa at Clatskanie, 6 p.m.; Jewell at St. Stephens, 5:30 p.m.; Ilwaco at Chief Leschi, 5:45 p.m.
Boys basketball — Naselle at Warrenton, 7:15 p.m.; Knappa at Clatskanie, 7:45 p.m.; Ilwaco at Chief Leschi, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Astoria 57, Knappa 23
Astoria 12 3 15 27—57
Knappa 2 5 10 6—23
AST (57): Brooklynn Hankwitz 20, Helmersen 8, O’Brien 8, Rogers 4, Jackson 4, Cummings 4, Norris 3, Hemsley 2, Burnett 2, Fausett 2.
KNA (23): Madelynn Weaver 9, Carlson 6, Miller 4, Vanderburg 4, Ramvick, Inman, Marcello.

Astoria 46, OR Episcopal 42
O.Episcopal 10 11 6 15—42
Astoria 13 10 11 12—46
OES (42): Grace Borbon 8, Ruoff 6, Holzman 4, Han 3, Aaron 2.
AST (46): Sam Hemsley 15, Norris 13, Hankwitz 10, Fausett 4, Jackson 3, Helmersen 1, Rogers, Cummings, O’Brien.

Seaside 48, Gladstone 25
Gladstone 2 5 3 15—25
Seaside 13 6 15 14—48
SEA (48): Emy Kiser 12, Garhofer 9, Babbitt 8, Ideue 8, Smart 6, Angulo-Joli 3, Zagata 2, Davis, Goin.

Warrenton 49, Junction City 44
Junction City 9 13 13 9—44
Warrenton 15 13 8 13—49
JC (44): Hailey Bruhn 16, Norris 8, Evans 6, Bedacht 6, Mehlbrech 5, Hernandez 2, Ohman 1.
WAR (49): Tyla Little 23, Ramsey 9, Alvarez 9, Bussert 8, Diego, M.Blodgett, Heyen.

BOYS BASKETBALL
Knappa 74, Astoria 36
Astoria 5 15 12 4—36
Knappa 13 20 16 25—74
AST (36): Ian Hunt 10, Josh Olson 10, K.Johnson 7, Stenblom 7, P.Johnson 2.
KNA (74): Colton Weirup 28, D.Takalo 18, Miller 9, E.Takalo 6, Vanderburg 6, Engblom 5, Ramvick 2.

Seaside 68, Gladstone 60
Seaside 9 20 22 17—68
Gladstone 10 18 16 16—60
SEA (68): Chase Januik 31, Hague 19, Westerholm 7, Thompson 4, Carter 4, Sibony 2, Be.Johnson 1, Br.Johnson, Ritterby, Landwehr, Meyer.

GLA (60): Jackson Simmons 25, Warren 19, Dix 6, Penn 5, Ashpole 3, Nielson-Moss 2.
Nestucca 40, Warrenton 38
Warrenton 8 11 12 7—38
Nestucca 8 11 12 9—40
WAR (38): Dalton Knight 13, Morrow 10, Stephens 7, Jackson 4, Fischer 2, Kapua 2, Fowler, Little.
NES (40): Cole Strober 17, Morgan 8, Link 8, Richwine 5, Tull 2.



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The Gulls’ Jetta Ideue soars for two of her eight points in Friday’s win over Gladstone.

Seaside still winning, as Gulls defeat Gladstone

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SEASIDE — Playing their first game of the post-Maddi Utti era, the Seaside girls basketball team did not miss a beat Friday night at the Gulls’ Nest, where the Lady Gulls extended their unbeaten streak to 16 games with a 48-25 win over Gladstone.

Undeclared at home last year, Seaside has not lost a game on its home court since Jan. 26, 2016.

And in their first contest without Utti (now playing at Fresno State) in four years, the Gulls scored by committee.

Emy Kiser led Seaside with 12 points, followed by Annaka Garhofer with nine. Bryre Babbitt and Jetta Ideue chipped in eight apiece. Anesha Smart added six, as seven Gulls made the scoring column.

“Well, if a positive vision can become reality, this game was about as close as I could imagine,” said Seaside coach Mike Hawes. “We played hard, kept the turnovers in control, and ran and gunned fairly well.”

The season-opening win was a “good first outing, with contributions from everyone,” he said. “Great floor games by Jetta and Bryre. Emy did solid, Annaka hit some threes and Anesha played her best varsity game.”

Defensively, the Gulls had nine steals and held the Gladiators to just 10 total points through three quarters.

Seaside was hot from the field, hitting 19-of-56 field goal attempts, including 7-of-24 from the 3-point line.

Babbitt added 10 rebounds, four assists and four steals.

Seaside hosts Molalla on Thursday.



Bryre Babbitt led Seaside in rebounds, assists and steals, and scored eight points.

Seaside opens with 68-60 win at Gladstone

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GLADSTONE — The defending state champion Seaside Seagulls picked up right where they left off last year, with a 68-60 win at Gladstone to start the 2017-18 season Friday night, in nonleague boys basketball action.

It was a state tournament rematch on the Gladiators’ home floor, where Chase Januik poured in a game-high 31 points for Seaside, and teammate Ryan Hague added 19.

Seaside defeated Gladstone 46-43 in a quarterfinal game of last season’s state tournament in Forest Grove. The Gulls also opened the 2016-17 season with a 71-55 victory over the Gladiators.

Gladstone was still within one point (29-28) at halftime of Friday’s game, before the Gulls went on a 22-16 run in the third quarter.

The Gladiators also couldn’t keep up with Seaside at the free throw line, where the Gulls made 27-of-32 attempts. Jackson Simmons scored 25 points for Gladstone.

Astoria girls score 57-23 decision over Knappa

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KNAPPA — Two teams with plenty of connections met in the final girls’ game Saturday of the Knappa Tip-Off Classic, with Knappa hosting Astoria.

The Lady Fishermen — coached by former Logger coach Mike Jacobson — improved to 2-0 on the season, with a 57-23 win over Knappa.

Brooklynn Hankwitz tossed in 20 points. Freshman Halle Helmersen scored eight along with Hailey O’Brien, while former Logger McKailyn Rogers scored four points.

Astoria built a 30-17 lead through three quarters, then outscored the Loggers 27-6 in the fourth.

Madelynn Weaver led Knappa with nine points.

Astoria opened the tournament Friday with a 46-42 win over Oregon Episcopal.

Astoria’s Sam Hemsley led a trio of players in double figures with 15 points. Julia Norris added 13 points and Hankwitz scored 10 for Astoria, which led 23-21 at halftime.

Knappa lost a 49-30 decision Friday night to Toledo.

Warrenton boys lose twice on road

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CLOVERDALE — Tied after the first quarter, halftime and three quarters, Nestucca outscored Warrenton 9-7 in the fourth for a 40-38 win over the Warriors, last Thursday in a boys basketball season opener.

Nestucca’s Cole Strober scored 17 to lead all scorers, while Dalton Knight had 13 and Jacob Morrow had 10 for the Warriors.

Warrenton returned to action Saturday at Gaston, where the Greyhounds posted a 57-50 win over the Warriors.

Warrenton hosts Naselle Tuesday.

Toledo defeats Ilwaco Fishermen

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TOLEDO, Wash. — Toledo’s Reece Wallace scored 14 points and Westin Wallace added 12, to help the Indians score a 45-41 win Saturday over visiting Ilwaco in a nonleague boys basketball game.

Daniel Whiting led Ilwaco with 14 points, and John Glenn added nine for the Fishermen (2-1 overall), who play Tuesday at Chief Leschi, before hosting a nonleague game Thursday with Knappa.

Warrenton girls top Junction City; Little scores 23

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WARRENTON — Warrenton avenged a loss at Junction City last year with a 49-44 win over the Class 4A Tigers Saturday night at Warrenton, in a nonleague girls basketball game.

Tyla Little scored 23 points for the Warriors, who led for most of the

game, other than a two-point deficit in the third quarter.

“It was a well-played game, back and forth the whole way,” said Warrenton coach (and Junction City graduate) Robert Hoepfl, whose team improved to 2-0. “It was six points or closer for most of the game.”

The Warriors finally began to pull away, building a 10-point lead early

in the fourth quarter.

Kenzie Ramsey and Fernanda Alvarez scored nine points apiece, and Claire Bussert added eight as the only other Warriors to score.

“Between Fernanda, Kenzie, Sagi (Diego), Morgan (Blodgett) and Maria (Heyen), we played good defense,” Hoepfl said.

Warrenton hosts Naselle Tuesday.