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Oregon head coach Willie Taggart is heading to Tallahassee to replace Jimbo Fisher at Florida State.

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TAGGART GONE

After just one season, coach takes wing to Florida State

By **JOE REEDY** | Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Willie Taggart is returning to the Sunshine State, this time as head football coach at Florida State.

Taggart has agreed to become Florida State's next coach, replacing Jimbo Fisher. Taggart told his Oregon players during a team meeting on Tuesday that he is leaving.

Florida State has called a news conference for Wednesday morning to introduce Taggart.

The 41-year old Bradenton native coached at South Florida for four seasons before going to Oregon. Fisher resigned Friday to accept the opening at Texas A&M.

Taggart has a 47-50 career record, including 7-5 this season, but is known as a rebuild. He arrived in Eugene after four years at South Florida, where he guided the Bulls from a 2-10 record his first year to a 10-2 mark last year and a spot in the Birmingham Bowl.

Before that he spent three seasons as head coach at his alma mater, Western Kentucky, inheriting a winless program that he turned around with back-to-back winning seasons.

The Seminoles have entered new territory follow-

ing Fisher's departure. Taggart, and Odell Haggins — Fisher's replacement on an interim basis — are the first black head football coaches at Florida State. Haggins will hold the position for two games before turning over the reins to Taggart.

Haggins led the Seminoles (6-6) to a 42-10 win over Louisiana-Monroe in Saturday's regular-season finale. He will coach the Seminoles in the Dec. 27 Independence Bowl against Southern Mississippi.

This was the first time Florida State had to conduct a coaching search since 1975.

Bobby Bowden was the Seminoles' coach for 34 seasons and put the program on the map with two national championships. Fisher was hired as offensive coordinator in 2007 and was also named as the head-coach-in-waiting. He took over in 2010 following Bowden's retirement.

When Taggart was hired by Oregon, he said he had three basic tenets: "Make no excuses, blame no one, do something." "Do Something" became his tagline for his first season with the Ducks.

Oregon started this past season 4-1 and even briefly popped into the AP rankings, but starting quarterback Justin Herbert broke his collarbone and the Ducks floundered, going 1-4 without him.

Herbert returned for the final two games of the season, both wins that got the Ducks into a bowl game in Taggart's lone season. Co-offensive coordinator and offensive line coach Mario Cristobal will be the interim head coach when Oregon faces Boise State in the Las Vegas Bowl on Dec. 16.

Jewell Lady Jays fly by St. Stephens

The Daily Astorian

BEAVERTON — Gabi Morales, Lilly Kaczinski and Emma Guillen combined for 39 points Tuesday night, helping the Jewell girls basketball team to a 46-28 win over St. Stephens in a nonleague contest at Lake Oswego.

Jewell trailed St. Stephens 5-4 after one quarter, but then outscored the Archers 34-13 over the next two periods to take a commanding lead.

Morales led the Lady Jays with 14 points, followed by Kaczinski with 13 points to go with seven rebounds and five steals, and Guillen scored 12. Ashley Wammack pulled down seven boards for Jewell.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY

Girls basketball — South Bend at Naselle, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Warrenton 68, Naselle 25
Naselle 4 1 10 13—28
Warrenton 19 21 21 4—65
NAS (28): Taylor Gudmundsen 10, Steenerson 6, Glenn 6, Zimmerman 4, Harman 2.
WAR (65): Claire Bussert 18, Alvarez 16, Little 14, M.Blodgett 10, Ramsey 3, Doney 2, DeJesus 2, Kapua, Talancon, Heyen, Foster.

Clatskanie 90, Knappa 39
Knappa 10 10 9 10—39
Clatskanie 34 21 26 9—90
KNA (39): Aiko Miller 11, Vanderburg 10, Carlson 8, Weaver 8, Inman 2, Rammick, Tischer, Strain, Marchello.
CLA (90): Olivia Sprague 30, S.Blodgett 27, Simmons 14, Baker 8, Warren 4, Smith 3, L.Blodgett 2, Sizemore 2.

Jewell 46, St. Stephens 28
Jewell 4 15 19 8—46
St.Stephens 5 5 8 10—28
JWL (46): Gabi Morales 14, Kaczinski 13, Guillen 12, A.Wammack 4, Shaw 2, R.Wammack, Olvera, Meier, Park, Haddock, Norman.
SS (28): Lauren Reynolds 15, Hamilton 6, Oeverman 5, Bedford 2.

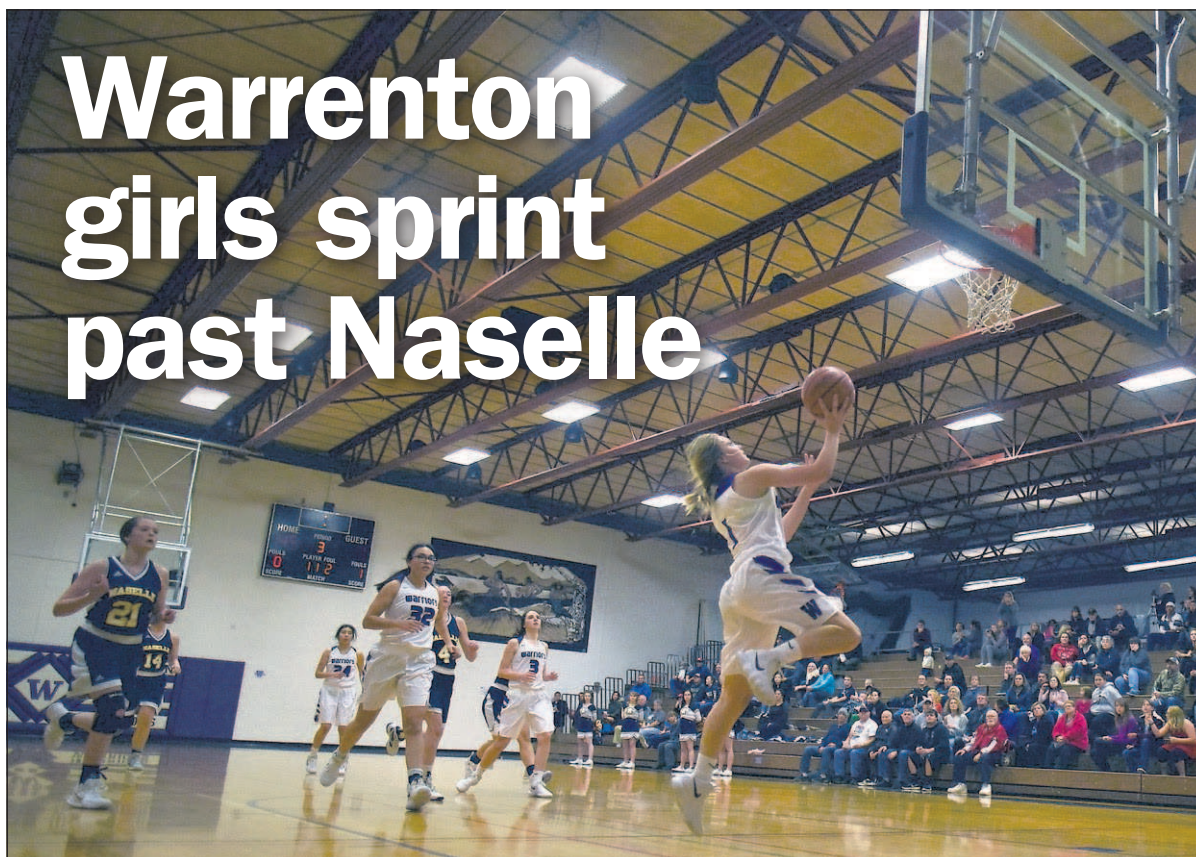
BOYS BASKETBALL

Naselle 61, Warrenton 57
Naselle 20 19 11 11—61
Warrenton 18 10 15 14—57
NAS (61): Jacob Eaton 19, Glenn 11, Lopez 11, Dorman 6, Lund 6, Lindstrom 5, Fontanilla 3.
WAR (57): Dalton Knight 28, Fischer 9, Little 8, Jackson 6, Stephens 4, Morrow 2, Kapua, Qualls, Fowler, Breitmeyer.

Clatskanie 56, Knappa 53
Knappa 11 18 19 5—53
Clatskanie 13 11 13 19—56
KNA (53): Timber Engblom 16, D.Takalo 15, Weirup 9, E.Takalo 8, Phillip 3, Vanderburg 2, Rammick, Miller.
CLA (56): Cooper Blodgett 15, Helmen 14, Sewald 13, Jones 6, Watson 5, Evenson 4, Osborn 1.

St. Stephens 45, Jewell 32
Jewell 8 4 11 9—32
St.Stephens 12 11 10 12—45
JWL (32): Ryan Kane 16, N.Kane 7, Lyon 4, Stahly 3, Meehan 2, Chronister, Lilley, Berg, Nelson.
SS (45): Matt Reynolds 17, Radigan 15, Storm 7, G.Bergeron 4, S.Bergeron 2.

Warrenton girls sprint past Naselle



Photos by Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

Tyla Little lays the ball in after a fast break for the Warriors.

The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — The Warrenton girls basketball team cruised through another nonleague tuneup before their league opener next week, racing past visiting Naselle Tuesday night, 68-25.

It's only the second week of the season, but the Lady Warriors are rated seventh in the OSAA rankings, and they will likely be undefeated when they take on Rainier Tuesday in

what could be an eventual showdown for the Lewis & Clark League title.

Warrenton had four starters in double figures in Tuesday's victory, as Claire Bussert led the way with 18 points. Fernanda Alvarez added 16, followed by Tyla Little with 14 and Morgan Blodgett with 10.

The game started promising enough for the Comets, who led 2-0.

But from there, the Warriors went on a 40-2 run, which included a 21-0 rally that pushed their 19-4 lead to

40-4 just before halftime.

Warrenton dominated the inside — mostly Alvarez, who scored all 16 of her points in the first half; and the Warriors knocked down 7-of-18 3-pointers from the outside.

Defensively, the Warriors forced 36 turnovers, and spent most of the night scoring in transition off steals.

Taylor Gudmundsen scored 10 points to lead the Comets, who were missing two regular starters from the lineup.

Naselle scores win at Warrenton

The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — Another close game ended in defeat for the Warrenton boys basketball team Tuesday night, as the Naselle Comets made the trip across the river and scored a 61-57 nonleague win over the Warriors.

The Warriors dropped to 0-3, with the three losses coming by a combined 13 points.

Naselle junior Jacob Eaton poured in 19 points, freshman Kolby Glenn added 11, and sophomore Oggie Lopez chipped in 11 points off the bench for the Comets, who nearly let a 10-point lead slip away in the final quarter.

The first half alone featured four ties and four lead changes, with Naselle building a 16-9 advantage before a pair of Dalton Knight 3-pointers helped the Warriors rally to within 20-18 after one quarter.

Baskets by Devin Jackson and Logan Fischer led to a 23-20 lead for Warrenton, the Warriors' largest lead.

The Comets answered right away, turning a 25-23 deficit into a 34-25 lead, sparked by a 3-pointer from Eaton, and Eaton's lay-up off a steal.

A trey by Glenn gave Naselle



Austin Little takes a shot from beyond the 3-point line for the Warrenton Warriors.

a 39-28 lead at the break, and Erik Lund scored the first bucket of the second half for the Comets' biggest lead, 41-28.

But Warrenton used the long ball to stay within striking distance, as Knight and Austin Little made 3-pointers, with another trey from Knight helping the Warriors close to within 47-43.

Naselle pushed the lead right back to 57-49 with 2:30 left in the final period, but the Warriors scored on a

pair of fast breaks, and Little's second 3-pointer had Warrenton within 59-57 with 49 seconds remaining.

The Comets could have clinched it a little sooner from the free throw line, but Naselle was just 2-of-6 from the stripe in the final minute of the game.

Still, Little's 3-pointer was the final basket for Warrenton, while Glenn and Ethan Lindstrom each made a free throw for Naselle in the final 15 seconds to secure the victory.

Knappa boys fall to Clatskanie

The Daily Astorian

CLATSKANIE — A slow start and an even rougher finish cost the Knappa Loggers at Clatskanie, where the Tigers rallied Tuesday night for a 56-53 nonleague win over Knappa.

The visiting Loggers held a 48-37 lead heading into the fourth quarter, when Knappa went cold and the Tigers outscored the Loggers 19-5 to pick up the victory.

Clatskanie was 18-of-24 from the free throw line, and 9-for-10 in the final quarter. Knappa was 5-of-8 at the line.

Cooper Blodgett led a trio of Clatskanie players in double figures, finishing with 15. James Helmen added 14 and Dusten Sewald scored 13 for the Tigers.

Knappa's Timber Engblom led all scorers with 16 points, with Dale Takalo chipping in 15 for the Loggers.

"We just had a dreadful first quarter and fourth quarter," said Knappa coach Chris Spencer, whose team plays Thursday at Ilwaco.

Clatskanie rolls over Knappa

The Daily Astorian

CLATSKANIE — The points were coming fast and furious for the Clatskanie girls basketball team Tuesday night, as the Tigers racked up 90 points in a 90-39 win over Knappa in a nonleague game at Clatskanie.

Freshman Olivia Sprague had 30 points and freshman teammate Shelby Blodgett scored 27 for the Tigers, who held a 34-10 lead after one period, 55-20 at halftime and 81-29 after three quarters.

Aiko Miller led Knappa with 11 points (but suffered a concussion after scoring on a layup in the second half), while Paris Vanderburg added 10 points. Sophie Carlson and Madelynn Weaver scored eight points apiece for the Loggers.

St. Stephens stops Jewell boys

The Daily Astorian

BEAVERTON — St. Stephens spoiled Jewell's season opener Tuesday night in a Class 1A boys basketball game in Beaverton, as the Archers shot down the Blue Jays 45-32.

Matt Reynolds scored 17 points and Joel Radigan added 15 for St. Stephens, while Ryan Kane led Jewell with 16 points, followed by Nathan Kane with seven points and seven rebounds.