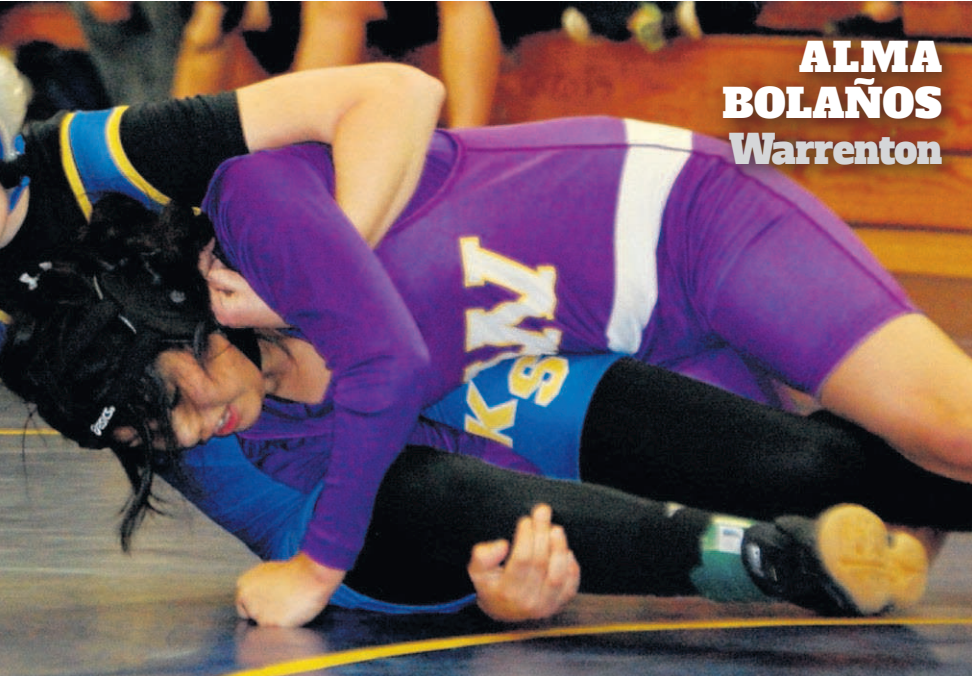


Athletes of the Week



Kathy Morgan/For The Daily Astorian

Competing against a field of mostly 5A and 6A schools, the 3A Warrenton girls wrestling team took third (the only non-5A/6A school in the top 10) at the Liberty Invitational, Dec. 16 in Hillsboro. Bolaños highlighted Warrenton’s day by going 3-0 to take first place in the 124-129-pound bracket. A senior who is only in her second year of wrestling, Bolaños pinned her final opponent in the last seconds of the third round.



Krissy Barendse-Goodman/For The Daily Astorian

No boys basketball team was better at the Class 2A level last week than the Knappa Loggers. And Takalo played a big role in leading Knappa to three straight wins. In a 77-55 win at Gaston Dec. 12, Takalo scored a team-high 23 points; he had his second 30-point game of the season in a 69-48 win over Vernonia Dec. 14; and on Dec. 16 against top-ranked Western Menno-nite, the Knappa senior scored 14 of his game-high 19 points in the second half, including two big 3-pointers in the third quarter.

Amity defeats Warrenton in Battle of the Warriors

The Daily Astorian

AMITY — A 19-6 run by the Amity Warriors helped them to a 59-55 win Wednesday night over the Warrenton Warriors in a non-league girls basketball game. Warrenton’s Tyla Little had 25 points through three quarters (and finished with 26), and the visiting Warriors held a 49-40 lead heading into the fourth period. That’s when Amity “threw a 1-3-1 zone at us, and we just weren’t really prepared for it,” said Warrenton coach Robert Hoepfl. “Claire (Bussert) still did a great job in handling it, but we had some turnovers, missed some shots and some free throws that cost us. “It’s a game that we wanted to win, but it’s nonleague, and we’ll learn from it,” he said. Sophomore Maylin Williams led Amity with 22 points, followed by junior Keeley Graham with 19. Little moved into 11th on the all-time Warrenton career scoring list.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE									
TODAY									
Girls basketball	—	Marshfield	at	Seaside	6 p.m.	Boys basketball	—	Marshfield	at Seaside, 7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY									
Girls basketball	—	Ilwaco	at	Montesano	5:30 p.m.	Boys basketball	—	Ilwaco	at Montesano, 7 p.m.; Firm Foundation at Naselle, 3:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL									
Amity 59, Warrenton 55									
Warrenton	9	21	19	6—55					
Amity	17	12	11	19—59					
WAR (55):	Tyla Little 26, Alvarez 14, Bussert 9, Ramsey 6, M.Blodgett, Hey-en, Diego.								
AMI (59):	Maylin Williams 22, Graham 19, Croxford 11, Plummer 8, Hatch 4, Huskey 4, Knuth 2.								



Krissy Barendse-Goodman/For The Daily Astorian
Knappa senior Kaleb “Bubba” Miller was the lone quarterback on the Class 2A all-state football team.



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Knappa senior linebacker Mason Hoover was second in the voting for Defensive Player of the Year.

LOGGERS GAIN ALL-STATE HONORS

The Daily Astorian

The Knappa Loggers continued to reap the rewards from their 2017 football season, with nine players selected to the Class 2A all-state squad, released this week. Knappa had eight members of its starting offense selected all-state — senior quarterback Kaleb “Bubba” Miller (the only quarterback on the first-team offense), running back Luke Goozee, wide receivers Reuben Cruz and Kanai Phillip, and offensive linemen Reece Hunt, David Patterson, Jacob Ford and Jaxson Goodman. Additionally, five defensive starters made all-state — Hunt and Goodman on the line, linebacker Mason Hoover, and defensive backs Cruz and Phillip. Miller was runner-up as the state’s Offensive Player of the Year, and Hoover was second in voting for Defensive Player of the Year.

“I really felt like Kaleb was the Offensive Player of the Year,” said Knappa coach Aaron Barendse. “He was the best player in the state on that side of the ball.” The award went to Monroe sophomore running back Zach Young. The Defensive Player of the Year was St. Paul junior Justin Herberger, and Bill Crowson of state champion Monroe was Coach of the Year. “Our program was really well-represented and I couldn’t be prouder of our young men,” Barendse said. “We had a great season (10-1 overall, semifinals) that we should be proud of here in Knappa. Losing to the state champs with a chance to win that game finishing in the Final Four is pretty remarkable. “We are losing some great kids but have a lot of great ball players returning,” he said. “I’m excited for the future. We’ve created a good culture at Knappa and our kids expect to be successful through the work they put in. I’m proud to be a Logger.”

Reliever Nicasio, Mariners finalize \$17M, 2-year deal

SEATTLE — Reliever Juan Nicasio has finalized a \$17 million, two-year contract with the Mariners that gives Seattle another hard-throwing arm out of its bullpen. Nicasio gets a \$500,000 signing bonus and salaries of \$7.5 million next year and \$9 million in 2019. He can earn an additional \$3.5 million annually in performance bonuses for games finished. Seattle announced the deal Tuesday after Nicasio successfully completed a physical. The deal was agreed to during the winter meetings last week in Florida. A 31-year-old right-hander, Nicasio had a 2.61 ERA in 76 games last season, when he set a career high for appearances and tied for the NL lead. He spent most of the season with Pittsburgh before two games with Philadelphia and nine with St. Louis. Nicasio was 2-0 with a 1.64 ERA and four saves with the Cardinals.

Indians agree to \$16M, 2-year deal with 1B Alonso

CLEVELAND — The Indians didn’t take long to cover their opening at first base. After losing Carlos Santana to Philadelphia in free agency, Cleveland agreed to a \$16 million, two-year contract with first baseman Yonder Alonso, a person familiar with the negotiations told the Associated Press. The 30-year-old will take a physical on Thursday to finalize the deal, said the person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the team has not announced the agreement. Alonso hit a career-high 28 homers last season and became a first-time All-Star. He batted .266 with 67 RBIs in stints with Oakland and Seattle.

Semi plunges into home pool of Blazers’ Turner

PORTLAND — A semi-truck hauling a large trash bin crashed and plunged into a Portland Trail Blazer’s guard Evan Turner’s swimming pool in Southwest Portland. Turner was home in bed at the time. The driver was taken to Oregon Health and Science University Medical Center with serious injuries. Authorities say the truck’s driver lost control on a hairpin curve and wound up down a hill and in the pool. The driver was extricated but his condition is unknown. —Associated Press

Seahawks’ Wagner regrets Twitter reaction after loss

Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Seahawks linebacker Bobby Wagner expressed regret Wednesday for taking to social media to vent his frustrations about comments made by teammate Earl Thomas after Seattle’s blowout loss to the Los Angeles Rams. Whether all is settled between Seattle’s star linebacker and its stand-out free safety is left to interpretation. “Do I feel like I mishandled the situation? Yeah, there was a better way of going about the situation. I could

have (done) better. It’s one of those things where you live and you learn and that’s kind of what it is,” Wagner said. “It’s just one of those things, it was a frustrating game, it was a frustrating situation, the game didn’t go as well as we planned and emotions get high and things of that nature. ... I’m man enough to admit I handled the situation wrong.” Wagner played in the 42-7 loss Sunday despite being limited by a hamstring injury that’s been bothering him for nearly two months. Wagner was clearly not at his normal level

UP NEXT: SEAHAWKS

- Seattle Seahawks(8-6) at Dallas Cowboys (8-6)
- Sunday, 1:25 p.m. TV: FOX

and Thomas questioned after the game whether Wagner should have been playing in the first place. “To be totally honest, I think the guys that played, you’ve got to give your hats off to (Wagner) and a couple guys that played,” Thomas said after the loss. “But my personal opin-

ion, I don’t think they should have played. The backups would have did just as good.” Wagner sent two tweets that were later deleted. In one, he told Thomas to keep his name out of his mouth and to “stop being jealous” of other people’s success. Both Wagner and coach Pete Carroll indicated Wednesday that the issue was settled and had been worked out between the pair at the beginning of the week. But Thomas indicated there hadn’t been a conversation to quell any lingering problems.