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## Heritage boys escape Astoria with win

Fishermen were game against bigger school

By **GARY HENLEY**  
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The Timberwolves of Heritage High School (enrollment 1,350) had a difficult time in getting past the Fishermen of Astoria (enrollment 511) Saturday night at the Brick House.

In the third-place boys' game of the Vince Dulcich Memorial basketball tournament, the Timberwolves eventually scored a 55-44 win over an Astoria team that had one of its best efforts of the season.

It also happened to be the third game in two days for the Fishermen, who were looking to snap a four-game losing skid.

The Timberwolves, who compete in the Washington 4A Greater St. Helens League (the equivalent of a 6A Oregon school), looked like they were ready to pull away in the second half. And more than once.

Travis Vanriper made a 3-pointer



Photos by Gary Henley/The Daily Astorian  
**ABOVE:** Astoria's Ryan Stenblom, left, tries to make a move against a Heritage defender in the second half. **LEFT:** Astoria senior Karsten Johnson, No. 2, hits the floor as he tries to create a turnover in Saturday's game.

in the opening seconds of the third quarter, and teammate Sanjeet Singh added two more over the next minute to give Heritage a 32-16 lead.

Singh knocked down two more trey's in the quarter for a 40-26 advantage.

But every time the Wolves were on the verge of putting Astoria away, the Fishermen rallied.

Whether it was back-to-back scores from Ephraim Tice and Josh

Olson, an offensive rebound basket by Isaac Brockman, or back-to-back 3-pointers from Ryan Stenblom, the Fishermen stayed right with the bigger, stronger Timberwolves.

Astoria trimmed a 40-24 deficit to 42-36 with a 7-0 run, capped by a layup from Ian Hunt.

The Wolves answered with a 7-2 run of their own, but scores by Hunt and Brockman helped Astoria rally to within 51-44 with a

minute remaining.

But that's as close as the Fishermen could get, as Heritage made four straight free throws to secure the win and third place.

Hunt finished with 17 points (scoring seven in the opening minutes of the game, helping Astoria to an early 9-2 lead).

Astoria played two games Friday — the first, versus Redmond, was a 9:30 a.m. tip-off, and later an 8 p.m.

game against Battle Ground.

The Fishermen trailed Redmond 23-10 after one quarter, but rallied and had a chance to win at the end, but a 3-pointer missed and the Panthers escaped with a 46-44 win.

"I was really proud of the way we battled," said Astoria coach Kevin Goin. "We were down 13 after one, then outscored them 34-23 the rest of the way. We played better in the second half. We were able to score a little more — K.J. (Karsten Johnson) had 20 points and Isaac had 10."

In Friday's late game, both teams had trouble scoring, as Battle Ground led just 5-3 after one quarter.

"We struggled to score the basketball — that's been our nemesis all year," Goin said. "We're young, and that's part of being young."

Still, the Fishermen were down just 14-8 at halftime, before the Tigers began to pull away in the third quarter, building a 35-14 lead.

"(The Tigers) had a 6-8 kid (freshman Kaden Perry), and he was a handful for us," Goin said, while sophomore Brendan Beall led Battle Ground with 11 points.

Brockman had eight points for the Fishermen.

## Naselle girls defeat Knappa

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NASELLE, Wash. — Kenzie Glenn scored 16 points and teammate Taylor Gudmundsen added 15 to lead Naselle past Knappa Saturday afternoon, 58-38, in a nonleague girls basketball game.

Lilli Zimmerman added 10 points for the Comets, who led 31-15 at halftime.

Paris Vanderburg led the Loggers with 13 points.

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

#### TUESDAY

**Girls Basketball** — Catiin Gabel at Warrenton, 6 p.m.; Falls City at Jewell, 5:30 p.m.

**Boys Basketball** — Catiin Gabel at Warrenton, 7:45 p.m.; Falls City at Jewell, 7 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY

**Girls Basketball** — Knappa at Neah-Kah-Nie, 6 p.m.; Ilwaco at NW Christian, 5:45 p.m.

**Boys Basketball** — Knappa at Neah-Kah-Nie, 7:45 p.m.; Ilwaco at NW Christian, 7 p.m.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

**Heritage 55, Astoria 44**  
**Heritage** 12 11 17 15—55  
**Astoria** 11 5 13 15—44  
**HER (55):** Sanjeet Singh 21, Vanriper 13, Zhuchenko 6, Gorman 4, Struthers 4, Tucker 3, Pitre 2, Jorgensen 2.  
**AST (44):** Ian Hunt 17, Brockman 7, K.Johnson 7, Stenblom 6, Olson 3, Long 2, Tice 2.

**Battle Ground 39, Astoria 21**  
**B.Ground** 5 14 16 4—39  
**Astoria** 3 5 6 7—21  
**BG (39):** Brendan Beall 11, McCormick 6, Perry 6, Parker 6, Hunter-Holliday 5, Barton 3, Linville 2.  
**AST (21):** Isaac Brockman 8, Stenblom 5, Olson 3, Johnson 3, Hunt 2.

**Knappa 87, Naselle 57**  
**Knappa** 25 22 22 18—87  
**Naselle** 12 8 22 15—57  
**KNA (87):** Dale Takalo 25, Engblom 21, E.Takalo 11, Hunt 8, Ramvick 6, Weirup 6, Green 4, Vanderburg 4, Goodman 2, Miller.  
**NAS (57):** Jacob Eaton 22, Glenn 15, Edwards 10, Dorman 7, Nolan 3, Fontanilla, Lindstrom.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Rainier 46, Astoria 27**  
**Rainier** 10 10 11 15—46  
**Astoria** 8 9 2 8—27  
**RAI (46):** Desirae Hansen 22, A.Norman 9, Sanchez 7, Farrell 4, Biddix 2, Schimmel 2, Crape.  
**AST (27):** Sam Hemsley 13, Hankwitz 3, Long 3, Cummings 2, O'Brien 2, Fausett 2, Rogers 1, Norris 1.

**Warrenton 58, Harrisburg 34**  
**Warrenton** 11 17 17 13—58  
**Harrisburg** 8 9 11 6—34  
**WAR (58):** Tyla Little 25, Alvarez 11, Dyer 7, Blodgett 7, Heyen 6, Diego 2, Ramsey, Foster.  
**HAR (34):** Stephanie Pelkey 10, Cheek 6, Bucher 4, Campbell 4, Brown 3, Langley 2.

**Naselle 58, Knappa 38**  
**Knappa** 11 4 10 13—38  
**Naselle** 23 8 12 15—58  
**KNA (38):** Paris Vanderburg 13, Carlson 6, Weaver 6, Marchello 4, Miller 2, Hendrickson 2, Strain 2, Inman 1, Ramvick, Tischer.  
**NAS (58):** Kenzie Glenn 16, Gudmundsen 15, Zimmerman 10, Hendrickson 9, Steenerson 4, Scrabeck 2.



Photos courtesy BuffaloBills.com  
**ABOVE:** Jordan Poyer, an Astoria High School graduate, made the game-sealing interception for the Buffalo Bills in a 22-16 victory Sunday over the Miami Dolphins. The Bills advanced to the NFL playoffs as a wild card and will play Jacksonville. **LEFT:** Poyer handed the ball to his mother, Julie Poyer, who lives in Long Beach, after the key interception.

## HOOPS ROUNDUP

### Warrenton girls top Harrisburg to win tournament

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LINCOLN CITY — The Warrenton Lady Warriors did not face much opposition on their way to the girls' team championship of the Kiwanis Holiday Tournament.

The three-day tournament held at Taft High School in Lincoln City was a walk in the park for the Warriors, who won three games in three days, all by large margins.

After victories over Taft (76-21) and Waldport (49-20) Thursday and Friday, Warrenton wrapped up the title Saturday with a 58-34 win over Harrisburg.

"To hold teams to 21, 20 and 34 points ... we played great defense all three days," said Warrenton coach Robert Hoepfl. "Tyla Little averaged over 20 and was the MVP, and we were obviously able to score well in every game. We're finally at full strength, so it was nice to see everybody contributing for us."

Little had 25 in Saturday's win. Fernanda Alvarez added 11 points, with Rachel Dyer and Morgan Blodgett scoring seven apiece. Maria Heyen had a breakout tournament, and finished with six points and 10 rebounds.

In Thursday's 55-point win over Taft, Little tied a school record with seven 3-pointers (Brooklyn Campbell made seven vs. Portland Adventist in

2007), on her way to a 31-point night. Dyer added 12 points for the Warriors, who led 42-11 at halftime.

Friday's game against Waldport was much closer than last year's meeting between the two teams, won by Warrenton, 83-6.

In the boys' half of the tournament, Warrenton was 0-3, with losses to Taft (41-35), La Pine (56-31) and Harrisburg (39-24).

### Mixed results for Jewell teams at Neah-Kah-Nie

ROCKAWAY BEACH — Jefferson defeated Jewell, 56-23, in girls basketball action Saturday in Rockaway Beach on Day 2 of the Neah-Kah-Nie Tournament.

The Class 3A Lions built a 27-12 halftime lead over the Lady Jays, who were led by Emma Guillen's 10 points. Gabi Morales added nine points, four steals and three assists for Jewell.

Jewell opened the tournament Friday with a 32-19 victory over the host Neah-Kah-Nie Pirates.

Haley Norman scored 11 points with six steals for the Lady Jays, with Morales adding nine points, 10 rebounds and six steals.

Jewell hosts Falls City Tuesday.

### Jewell boys go 0-2

ROCKAWAY BEACH — A short-handed Jewell boys basketball team lost two games Friday and Saturday in the Neah-Kah-Nie Tournament.

The host Pirates of Neah-Kah-Nie defeated the Blue Jays 53-23 in Friday's opener. Ben Stahly scored 16 points with 12 rebounds for Jewell, which had just six players in uniform.

The Blue Jays were down to five players for Saturday's game, a 61-14 loss to Siletz Valley. Jacob Lilley had eight points and 13 rebounds for Jewell.

### Rainier girls run past Astoria, 46-27

Rainier senior Desirae Hansen — bound for Portland State University next year — scored 16 of her game-high 22 points in the second half Saturday in a 46-27 win over Astoria.

The Columbians pulled away from the Lady Fishermen in the second half, outscoring Astoria 11-2 in a decisive third quarter run.

The victory helped Rainier finish with a 2-1 record in the Vince Dulcich Memorial tournament, which wrapped up Saturday night at Astoria High School.

Banks defeated Mazama 45-24 in the girls' title game.

Sam Hemsley scored 13 points to lead Astoria, which finished the tournament 1-2.

While Hansen dropped in four 3-pointers to lead the Columbians, the Lady Fishermen struggled to score from the field (3-for-17 in the second half) and at the free throw line, where they finished 9-of-24.

A jump shot by Hemsley had Astoria within 20-19 in the opening minute of the third quarter, but the Columbians answered with 13 straight points, highlighted by a pair of 3-pointers from Hansen, for a 33-19 lead.

Astoria returns to action Friday at home vs. Corbett.

### Knappa boys shoot past Naselle

NASELLE, Wash. — The Knappa Loggers continue to march unchallenged through nonleague play, as they scored an 87-57 win over Naselle in boys basketball action Saturday.

The contest was decided by halftime, with the Loggers holding a 47-20 lead at the break.

Dale Takalo scored 25 points, Timber Engblom added 21, and Eli Takalo tacked on 11 for the Loggers, who were 10-for-10 from the free throw line.