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Senior Night success for Astoria wrestlers

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It was Senior Night wrestling at the Brick House, as Astoria hosted Seaside and Tillamook in a three-way dual meet Wednesday.

And Astoria's three seniors had their share of highlights.

At 106 pounds, Juan Jimenez wrestled Tillamook's Isaias Loza and led after one round. After two escapes by Loza with 12 seconds left in the third round, Jimenez attempted a throw and was put to his back, losing an 8-3 decision.

Jimenez wrestled at 113 pounds in an exhibition against Seaside's Andrew Gasteleum. In a close match, Jimenez tied the score in the third period and forced over-

time, where he won by two points.

Astoria senior Trey Hageman pinned both of his opponents, Alex Werner from Tillamook and Seaside's Christopher Avery.

Jeff Stutznegger, Astoria's senior heavyweight, posted a 7-2 decision over Tillamook's Raul Ledesma, then scored a first round fall against Seaside's Will Kautz to finish 2-0.

Astoria's final wrestler, Dalton Somers, lost by fall to Abraham Rosas of Tillamook. He also wrestled an exhibition match against Seaside's Donald LaTourette, who won by fall in the second round.

In another match, Luke Nelson of Seaside won by pin over Tillamook's Levi Crabtree.



Photos by Kathy Morgan/For The Daily Astorian
Fishermen senior Juan Jimenez, top, wrestled well against Tillamook's Isaias Loza, but Loza eventually scored an 8-3 decision.



ABOVE: Astoria senior Jeff Stutznegger won by decision over Raul Ledesma of Tillamook. BELOW: Astoria senior Trey Hageman, top, scored a pin against Alex Werner of Tillamook.



SWIMMING

Mixed results for Seaside swimmers

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SEASIDE — The Seaside swim team hosted a three-way dual meet in their newly renovated pool Thursday, with Taft and Valley Catholic visiting.

Taft was the big winner, with victories over Valley Catholic and Seaside, while the Gulls' boys and girls both defeated the Valiants.

Seaside had individual wins by Anna Huddleston, Kendy Lin and Josh Shipley.

"I really liked Anna's win in the 50," said Seaside coach Shane Spell. "She did all the things at the finish that we've been talking about, and got a (personal record) and the win."

Elsewhere, "Bella Samuelson pushed herself today, taking on a new event in the 200 and finished up with 400 free relay," Spell said.

Seaside competes Saturday at Rainier, then returns for another home meet next Thursday versus Scappoose.

Thursday's team scores:

Boys: Taft 106, Valley Catholic 50; Seaside 71, Valley Catholic 65; Taft 108, Seaside 49.

Girls: Taft 100, Valley Catholic 55; Seaside 94, Valley Catholic 58; Taft 95, Seaside 73.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

Girls basketball — Stayton at Astoria, 5:30 p.m.; North Marion at Seaside, 7:45 p.m.; Warrenton at De La Salle, 6 p.m.; Chief Leschi at Ilwaco, 7:15 p.m.; Naselle at South Bend, 5:45 p.m.

Boys basketball — Stayton at Astoria, 7 p.m.; North Marion at Seaside, 6 p.m.; Warrenton at De La Salle, 7:45 p.m.; Chief Leschi at Ilwaco, 5:45 p.m.; Naselle at South Bend, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Girls basketball — Knappa at Nestucca, 4 p.m.

Boys basketball — Knappa at Nestucca, 5:45 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Columbia 66, Knappa 46
 Knappa 7 14 13 12—46
 Columbia 13 18 16 19—66
KNA (46): Eli Takalo 14, Weirup 13, D. Takalo 6, Miller 5, Ramvick 4, Phillip 4.
CC (66): Elijah Muryan 21, Blake 17, Gregg 17, Bishop 6, Johnson 3, Mariscal 2.

Crosshill 70, Jewell 29
 Crosshill 18 23 13 16—70
 Jewell 12 1 11 5—29

CC (70): Luke Cotter 14, DeJager 14, Dallum 13, Ty.Vanderhoof 6, Towers 6, Harris 5, Ky.Vanderhoof 5, Stoddard 5, Bennett 2.

JWL (29): Ben Stahly 8, Lilley 6, R.Kane 5, Meehan 2, Lyon 2, Chronister 1, Berg.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Knappa 29, Columbia 28
 Knappa 5 6 11 7—29
 Columbia 6 7 6 9—28
KNA (29): Madelynn Weaver 7, Ramvick 6, Miller 5, Carlson 4, Strain 4, Vanderburg 3, Hendrickson, Tischer, Inman, Taggart.

CC (28): Maranda Brumley 9, Heiner 8, Carter 5, Rutz 4, Bergdolt 2.

Jewell 34, Crosshill 15
 Crosshill 0 2 6 7—15
 Jewell 7 0 19 8—34

CC (15): Meghan Bartel 7, Bell 5, A.Bartel 2, Hemelstrand 1.

JWL (34): Gabi Morales 16, E.Guillen 7, Norman 7, Olvera 2, Kaczynski 2, N.Morales, R.Warmack, Meier, Shaw.

SEASIDE 'RIPTIDE' WINS TOURNAMENT



Chris Corder

The Seaside Riptide basketball team celebrates the victory.

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The Seaside fourth-grade girls basketball team went 4-0 and took first place over the weekend at a tournament in Centralia, Washington, at the Northwest Sports Hub complex. 'Riptide' team members include Ella Brenden, Allie Corder, Carly Corder, Kim Cristobal, Mya Feeny, Mahala Huntsman, Kylie Keranen, Kenzie Starr and head coach Chris Corder.

Knappa girls defeat Columbia for first win

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PORTLAND — The Knappa Lady Loggers picked up their first win of the season Thursday, a 29-28 decision at Columbia Christian.

Knappa snapped a 12-game losing skid to start the season, and had to overcome a 13-11 halftime deficit to do it.

"It was back and forth in the first

half, but we were trying to go too fast, and ended up with too many turnovers," said Knappa coach Marie Green. "We were able to slow it down and play a little more calm in the third quarter," when the Loggers went on an 11-6 run, for a 22-19 lead heading into the final period.

Still, the Loggers were just 5-of-17 at the free throw line, which kept the Knights in the game.

Knappa made a late free throw for a three-point advantage, before a last second two-point basket by Columbia.

Madelynn Weaver led the Loggers with seven points, while Vicki Ramvick finished with six points and five rebounds.

Aiko Miller added five points and eight boards, and Paris Vanderburg pulled down seven rebounds, with four assists and three steals.

Columbia rolls past Knappa boys, 66-46

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PORTLAND — The Knappa Loggers and Columbia Christian Knights will meet again Feb. 6 in Knappa. After that, the two powers of Northwest League boys basketball could — and likely will — meet in the post-season. Maybe more than once.

For now, Columbia Christian has the bragging rights, as the Knights scored a 66-46 win Thursday over the visiting Loggers in the first of two regular season meetings.

Three days after racking up 94 points in a win at City Christian, the

Knappa boys were held to half that against a big Columbia Christian team, now ranked No. 1 in the state at the Class 2A level.

The Knights improve to 14-0 overall, 7-0 in league play; Knappa falls to fourth in the state rankings at 10-3 overall, 5-1 in league.

"The game was much closer than the score indicated," said Knappa coach Chris Spencer. "We had a hard time finishing in the first half, then they ended up getting most of their points at the free throw line and 3-pointers. They shot at a very high percentage. We rebounded

well, didn't give up a lot of offensive rebounds, and just battled and battled. We'll be ready for them at our place."

The Knights finished 19-of-23 on free throws to Knappa's 8-of-11, while Columbia Christian was 9-for-14 from the 3-point line.

Freshman Elijah Muryan led the Knights with 21 points, followed by Dominic Blake and 6-foot-6 freshman Ben Gregg with 17 apiece.

Eli Takalo had 14 points and Colton Weirup added 13 for the Loggers, while Dale Takalo was held to six points.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Jewell girls rebound with win over Crosshill

JEWELL — The Jewell girls basketball team bounced back from a tough overtime loss Tuesday at Livingstone Adventist, with a 34-15 win over Crosshill Christian at home Thursday.

Jewell's Gabi Morales outscored Crosshill by herself, scoring 16 points with 14 rebounds and eight steals.

Emma Guillen added seven points and 14 boards for the Jays, who outscored the Eagles 7-0 in the first quarter, before the Eagles outscored Jewell 2-0 in the second, for Jewell's 7-2 halftime lead.

The Lady Jays are tied for second in the league standings at 4-2.

Jewell's next three games are all at home, vs. Willamette Valley Christian (3-2 in league), C.S. Lewis (0-5) and Oregon School for the Deaf (0-6).

Crosshill Eagles soar past Jewell boys

JEWELL — Crosshill Christian outscored Jewell 23-1 in a decisive second quarter Thursday, helping the Eagles beat the Blue Jays 70-29 in a Casco League boys basketball game.

Ben Stahly had eight points and 10 rebounds for Jewell.

— *The Daily Astorian*

Bears hire ex-Oregon coach Helfrich as offensive coordinator

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — The Chicago Bears have hired former Oregon coach Mark Helfrich as their offensive coordinator.

The Bears also announced Friday that Chris Tabor will become special teams coordinator and Charles London will take over as running backs coach.

Helfrich led Oregon to a 37-16 record in four seasons as head coach. That included a run to the first College Football Playoff championship game at the end of the 2014 season with Heisman Trophy winner Marcus Mariota at quarterback. He was fired on the heels of a 4-8 finish in 2016.

Before becoming the Ducks' head coach, Helfrich was their quarterback coach and offensive coordinator from 2009-12 under Chip Kelly. With their fast-paced and prolific spread-option offense, the Ducks went 46-7 during that time.

Helfrich didn't call plays as Oregon's offensive coordinator and he won't in Chicago. New coach Matt Nagy plans to do that.

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