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Athletes of the Week



KENZIE RAMSEY
 Warrenton

Kenzie Ramsey

The sophomore wing was playing at another level in Warrenton's 68-25 win over Riverdale. Coming off the bench, Ramsey connected on two 3-pointers late in the first quarter to give the Warriors a 25-4 lead. And she got hotter as the half continued, hitting a string of four straight 3-pointers to finish the first half 6-for-7 from behind the arc. Ramsey made a return visit to the zone in the fourth quarter, knocking down two more treys to finish with eight 3-pointers, setting a Warrenton school record. She finished with 25 points.



KAYDEN GILBERT
 Warrenton

Warrenton High School

The former Warrenton youth wrestler spent the last two years in the Cowapa League, but returned to Warrenton for his junior year of high school. And in his first year with the Warriors, Gilbert won a Special District 1 wrestling championship at 182 pounds last Saturday at Willamina. After byes in the first two rounds, Gilbert scored a pin (1:32) over Chris Byrum of Taft in a semifinal match, then recorded a technical fall (2:38, 18-1) over Dayton's Leonel Rosas in the championship bout. He will compete in his third state tournament Feb. 16-17 in Portland.

Warrenton girls defeat De La Salle for 19th win

The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — With third place in league already locked up, the Warrenton girls basketball team can focus on posting its first 20-win season since 2009-10.

The Warriors won their 19th Wednesday at home, a 66-55 decision over De La Salle in a Lewis & Clark League regular season finale.

"That's two of our goals," said Warrenton coach Robert Hoepfl. "To make the state playoffs and win 20 games."

And the Warriors should be able to get No. 20 sometime next week. If Rainier defeats Clatskanie today, Warrenton would play at Clatskanie in a league playoff, with the winner advancing to play Rainier for the No. 1 seed to the state playoffs. The loser would host the fourth-place team, currently De La Salle.

A week after making a school record eight 3-pointers vs. Riverdale, sophomore Kenzie Ramsey knocked down six 3-pointers Wednesday. Teammate Claire Bussert added four treys and Tyla Little made one, as the Warriors finished with 11 made 3-pointers.

Bussert led all scorers with 21 points, followed by Ramsey with 20 and Alvarez (who scored the first 10 points of the game) with 16.

While Warrenton finishes 12-4 in league, the Warriors improve to 19-5 overall, as one of just three teams in the Lewis & Clark League (Rainier and Clatskanie are the others) to finish with a winning record. De La Salle falls to 11-12 overall.



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Kenzie Ramsey drains a three-pointer for Warrenton.

Big 30-0 run lifts De La Salle past Warrenton boys

The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — The Warrenton boys basketball team was trailing by just seven points at halftime Wednesday night in a Lewis & Clark League regular season finale with De La Salle. The No. 1-ranked Knights ultimately won the game, 79-34.

A score by the Warriors' Ayden Stephens had Warrenton within 33-26 at the break.

About eight minutes later, however, De La Salle was leading 63-26, following a 30-0 run. Two free throws by Warrenton's Dalton Knight with 2.4 seconds left in the third quarter were the only points of the period by the Warriors.

In their last season as a member of the Lewis & Clark League, the Warriors finish the season 1-22 overall, 0-15 in league play. De La Salle improves to 21-1. Warrenton loses just two seniors, Logan Fischer and Ryan Fowler.



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The Warrenton Warriors battle for a rebound.

Former Gull Utti flying high for Fresno State

The Daily Astorian

SAN DIEGO — Seaside High School graduate Maddi Utti scored a game-high 14 points with five rebounds and four steals to lead the Fresno State women's basketball team to a 66-60 win Wednesday afternoon at San Diego State.

In the middle of an outstanding freshman season at Fresno State, Utti was also named Student Athlete of the Week at FSU for the week of Jan. 29.

She put together three stellar performances in which she shot 70 percent from the field to lead Fresno State to wins over Air Force, Nevada and Wyoming.

The former Gull tallied 11 points (5-of-6 from the field) and six rebounds against Air Force and 14 points on 7-of-9 shooting, to go with six assists and four steals against Nevada.

Against Wyoming, Utti poured in 15 points (7-of-12 shooting) and added four rebounds and three steals.



Jeff Ter Har/For The Daily Astorian
 Former Seaside Gull Maddi Utti hauls in another rebound in a Wednesday victory at San Diego State.

Jewell's Blodgett signs with George Fox University

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JEWELL — Jewell High School senior Niqui Blodgett signed a letter-of-intent to play softball at George Fox University in a Wednesday afternoon signing ceremony.

An audience packed the room to witness Blodgett signing to extend her softball career with the Bruins. She is entering her senior season with the Warrenton Warriors this spring.

Since Jewell does not have a softball program, Blodgett has spent the last three seasons playing softball at Warrenton, earning first-team all-league honors in 2016 and '17.

"I chose George Fox because of the amazing education and the thriving community and beautiful campus," Blodgett said, "and the amazing softball program was of course a bonus."

Blodgett had 16 pitching victories last season, the third-most on



Niqui Blodgett

Jewell senior Niqui Blodgett, who will be pitching again this spring for Warrenton, is on her way to George Fox University after signing a letter-of-intent Wednesday.

the school's single season list. Her career record is 33-30, behind only Stacey Moore's career record of 56-22 from 2001-04.

Blodgett was the first Warrenton pitcher since Moore in 2004 to throw a no-hitter, pitching two last season. Blodgett could also surpass Moore this spring for career strikeouts.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY

Girls basketball — Jewell at Willamette Valley Christian, 6 p.m.

Boys basketball — Knappa at Life Christian, 7:45 p.m.; Jewell at Willamette Valley Christian, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY

Girls basketball — Tillamook at Astoria, 6 p.m.; Valley Catholic at Seaside, 6 p.m.

Boys basketball — Tillamook at Astoria, 7:45 p.m.; Valley Catholic at Seaside, 7:45 p.m.

Swimming — District 1/4A, at Astoria Aquatic Center, 1 p.m.

SATURDAY

Swimming — District 1/4A, at Astoria Aquatic Center, 11:30 a.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Warrenton 66, De La Salle 55

DeLaSalle 7 17 11 20—55

Warrenton 16 20 19 11—66

DLS (55): May Brannon 11, Fesser 11, Pearce 9, Boyd 6, Dalton 6, Miller 6, Imes 5, Van Tyne 1.

WAR (66): Claire Bussert 21, Ramsey 20, Alvarez 16, Little 7, Kapua 2, Diego, DeJesus, Talancon, Heyen, Foster.