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Sophia Carlson delivers a shot for Knappa.

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## Warrenton tops Knappa to open new era

By GARY HENLEY  
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**W**ARRENTON — The Warrenton volleyball team is down to just three varsity returners, but things may not be all that bad for the Warriors.

A number of players made successful varsity debuts for Warrenton, in the Warriors' season opener Thursday night at home.

And the Warriors opened 2018 the same way they've opened six other seasons since 2008 — with a win over Knappa.

Warrenton won the familiar season opener between the two teams, 25-12, 25-19, 25-13.

"Defensive net play was a highlight," Warrenton coach Staci Miethé said. "We had eight kill blocks as a team. I was very happy with the play of our younger girls. The majority of the team is underclassmen, so we have a lot of inexperience to overcome and a lot to learn."

Warrenton built early leads of 8-4 in Game 1, and 7-3 in both Games 2 and 3.

The Loggers managed to keep it close for a while, but Warrenton used some strong serving and a Claire Bussert to Fernanda Alvarez connection to pull away.

Alvarez had a team-high 83 percent hitting mark, with four kills.

The Warriors were also 91 percent from the service line. Claire Bussert, Ruby Dyer and Avyree Miethé were all 100 percent on their serves, while Bussert served



Kourtney Tischer keeps the ball in play.

up six aces.

In her freshman debut, Avyree Miethé had a string of four straight ace serves in the first game, and finished with five aces. Alvarez — a senior making her varsity volleyball debut — found a hitting groove in Game 2 and continued it in Game 3, thanks to her senior setter, Bussert.

Bussert also set freshman Mia McFadden for a few attacks in the third game, which featured some strong play at the net down the stretch from freshman Leah Schweme.

Alvarez and Schweme showed off War-

renton's six-foot-plus block, knocking down a few Knappa attacks.

The Loggers are in the same boat as Warrenton, as two freshmen were in the starting lineup for Knappa coach Jeff Kaul. Aiko Miller highlighted a Game 2 stretch for the Loggers, serving Knappa from a 24-14 deficit to within 24-19, before the Warriors finally scored the game point.

Knappa struggled from the service line, missing 14 total serves.

Warrenton's Melia Kapua had five digs, and Alvarez had three blocks for the Warriors, who host a tournament Saturday.

### SCOREBOARD

#### PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

##### TODAY

Football — Seaside jamboree, 6 p.m.;  
 Warrenton jamboree, 6 p.m.

##### SATURDAY

Volleyball — Warrenton tournament,  
 9 a.m.

Warrenton "played very good team ball and spread around the offense, which we will have to do to compete," coach Miethé said. "If we keep serving and blocking like tonight, we should remain competitive in our league."

Kourtney Tischer had six assists and two aces for the Loggers, while Miller was 7-for-8 at the service line. Freshman Taylin Regier had two aces and two kills, and Hannah Dietrichs led the Loggers with three kills. Knappa returns to Warrenton to take part in the Warriors' tournament Saturday.

"Although the scores seem a bit lopsided, I was not completely dissatisfied with tonight's effort," Kaul said. "As a coach I have to remind myself that we are starting two freshmen, which for them was their first varsity match, and a sophomore who played only a couple games last season at the varsity level. "The season is young and so are we, but we plan on growing stronger each outing."

**Junior varsity:** Knappa defeated Warrenton, 20-25, 25-7, 25-15, 25-22.

### NFL ROUNDUP

## Seahawks to test running game

*Associated Press*

Seattle's recommitment to being a run-first team will get a stiff test tonight against the Minnesota Vikings.

The Seahawks believe they've strayed from their successful formula as NFC champions in the 2013 and 2014 seasons, and re-establishing the run to control the game has been an offseason focus. While first-round pick Rashaad Penny won't play (finger), second-year running back Chris Carson is likely to see his most extensive playing time of the preseason.

The Seahawks will also get long looks at second-year safeties Delano Hill and Tedric Thompson.

Minnesota's task of improvement on offense begins with the line, where right tackle Rashod Hill and right guard Mike Remmers are expected to suit up against Seattle after sitting out the previous game with ankle injuries. Center Pat Elflein has been on the PUP list for the entire training camp, still rehabilitating from offseason ankle and shoulder surgeries. Left guard Nick Easter is out for the year with a neck injury.

"We're not the only ones in the league to be having these issues," Vikings coach Mike Zimmer said. "We just have a few more than we should have at this point in time. It's life."

#### UP NEXT: SEAHAWKS

• Seattle Seahawks  
 at Minnesota Vikings  
 • Today, 5 p.m.

#### A-Rod, Jordy won't be playing catch

If anyone really looks forward to exhibition football games, this is the week to pay attention. One good place to start is in Oakland.

Not because Aaron Rodgers will see plenty of action for Green Bay; he won't, might not play at all. And the Raiders' best player, Khalil Mack, still is holding out. Such is the approach for players and coaches in the preseason.

But Rodgers gets to hang out — if not warm up with — an old friend and his former favorite target.

The departure of receiver Jordy Nelson has left Rodgers in need of a new partner to take part in one of his pregame routines. In the end zone before a game, there would be Rodgers and Nelson playing catch and spinning footballs on their fingertips. That won't happen Friday night now that Nelson is a Raider, though they remain good friends.

#### MVPs in action

The third preseason game is usu-

ally when Bill Belichick uses his starters most. Last year, Tom Brady played about two quarters, then sat out the exhibition finale. Look for Brady, the 2017 league MVP, to be on the field at Carolina for perhaps the first half.

Rob Gronkowski could see his first action of the year. The Patriots are also looking for help on the offensive line after losing tackle Isaiah Wynn, the No. 23 overall pick, in the last game. With Kenny Britt cut this week, the team will also be seeking depth at receiver, especially for the four weeks Julian Edelman serves his performance-enhancers suspension.

2015 MVP Cam Newton and the Panthers' first-team offense will see their most extensive action of the preseason, playing into the third quarter.

#### 'All Day' gets a shot

Adrian Peterson will make his preseason debut four days after signing with the Redskins.

Coach Jay Gruden said Peterson's worklow vs. the Broncos may depend on how much playing time the starting offensive line gets. Peterson will split carries with incumbent Rob Kelley, who emerged as the front-runner to start after rookie Derrius Guice tore the ACL in his left knee.

Left tackle Trent Williams is still questionable as he comes off major



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Seahawks running back Chris Carson.

knee surgery.

Denver's defense played much better last week against Chicago than in the opener against the Vikings. Coach Vance Joseph said he wants his defensive identity to be "stopping the run" so the Broncos can turn loose the likes of Von Miller, rookie Bradley Chubb, Shaq Barrett and Shane Ray on the quarterback.

#### Where's the rush?

Matt Patricia was the defensive guru in New England, and now as head man in Detroit, his Lions have all of zero sacks this summer. He's not losing sleep over that as the Lions visit Tampa Bay.

Tampa Bay's top priority this offseason was improving a pass rush that ranked last in the NFL with 22 sacks. In addition to signing ex-Eagles line-

men Beau Allen and Vinny Curry in free agency, the Buccaneers traded for Jason Pierre-Paul.

#### Meadowlands matchup

As the Jets try to determine if first-rounder Sam Darnold is already their top quarterback, he might get to throw to two veterans for the first time. Wide receivers Quincy Enunwa (thumb) and Terrelle Pryor (ankle) could also see their first preseason action.

Darnold, who started last week at Washington, took the bulk of snaps with the first-team offense during practice. He had a solid debut as the third-stringer in the preseason opener against Atlanta and was inconsistent against the Redskins. Bowles said he expects the starters to play a minimum of two quarters, so Darnold could be out there a while.