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Newport tops Seaside in playoff rematch

The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — Two teams that may meet again down the road squared off Tuesday night in Seaside, where the Gulls hosted Newport in a nonleague boys soccer match.

And the Cubs returned to Broadway Field and got the best of Seaside once again, 1-0.

Ranked No. 1 in the state entering the playoffs last year, the Gulls suffered an upset loss to Newport in a quarterfinal game at Broadway Field, as Newport won 2-1 on a late score, with just 10 players on the field.

In Tuesday's rematch, the Cubs scored on a free kick with 15 minutes remaining, and held off the Gulls for the shutout win.

"It was a great game," said Seaside coach John Chapman. "I thought we had a slight advantage in the first half, and they (the Cubs) made some adjustments in the second half, which was 50-50. It really could have gone either way."

Newport's goal on the free kick "was a beautiful shot," Chapman said, "into the top corner of the net. I don't think there's a keeper around who could have saved that one."

As it was, Seaside goalkeeper Samson Sibony still had a good night in goal, as the senior looks to secure the starting job for the Gulls.

Seaside continues a tough non-league schedule tonight at Junction City, followed by contests in the coming weeks against Scappoose, Oregon Episcopal and Catlin Gabel, before the Gulls begin league play Sept. 20 vs. Astoria.

While the boys were battling in Seaside, the Newport girls soccer team defeated Seaside, 2-0, at Newport. In other girls soccer action, Banks and Estacada tied, 2-2.

Knappa sweeps Clatskanie, again

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KNAPPA — For the second time in four days, the Knappa volleyball team scored a sweep over Clatskanie, this time in a non-league match at Knappa.

The Loggers — who defeated the Tigers in a best two-of-three meeting at the Warrenton tournament last Saturday — cruised past Clatskanie in three games Tuesday night, 25-17, 25-9, 25-17.

"Good serving and ball control was our key focus tonight," said Knappa coach Jeff Kaul.

Kourtney Tischer served five straight points to give the Loggers an early lead in Game 1, while Aiko Miller was at the service line when Knappa built a 15-2 lead in the second game. Knappa led 14-5 in Game 3.

"While the serving was key, it was our hitting in the front row that caused most of the excitement," Kaul said. "Most of our front row got some really nice kills tonight, and we had a few good hits from our back row also."

Tischer and Miller were a combined 35-for-40 serving, with eight aces.

Tischer logged 13 assists for the night, with Sophia Carlson and Hannah Dietrichs collecting five kills apiece.

Vicki Ramvick and Taylin Regier sparked the defense with big blocks at the net.

Knappa plays at Yamhill-Carlton in a nonleague match tonight.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE
TODAY

Volleyball — Astoria at Estacada, 6 p.m.; Seaside at Clatskanie, 6 p.m.; Knappa at Yamhill-Carlton, 6 p.m.; Jewell at Willamette Valley Christian, 6 p.m.

Girls soccer — Rainier at Astoria, 3:30 p.m. (CMH Field); Junction City at Seaside, 7:30 p.m.

Boys soccer — Estacada at Astoria, 5:15 p.m. (Warrenton soccer complex); Seaside at Junction City, 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Football — Astoria at Scappoose, 7 p.m.; Henley at Seaside, 7 p.m.; Grant Union at Knappa, 7 p.m.; Warrenton at Yamhill-Carlton, 7 p.m.; Ilwaco at Vernonia, 7 p.m.



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Kelsey Fausett takes on an opponent at the net for the Astoria Fishermen.

SUCCESSFUL DEBUT FOR ASTORIA VOLLEYBALL

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The Astoria volleyball team made a successful season debut Wednesday night at the Brick House, as the Lady Fishermen scored a four-game win over Catlin Gabel.

Astoria built a quick two-game lead over the Eagles, on their way to the victory, 25-13, 25-20, 19-25, 25-18.

"I thought we played well for our first match," said Astoria coach Jessie Todd. "We played in the jamboree (at Banks) last week, but the first official match is always a little different."

"There's usually some nerves, and this was at home, so that creates a little more excitement," she said. "But I thought our girls handled everything well, and channeled that nervousness. The vibe on the floor was really positive."

Junior Kajsa Jackson and sophomore Halle Helmersen had seven kills apiece to lead the offensive attack, while Jackson had eight blocks at the net, and Helmersen served up four aces.

"Kajsa has really taken ownership at the net," Todd said. "That's her domain. She has started to look comfortable there, and is moving really well, anticipating the setters."



Julia Norris spikes for Astoria.

Kes Sandstrom added six kills, while Hailey O'Brien and Kelsey Fausett combined for 40 digs.

Setters Julia Norris and Taja-Rae Tuimato "both made good decisions, and moved

the ball really well," Todd said.

In other volleyball action Wednesday, the Stayton Eagles managed to outlast Seaside in five games, 25-9, 25-19, 19-25, 18-25, 15-7.



Astoria's Jordan Poyer, left, one of six team captains for the Buffalo Bills last Saturday in a preseason game vs. Cincinnati.

ASTORIA'S POYER HAVING BIG PRESEASON IN BUFFALO

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With a week-and-a-half to go before the regular season starts, Jordan Poyer's 2018 season is shaping up nicely. Despite playing just half the game Saturday against Cincinnati, Poyer led the Bills with a game-high six tackles. Poyer also served as one of six team captains for the Bills, who finish the preseason tonight at Chicago.

US and Sounders striker Dempsey retires from soccer

Associated Press

SEATTLE — All Clint Dempsey ever wanted to do was score goals and go fishing.

He'll have plenty of time to do the latter after deciding his goal-scoring days are over.

In true Dempsey fashion, he's stepping away from soccer on his own terms, with minimal fanfare on his own part but amid a swell of appreciation for what he's meant to the American game.

"It's a little bit of a sad day because we won't get to see him play, but at the same time you can also use this day as a celebration for some of the great things he has accomplished in his career," Seattle Sounders coach Brian Schmetzer said.

Dempsey announced Wednesday that he's retiring at age 35 after 15 years of playing professionally. He was mostly a sub with the Sounders this summer, and that, combined with age and injury, prompted him to decide now was the time to walk away even with two months left in the MLS regular season.