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VOLLEYBALL

Estacada holds off Astoria in four games

ESTACADA — Astoria rallied for a win in Game 2, but lost the other three games Thursday night at Estacada, where the Rangers defeated the Fishermen in four games, 25-17, 21-25, 25-17, 25-18.

“We competed all night,” said Astoria coach Jessie Todd. “We got down in Game 1, but we didn’t stay down. We showed some confidence and came from behind to win Game 2.”

Despite losing Games 3 and 4, Todd said, “I thought we played better defensively than we did Tuesday (in a home win over Catlin Gabel). Overall, I was pleased with how we played.”

Julia Norris and Kes Sandstrom led Astoria with seven kills apiece, and Halle Helmersen had four ace serves. Hailey O’Brien finished with a team-high 24 digs, with Emilli DeLong adding 17.

Astoria has a week off before playing at Rainier next Thursday.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Willamette Valley wins key Casco showdown with Jewell

SALEM — In a battle of two teams that plan on contending for the Casco League volleyball title, Willamette Valley Christian defeated Jewell in four games Thursday night, 25-18, 25-16, 11-25, 25-18.

Seaside crushes Clatskanie

CLATSKANIE — Seaside made quick work of a struggling Clatskanie team Thursday night in nonleague volleyball action, as the Gulls scored an easy three-game sweep, 25-9, 25-8, 25-5.

Seaside improves to 3-2 overall, with another match against an opponent from the Coastal Range League next Tuesday, at Rainier. Clatskanie is 0-3 in matches, and has yet to win a game.

Yamhill cuts down Knappa Loggers

YAMHILL — Knappa took a step up in competition Thursday, and played a road volleyball contest at former Cowapa League school Yamhill-Carlton.

Now a 3A team, the Tigers won the match in three games, 25-18, 25-20, 25-21.

Vowles scores hole-in-one

Tony Vowles of Bellevue, Washington recorded a hole-in-one Aug. 17 at the Highlands Golf Course in Gearhart. Vowles aced the 91-yard, par 3 fifth hole using a lob wedge.

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SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY

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.

PREP SOCCER ROUNDUP



Maddie Sisley handles the ball for Astoria.

Photos by Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

Astoria girls dominate short-handed Rainier

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WARRENTON — The Rainier Columbians were out-battled, out-scored and outnumbered Thursday night at the Warrenton soccer complex.

The Astoria girls soccer team ran circles around the Columbians and took target practice on the Rainier net.

And the Lady Fishermen ultimately walked off Volunteer Field with a 3-1 victory, making it the second straight season with a season-opening win over the Columbians.

Rainier showed some character by just showing up, as the Columbians had just 10 players in uniform.

Astoria’s 11 starters and multiple substitutions took advantage of its good fortune, dominating time of possession and shots on goal.

The only thing that held Astoria back was numerous offsides penalties, which wiped out more than a few fast breaks for the Lady Fishermen.

It took just over 30 minutes for Astoria to score the first goal, as Taleigh Cole dropped a short pass to sophomore Hayley Kelly, whose shot attempt from the right post slipped through the hands of the Rainier goalkeeper.

The Fishermen had 12 shots on goal and five corner kick opportunities in the first half, which ended in a 1-0 Astoria lead.

Rainier actually had two of the best chances of the half, when a missed clear by the Astoria defense gave the Columbians a breakaway opportunity, but the shot was stopped cold by Fisherman keeper Shelby Rasmussen.

In the 21st minute, a mix-up between defender and keeper gave Rainier another close-range shot, which sailed wide right.

In the 51st minute of the game (11:50 into the second half), a corner kick from Astoria freshman Karen Zuniga deflected off the keeper and into the net for a 2-0 lead.

In the 56th minute, a slow-rolling shot by Cole somehow got past the Rainier keeper into the lower right corner of the net.

The Columbians tacked on a late goal with five minutes remaining, while a penalty kick chance for Kelly sailed over the cross bar in the final seconds of play.

Astoria held a 9-1 advantage in shots on goal in the second half.

The Lady Fishermen have road games at St. Helens and Newport (vs. Marshfield) next week. Rainier hosts Seaside for a nonleague game Tuesday.

In other nonleague girls soccer action Thursday, Seaside and Junction City battled to a 1-1 tie.

Astoria boys rally to top Estacada

WARRENTON — After giving up a somewhat lucky goal in the opening minutes, Astoria responded with two unanswered scores for a 2-1 nonleague win over Estacada in a boys soccer match Thursday night at Warrenton’s Volunteer Field.



Karen Zuniga, far right, drives the ball toward the opposing goalkeeper.



Gracie Cummings, right, challenges an opponent.

The Fishermen dominated play in their season opener, while the Rangers lost their second game in three days, both by 2-1 scores and both to Cowapa League teams, as Banks defeated Estacada earlier in the week.

Still, Estacada scored just three minutes, 20 seconds into Thursday’s game, as Raymond Garcia sent a long shot (disguised as a pass) in from the right side. Instead of sailing wide left, the ball found the upper left corner of the net for a 1-0 Ranger lead.

Astoria dominated the remainder of the first half.

Jonathan Jimenez had two shots on goal, narrowly missing on a free kick attempt in the 18th minute.

A line drive attempt from just 10 yards out by Riley Cameron was stopped by the Estacada keeper, but Astoria’s Shrey Sharma found the back of the net in the 24th minute, as he took a centered pass from Michael Postle-

wait, turned and scored on a right-footed shot from just inside the penalty area.

The Rangers — who had just 12 players in uniform — managed six shots on goal in the second half, but all were stopped or knocked away by Astoria sophomore goalkeeper Tony Tumbarello.

Meanwhile, the Fishermen scored the go-ahead goal 16:55 into the second half, when Jimenez gathered in a corner kick from Dalton Byrd, took a step or two, lined up the shot from just inside the penalty area, and sent a line drive into the right side of the net for a 2-1 lead.

“The boys played very well, despite missing three starters tonight (Christian Medina-Perez, Aldo Cruz and David Bermudez),” said Astoria coach Lee Cain. “Despite being surprised by a long shot that found the net early in the first half, Tony Tumbarello gave a promising performance in the goal with eight solid saves.”

In addition, “Brooks Fromwiller was stalwart in the left back position, repeatedly intercepting Estacada passes and starting counter attacks.”

Astoria hosts St. Helens next Thursday at CMH Field.

Seaside boys blank Junction City, 5-0

JUNCTION CITY — Seaside bounced back from Tuesday’s loss to Newport with a solid 5-0 win at Junction City, in a nonleague boys soccer match Thursday.

Chase Januik and Wesley Corliss each had a goal and an assist for the Gulls, who led 3-0 at halftime. Jarret Thiesseld had 10 saves in goal for Junction City.