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Astoria rallies past North Marion

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It was the Tri-Valley Conference vs. the Cowapa League in volleyball action Thursday night.

Five nonleague matches around the state featured meetings between the two leagues, with two of the matches in Clatsop County.

At the Brick House, Astoria overcame a two-games-to-one deficit (and a late deficit in Game 4) to beat North Marion in five games, 25-18, 20-25, 21-25, 25-23, 15-8.

“One thing we pride ourselves on is conditioning,” said Astoria coach Jessie Todd. “And going into Game 5, we talked about that. I just said, ‘we are conditioned for this.’ That’s why we work on conditioning in practice the way we do.”

And with less than a week to go

before the Cowapa League opener (Tuesday at Seaside), the Lady Fishermen rallied to win. Astoria improves to 4-2 overall.

After splitting the first two games Thursday, the Huskies won Game 3, 25-21, then held a 22-19 lead in Game 4.

“We were down pretty much the whole game,” Todd said. “But I called a timeout, and said, ‘we are not going to lose this game.’ And we went out and rallied, and just lit up the place,” and won, 25-23.

“We did a good job of keeping North Marion out of their system,” she added. “They have a couple good middle blockers, and we tried to take them out of what they do. And our defense was just awesome. Without our defense, we would not have won Games 4 and 5.”

In addition, the home crowd “was amazing,” she said. “They were loud, excited, and it was a great atmosphere.”

Kajsa Jackson led the defensive effort with five stuff blocks, while Hailey O’Brien led the team in digs, and sophomore Taja-Rae Tuimato had 15 assists.

Tuimato also had seven ace serves, with O’Brien adding six.

Offensively, Kes Sandstrom had a team-high nine kills, followed by Julia Norris with eight kills and seven assists.

Astoria takes to the road Saturday for a tournament at Dallas.

In other Tri-Valley vs. Cowapa League matches Thursday, Corbett defeated Seaside in four games, Estacada beat Banks in five, and Tillamook swept Molalla.



Vicki O'Brien/For The Daily Astorian
Astoria's Taja-Rae Tuimato, serving up some action at Gladstone, had seven ace serves for the Lady Fishermen.

VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP

Warrenton crushes Clatskanie

WARRENTON — An eight-day layoff had no effect on the Warrenton volleyball team, as the Warriors made quick work of Clatskanie in a league match Thursday.

In a season-opening match for the new Coastal Range League, Warrenton swept a struggling Clatskanie team, 25-11, 25-15, 25-18.

Three weeks into the season, the Warriors are 4-1 overall, while the Tigers are 0-6, and have yet to win a game in their six matches.

Warrenton coach Staci Miethe said, “After the first match we tried to practice some offensive sets we had been working on, and gave up a few more points than we had to.”

Otherwise, “We had an excellent offensive night,” she said, as Fernanda Alvarez was 14-for-15 on attacks, with six kills. Teammate Avyree Miethe also had six kills, while Claire Bussert was 6-for-6 on attacks with five kills.

In addition, “Our serving was also a good weapon tonight,” coach Miethe said. “We had 12 aces as a team. Every player had at least one.”

Ruby Dyer had four aces, and had service runs of eight in the first game and six in the second.

Defensively, “our net play was the highlight,” she said, with 12 kill blocks total, led by Alvarez with five, Bussert with three and Natalie Oseguera had two.

Warrenton had five players who passed between 95 and 100 percent. Melia Kapua led all passers (35-for-36), and finished with 12 digs. Mia McFadden was 12-of-14 and Avyree Miethe was 13-of-14 with six digs.

Meanwhile, early signs indicate that the Warriors could run away with the league title in their new conference. The other four league members (Clatskanie, Rainier, Taft and Willamina) are a combined 2-21 and ranked in the bottom seven statewide at the 3A level as the Coastal Range enters league play.

“Overall it was a great start,” coach Miethe said. “We had really good communication and energy which has been something we struggle with, so we have been working very hard on in practice. Tonight they had fun and were excited to play and it showed in their play. I was very proud of their performance.”

Jewell cruises past C.S. Lewis

JEWELL — Volleyball teams from the 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A levels all hosted matches Thursday night in Clatsop County.

And the county’s smallest school, Jewell, scored the quickest win, with a three-game sweep over C.S. Lewis, 25-9, 25-7, 25-7.

The Lady Jays improve to 3-2 in league action, 6-4 overall, while C.S. Lewis — ranked 65th out of 68 teams at the 1A level — drops to 0-5 in league, 1-8 overall.

A Royal sweep at Knappa

KNAPPA — The Knappa volleyball team had the tough task of taking on the state’s second-ranked team at the 2A level Thursday night.

And the newest member of the Northwest League, Portland Christian, won its sixth match in a row with a three-game sweep over the Loggers, 25-13, 25-7, 25-17.

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SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE	
TODAY	
Football	Estacada at Astoria, 7 p.m.; Gladstone at Seaside, 7 p.m.; Taft at Knappa, 7 p.m.; Portland Christian at Warrenton, 7 p.m.; McKenzie at Jewell, 5 p.m.; Chief Leschi at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.
SATURDAY	
Volleyball	Astoria at Dallas tournament, TBA; Warrenton, Knappa at Vernonia tournament, TBA
Girls soccer	Astoria at Cottage Grove, 1:30 p.m.
Boys soccer	Cottage Grove at Astoria, 2 p.m.



Seaside's Tori Tomlin goes up for an attack during the Gulls' match against Corbett.

Photos by Jeff Ter Har/For The Daily Astorian

Corbett girls defeat Seaside in four games

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SEASIDE — Too many errors and missed serves cost the Seaside volleyball team Thursday night at the Gulls’ Nest, where the Cardinals outlasted the Gulls in four games, 26-24, 25-18, 26-28, 25-17.

“Corbett has a well-rounded team,” said Seaside coach Demi Lund. “Their setter can put the ball anywhere she wants to, and that kept us off balance. And they’ve got a great defense. They didn’t let anything hit the floor.”

For Seaside, “Morgan Blodgett was definitely our MVP tonight,” Lund said. “She played her best match of the season,” as the senior transfer from Warrenton led Seaside with 15 kills.

The Gulls finish nonleague play at 8-4 overall, ranked ninth in the latest OSAA rankings. Seaside begins Cowapa League play Tuesday at home vs. Astoria.



Seaside middle blocker Morgan Blodgett (hitting) had a big night for the Gulls, finishing with 15 kills.

Seaside boys soccer downs Aardvarks in 3-1 victory

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SEASIDE — In late-night soccer action at Broadway Field, the Seaside Gulls defeated Oregon Episcopal, 3-1, in a nonleague boys match.

Seaside improves to 3-2 overall, with one more nonleague match (Monday at Catlin Gabel) before the Gulls begin Cowapa League play, next Thursday vs. Astoria.

In girls soccer Thursday, St. Helens scored a 2-1 win over visiting Seaside.

Seahawks to sign linebacker Kendricks

By TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — The Seattle Seahawks are expected to sign linebacker Mychal Kendricks to a one-year contract despite his recent guilty plea on insider trading charges.

Two people with knowledge of the deal told The Associated Press on Thursday that Kendricks’ agreement is expected to be finalized in time for him to join the Seahawks for their Week 2 Game at Chicago. They spoke to the AP on the condition of anonymity because the team had not announced the signing.

ESPN first reported Kendricks’ deal with the Seahawks.

Kendricks signed a one-year contract with the Cleveland Browns in June after winning a Super Bowl title last



AP Photo/Tony Dejak
Mychal Kendricks runs in the Cleveland Browns training camp in Berea, Ohio.

season with the Philadelphia Eagles. Kendricks pleaded guilty last week to insider trading charges in Philadelphia. His sentencing is expected in January.

The Browns released him Aug. 29, after the charges were filed. While Seattle is signing Kendricks to bolster

its depth at linebacker, it’s unclear how long he might play for the Seahawks because the NFL has yet to impose any discipline.

NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said the situation is under review and Kendricks is currently allowed to sign and participate in activities, including games.

Seattle’s reasoning is the need for depth. Seattle played the opener without starting linebacker K.J. Wright due to minor knee surgery in late August, and All-Pro linebacker Bobby Wagner was an unexpected addition to the Seahawks injury report on Thursday with a groin injury.

The 5-foot-11, 240-pounder recorded a team-high eight tackles in last season’s NFC Championship against Minnesota and had four in Philadelphia’s Super Bowl win.