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VOLLEYBALL

Banks wins at Astoria

Suffering what may have been a letdown following a Clatsop Clash win earlier in the week, the Astoria volleyball team came up short against Banks in a Cowapa League match Thursday night at the Brick House.

The Braves snapped a three-match losing streak and scored the upset win, 25-10, 25-14, 21-25, 25-23.

Astoria (1-1 in league) plays at Tillamook next Tuesday.

Valiants sweep Seaside

SEASIDE — The Valley Catholic Valiants — ranked third in the state and the favorite to win the Cowapa League — showed how tough they can be on the road Thursday night, in a volleyball match at the Gulls' Nest in Seaside.

The Valiants posted three straight wins for the sweep, 25-16, 25-13, 25-16.

Seaside has a bye Tuesday, before playing at Tillamook next Thursday.

Royals sweep Knappa

PORTLAND — Portland Christian scored a quick three-game sweep over the visiting Knappa Loggers, 25-11, 25-15, 25-10, in Northwest League volleyball action Thursday.

The Loggers were trying to battle "the common cold, Homecoming week, powder puff football, three boxes of doughnuts, and an away game against the fourth-ranked team at the 2A level," coach Jeff Kaul said.

Knappa "could get absolutely nothing going on their side of the net against a very large and experienced Portland Christian team," he said.

Sophia Carlson had five kills and Kourtney Tischer added four assists for the Loggers.

— *The Daily Astorian*

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY

Football — Astoria at Seaside, 7 p.m.; Warrenton at Knappa, 7 p.m.; Ilwaco at South Bend, 7 p.m.; Darrington at Naselle, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Cross-country — 3-Course Challenge, Camp Rilea, 10 a.m.

Browns beat Jets for first win since 2016

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — For the first time in 635 days, the Cleveland Browns won.

Baker Mayfield showed them how.

The No. 1 overall pick replaced injured starter Tyrod Taylor and sparked the Browns, who got two 1-yard touchdown runs from Carlos Hyde and beat the New York Jets 21-17 on Thursday night for their first win since Dec. 24, 2016.

"I've just been waiting for my moment," Mayfield said. "I'm just getting started."

And so ends Cleveland's 19-game winless streak, the NFL's second-longest since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger.

The Browns (1-1-1) trailed 14-0 in the first half before Mayfield came in for Taylor and led four scoring drives while winning an unexpected matchup against Jets rookie quarterback Sam Darnold. Cleveland passed on taking Darnold in the draft and instead chose Mayfield, the Heisman Trophy winner from Oklahoma.



Chase Januik heads the ball toward the goal for Seaside.

Photos by Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

Seaside on the mend in 5-1 win over Astoria

By GARY HENLEY
The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — Two teams looking to get back on the winning track met on the artificial pitch Thursday night, as a short-handed Astoria team and Seaside opened Cowapa League play in a boys soccer game at Broadway Field.

And the Gulls showed that they had the edge in just about every category over their rivals — speed, size, strength, experience and depth.

It was all reflected in the final score: Seaside 5, Astoria 1.

While the Gulls allowed just two shots on goal the entire night, the Seaside offense took target practice at the Fishermen net, bouncing shots off the crossbar and posts.

Astoria goalkeeper Tony Tumbarello made his share of amazing saves, but the Seaside attack was relentless.

The Gulls are rated 12th in the latest OSAA rankings, but will be sure to rise as they return to full strength.

Seaside scored just over seven minutes into the contest, with sophomore Dodger Holmstedt hammering home a pass from Chase Januik.

Holmstedt returned the favor in the 19th minute, sending a long pass down the middle to Januik, who beat an Astoria defender to the ball to create a one-on-one opportunity against Tumbarello, won by Januik for a 2-0 lead.

The Gulls had additional shots on goal from Bryce DeWinter, Natanael Conrad, Irving Contreras, Josue Sanchez and Diego Angulo-Joli, all saved by Tumbarello.

Another hard attempt by Ryan Hague glanced off the crossbar from 30 yards out.

Seaside tacked on three goals in the first eighteen minutes of the second half — the first two by Januik from close range, and the final from sophomore Westin Carter, making his first appearance of the season after a preseason injury.

It took Carter only about five minutes to tally his first goal, as he collected a free ball near the top of the penalty area and drilled a shot past Tumbarello.

Astoria's lone goal came in the 68th minute. A long free kick



Jessica Angulo-Joli keeps her eyes on the ball for Seaside during the Clatsop Clash.

by Jonathan Jimenez was stopped initially by Seaside keeper Diego Silva, but Christian Medina-Perez gathered in the rebound and scored.

Despite the loss, Astoria coach Lee Cain said, "I was very happy with our play tonight. The guys executed the game plan very well, despite being down four regular starters, and four or five of the squad played tonight even though they had a cold."

He added, "Seaside is a very good team this year, so I thought the boys did very well considering everything. We're looking forward to getting the full squad back. We will win games if we keep playing like that."

The Gulls — coming off a loss to Catlin Gabel earlier in the week — host games with Valley Catholic and Tillamook over the next week, followed by four straight road games.

Astoria has lost four straight, and will host Banks next Tuesday.

Late scores lift Astoria girls past Seaside in 2-1 win

SEASIDE — Trailing 1-0 through 77 minutes of an 80-minute game, the Astoria girls soccer team scored twice in the final three minutes Thursday night, for a dramatic 2-1 win over Seaside at Broadway Field.

Both teams played hard, but those are the breaks of the game, as the Fishermen and Gulls literally experienced the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat, respectively.

"We got lucky. We were for-

tunate," said Astoria coach Tim Fastabend, whose team won for the first time in four games. The Fishermen started the season 2-1, which was followed by two ties and a loss.

"It was nice to see how we hung in there," Fastabend said. "The girls have played hard. It's just the final third (of the field) where we have trouble finishing. Seaside plugged up the middle tonight and it took us awhile."

The Gulls scored in the ninth minute, when Katie Zagata took a shot from 20 yards out at the right post, crossing a shot that banged off the left post and into the net.

That was the only goal of the first half, which featured just four shots on goal.

The first 37 minutes of the second half was similar — good defense, and not much offense. Astoria's Nara Van De Grift, Maddie Sisley and Andrea Harris were busy on the defensive end for the Fishermen, while Seaside's Maddy Brown, Audrey Kunde, Jessica Angulo-Joli, Annaka Garhofer and Suzy Velasquez were all stopping Fishermen attacks.

At 77:02 into the game, Astoria scored on a goal from Meghan O'Meara, off a pass from Tailiegh Cole, with the ball going through Elle Espelien.

And just over a minute later, the Fishermen struck again with the game-winner, as a corner kick from O'Meara was headed into the net by Espelien.

"Meghan had the nice corner," Fastabend said. "And the first goal was impressive. We sent the ball deep to Elle, who worked it to Tai (Cole) who got it to Meghan. It was great to see three players working together to get a goal."

It was also a rare final score between the two rivals.

For the first time in 11 meetings since 2012, both teams scored in the Clatsop Clash clash. The three combined goals was also the most in the series since a 4-1 win for the Gulls in 2012.

"I just hope we can continue it," Fastabend said. "We've still got two people on the bench, with a concussion and an ankle injury. So it's been a grind for the girls. We've had six games in the last two weeks and 1,200 miles of travel. It's been a tough stretch."

Seahawks trying to avoid troubling 0-3 start

By TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Whether it was his first two stops in the NFL, his time in college at Southern California or his first eight seasons in charge in Seattle, Pete Carroll has never started a season with three consecutive losses.

That's 12 seasons in the pros and nine in college during which Carroll has been able to avoid a disastrous start to a new campaign. And it's what the Seahawks will be trying to avoid Sunday when they host the Dallas Cowboys.

UP NEXT: SEAHAWKS

• Dallas Cowboys (1-1)
 at Seattle Seahawks (0-2)
 • Sunday, 1:25 p.m. TV: FOX

"There's only a couple of undefeated teams in the NFC right now and let's hang with that. Let's hang with them," Carroll said. "I don't want to get behind that number right now, so we've got to get a win."

What's been called a roster reset multiple times by Carroll and other Seahawks has struggled to get started. Seattle's offense has looked inept at times, its quarterback confused and its defense vulnerable. The Seahawks understand the rarity of dropping to 0-3 and still being able to turn around the trajectory of the season.

"I'm not going to give you a cliché. You don't want to be 0-3," Seattle linebacker Bobby Wagner said.

Dallas is still trying to solve all of its issues, but at least has a victory after knocking off the New York Giants at home last week. The Cowboys' defense was exceptional against the Giants, holding rookie Saquon Barkley and New York's run game to 35 yards on the ground, and sacked quarterback Eli Manning six times. The Cowboys are second in the NFL with nine sacks through two weeks, and now face the offense that's surrendered a league-high 12 sacks so far, six in each game.

"We've continued to try to build the talent level on our front seven and try to create competitive situations where guys are fighting for roster spots and fighting for playing time and hopefully when they get out there that competition brings out the best in them," Dallas coach Jason Garrett said. "Obviously, those can be very impactful plays."

The Cowboys are 5-2 in September road games since 2014, one of those losses coming in the opener against Carolina. Seattle hasn't lost a home game in September under Carroll, going 13-0 since 2010.

RUN AROUND: For two weeks, the Seahawks have failed to follow through on one of their major offseason priorities of returning to being a run-first offense. The Seahawks had just 16 carries for 64 yards in the opener. After committing to running more in Week 2, they ended up managing only 74 yards on 22 carries against the Bears. There was also Carroll's confusion about the conditioning of starter Chris Carson, who didn't have a carry in the second half against the Bears.

SILENT ON SEATTLE: New Dallas secondary coach and passing game coordinator Kris Richard turned down interview requests before his reunion with the Seahawks. Richard spent the first eight years of his pro coaching career in Seattle, the past two as defensive coordinator. He was fired in a retooling of Carroll's defensive staff.

The Cowboys have blitzed more the first two weeks than in the past under defensive coordinator Rod Marinelli. From the start, Richard has said the Cowboys embraced the idea of him bringing new concepts.