

SPORTS

CONTACT US

Gary Henley | Sports Reporter
ghenley@dailyastorian.com



FOLLOW US

facebook.com/
DailyAstorianSports

Late scores lift Tillamook over Astoria

The Daily Astorian

TILLAMOOK — Tillamook overcame a 1-0 deficit with three unanswered goals late Thursday night, for a 3-1 win over Astoria in Cowapa League boys soccer action.

“We dominated the first half both defensively and in attack,” said Astoria coach Lee Cain. “Our back line shut down Tillamook attacks again and again,” led by Marco Houser, Porter Whitsett, Christian Medina-Perez and Brooks Fromwiller.

With nine minutes left in the first half, Medina-Perez assisted on a goal by Shrey Sharma for a 1-0 Astoria lead.

That led to a long, drawn-out battle in the second half, Cain said.

Tillamook scored its first goal on a long, 40-yard shot that got over Astoria goalkeeper Tony Tumbarello.

The goal fired up the Cheesemakers, who tacked on two more scores in the final 10 minutes of the game.

Astoria has been improving in each of its last three games, “but we allowed (the Cheesemakers) too much time to shoot in that last bit,” Cain said. “Tillamook had a week to rest between games, and my guys just didn’t quite have the same energy in the last few minutes. We hope to get at least one of our injured players back by Tuesday (at Valley Catholic).”

In other Cowapa League action Thursday, Valley Catholic defeated Banks, 7-0.

Astoria girls edge Tillamook, 1-0

A win over Tillamook sets up an early league title showdown next week for the Astoria girls soccer team, which defeated the Cheesemakers 1-0 late Thursday night at CMH Field.

The Lady Fishermen improve to 2-1 in league, just a half-game behind Banks and one game up on Valley Catholic, which visits CMH Field Tuesday, the second of four straight home games for Astoria.

No. 19 Oregon at No. 24 Cal highlights Pac-12 week

Associated Press

No. 19 Oregon at No. 24 California. The Ducks (3-1, 0-1 Pac-12) are coming off a disappointing collapse after

No. 7 Stanford rallied from a 23-point deficit to win 38-31 in Eugene.

They face a stiff test in their first road game of 2018. The Bears (3-0) will be playing their first Pac-12 game after a perfect start in nonconference play moved them into the AP Top 25 for the first time since 2015. The key will be if Oregon QB Justin Hebert, among the national leaders in TDs and passing yards, can navigate against a Cal defense that’s tied for second nationally with seven interceptions.

UP NEXT: DUCKS

• Oregon Ducks (3-1) at California Golden Bears (3-0)
• Saturday, 7:30 p.m. TV: FS1

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY

Football — Astoria at Banks, 7 p.m.; Seaside at Valley Catholic, 7 p.m.; Knappa at Vernonia, 7 p.m.; Triangle Lake at Jewell, 6 p.m.; North Beach at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.; Naselle at Lummis Nation, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Volleyball — Astoria, Seaside at Hood River tournament, TBA
Girls soccer — North Bend vs. Seaside (at Newport), 2 p.m.



Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

Julia Norris, right, spikes for the Fishermen.

Valley Catholic sweeps Astoria in the Brick House

By GARY HENLEY

The Daily Astorian

The Valley Catholic volleyball team had to work for it, but the Valiants eventually left the Brick House with a win Thursday night.

Astoria held leads in the first two games, but the No. 3-ranked Valiants had too many weapons, too much height and too much power at the net, helping Valley Catholic score the three-game sweep, 25-23, 25-17, 25-16.

The Valiants jumped to No. 2 in the rankings, and improved to 3-0 in Cowapa League play, all three-game sweeps.

Still ranked 13th in the state, Astoria drops to 1-3 in league, 8-6 overall. The tough part for the Fishermen — the eight-match league season is half over with. After taking part in the Hood River tournament Saturday, Astoria hosts Seaside next Thursday to begin the second half of league play.

The Lady Fishermen got off to a near-perfect start in Thursday’s match.

Sophomore Kelsey Fausett had the hot hand early, sending kills to the floor from the left side to help Astoria build an 8-3 lead.

Fausett added a block on Valley Catholic senior Kayla Robbins, but the Valiants gradually pulled even with ties at 13 and 14, then put points together for a 20-15 lead.

An ace serve by Gretchen Kibbe made it 24-18, before Astoria rallied behind five straight service points from Halle Helmersen, cutting the Valiant lead to 24-23.

Valley Catholic sophomore Abby Rewers finally found the final point the Valiants were looking for, with a kill at game point.

Astoria’s last lead of the night was an early 2-1 edge in Game 2.

Still, the Valiants had trouble pulling away, even after building a 12-5 lead.

Helmersen went on another serving tear, while Astoria’s Taja-Rae Tuimato put on a passing exhibition, setting up kills for Kes Sandstrom, Julia Norris and Kajsa Jackson, whose tap over the net tied the game at 13-13.

Jackson had consecutive blocks on attacks by Robbins and Zoey Van Vleet, and the game was still tied at 16-16.

But Robbins was the offensive player of the night for the Valiants, as one of her many kills sparked a 9-1 run to finish Game 2.

Van Vleet kept things going in Game 3, serving Valley Catholic to a 9-0 lead.

Warrenton tops Taft

WARRENTON — Warrenton snapped a two-match losing streak with a four-game win Thursday night over Taft, 25-23, 25-17, 21-25, 25-8.

The Warriors evened their record at 2-2 in Coastal Range League play, 6-3 overall. Taft remains winless at 0-11 overall, 0-4 in league.

Warrenton plays Tuesday at Clatskanie (1-8), before hosting two big home matches against Willamina and Rainier.

Tillamook sweeps past Seaside

TILLAMOOK — With two teams ranked in the top six statewide, it’s hard to pick up wins in Cowapa League volleyball.

The Seaside Gulls are learning first-hand how good the league is, as they dropped to 0-3 in the league standings, following a three-game sweep for Tillamook, 25-12, 25-12, 25-12, Thursday night in Tillamook.

Seaside takes to the road again Saturday for the Hood River Tournament.

Vernonia beats Knappa in Logger showdown

KNAPPA — The Knappa is still very much in the running for a spot in the league playoffs, but a three-game loss Thursday to Vernonia has left the Loggers with a 2-5 record in the Northwest League volleyball standings.

Vernonia scored the sweep in Knappa’s hot house, 25-12, 25-15, 25-23, helping the other Loggers improve to 6-0 in league.

In Game 3, Knappa “began to execute on the net play and started getting around the big blockers that Vernonia has, placing some well-aimed tips and a few nice chip shots into open court,” said Knappa coach Jeff Kaul.

That allowed Knappa to stay in the game all the way to the end. Trailing 24-18, Knappa’s Hannah Dietrichs took over at the service line and helped the home Loggers rally to within 24-23, before Vernonia scored the last point.

Knappa’s Kourtney Tischer had five assists, while Vicki Ramvick sparked Knappa with her all-around play that included four kills, five blocks and six touch blocks.

Jade Somoza added three ace serves for Knappa, which will play two straight matches against Columbia Christian (Tuesday at Knappa, Oct. 6 at Columbia Christian).

Baldwin says he’s ready to go for Seahawks

By CURTIS CRABTREE

Associated Press

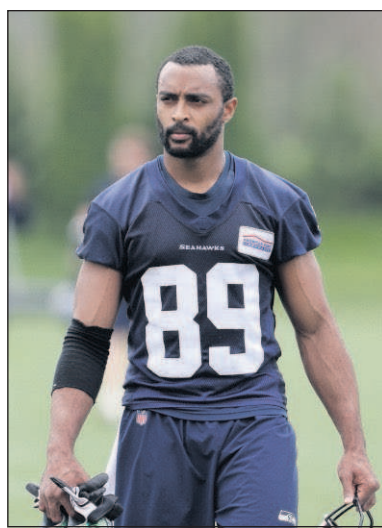
RENTON, Wash. — Seahawks wide receiver Doug Baldwin says he’s ready to return to the lineup this week against the Arizona Cardinals.

Baldwin has missed the past two games for Seattle after injuring the MCL in his right knee in the team’s season opener against the Denver Broncos.

Baldwin returned to the practice field on Wednesday for the first time since defensive tackle Domata Peko rolled up on the back of his leg in Denver.

“I know Pete has a press conference coming up eventually (on Friday) so you’ll have to ask him. ... I’m ready to go,” Baldwin said on Thursday.

“That’s going to be their call. There’s a lot of things that go into it, obviously, the precautionary reasons



AP Photo/Ted S. Warren

Seattle Seahawks wide receiver Doug Baldwin.

of making sure that I’m healthy fully so that I can go for the rest of the season and not just this game.”

Said Carroll on Wednesday: “He looks really good and light on his feet. He looks very confident that he can have a chance to play this week, so we’ll see how that goes. He’s confident, that’s not a surprise. Let’s see if he can pull it off.”

Baldwin hadn’t missed a game for Seattle since the 2012 season. He had appeared in 89 straight regular-season games and 12 postseason games since the previous time he was sidelined for an injury. The two games he missed that season were the only absences he’s had in his first seven years in the NFL.

“Still a little frustrating because I feel like I’m still being held back a little bit,” Baldwin said. “I understand why and the precautionary reasons, but I’m chomping at the bit. I’m ready to go. This is what I do, so I’m excited about getting back out there.”

Baldwin hasn’t enjoyed being

forced to watch practice and games from the sideline. He got just two days of practice in with the team at the start of training camp before being shut down for nearly a month because of an issue with his left knee. He didn’t appear in any of the team’s four preseason games before ramping back up for the start of the season.

He played just 11 snaps in Denver before injuring his right knee, most coming before the injury while a couple came as he tried to see if he could play through it.

“I wanted to do everything I could to go back in and I did that and realized it wasn’t getting better,” Baldwin said.

Baldwin has been limited in both practices he’s participated in on Wednesday and Thursday.

Carroll said they will need to see how Baldwin can handle a workload with essentially two troublesome knees.