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Astoria boys defeat Banks

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BANKS — The Astoria boys soccer team earned its second league win Thursday over Banks, with a 3-0 victory on the Braves' home field.

The Fishermen dominated play, netting their first goal in the 15th minute when David Bermudez, on a fast counter attack, slotted a through ball that Michael Postlewait ran up on and beat the Braves' goalkeeper.

As the keeper went to the ground to block the shot, Postlewait shot the ball low to the left corner.

Fishermen keeper Tony Tumbarello made a strong save diving to his right to push a Banks shot wide off a corner kick in the 28th minute. That was the Braves' most dangerous opportunity.

Second-half scoring began in the 45th minute, when Postlewait crossed the ball to the center of the box to Leo Matthews, whose shot was blocked by the keeper. Shrey Sharma gathered in the deflection and scored.

In the 60th minute, Postlewait pounded the ball into the net from point-blank range off a pass from Jonathan Jimenez.

Astoria's strong defensive play was keyed by Porter Whitsett and Rodrigo Palacio-Rojas on the back line and Riley Cameron in the midfield.

The Fishermen close out league play with two home matches, Tuesday vs. Tillamook and Thursday vs. Valley Catholic. The Valiants scored a 4-0 win late Thursday over Seaside, on Valley Catholic's home field.

Banks, Astoria girls battle to 1-1 tie

Astoria scored early in the first half and Banks scored early in the second half Thursday night, in Cowapa League girls soccer action at CMH Field.

And that's where the scoring ended, as the Braves and Fishermen finished in a 1-1 tie.

The Braves missed a pair of penalty kicks, while the lone Banks score was an own-goal, a ball that glanced off an Astoria defender and goalkeeper and into the net.

"The girls played well," Astoria coach Tim Fastabend said of his team, which celebrated Senior Night. "Banks plays a very physical game, but we had some girls who played very well," including Elizabeth Whitsett, Brooklyn (Zerangue) and Taileigh Cole, along with Elle Espelien, "who always plays well," Fastabend said. Meghan O'Meara scored Astoria's goal on a direct free kick from 30 yards out, giving the Fishermen a 1-0 lead. It was Astoria's first goal in three games.

Astoria's final two games of the regular season are on the road, Monday at Tillamook and Wednesday at Valley Catholic.

Valley Catholic over Seaside

In other Cowapa League girls soccer action, Valley Catholic defeated Seaside 8-0 at Broadway Field.

Illwaco def. Astoria

ILLWACO, Wash. — Elle Personius scored two goals to lead the Illwaco girls soccer team to a 2-0 win over the Astoria junior varsity team Wednesday.

Personius scored her first goal off a corner kick near the end of the first half. The second was at the 36-minute mark of the second half.

Illwaco goalkeeper Faith Richardson only had to make two saves.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY

Football — Astoria at Molalla, 7 p.m.; Banks at Seaside, 7 p.m.; Knappa at Gaston, 7 p.m.; Warrenton at Neah-Kah-Nie, 7 p.m.; Jewell at Gilchrist, 1 p.m.; Naselle at Darrington, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY

Volleyball — Astoria at Marshfield tournament, TBA; Seaside tournament, 7 a.m.; Knappa at City Christian, 2:30 p.m.



Heaven Barrett spikes the ball for the Fishermen.

Photos by Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

Tillamook defeats Astoria girls at the Brick House

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With four of its five teams in the top 15 statewide, the 4A state volleyball tournament in Forest Grove could be one big Cowapa League party.

Two of the teams hoping to be there met on the court Thursday night at the Brick House, where No. 15-ranked Astoria hosted fifth-ranked Tillamook.

It wasn't the walk in the park that the Cheesemakers thought it might be, but Tillamook eventually scored a four-set win, 25-11, 19-25, 25-15, 25-17.

After suffering through a 14-point loss in Game 1, the Lady Fishermen turned the match upside down by completely dominating Tillamook in Game 2.

Kes Sandstrom served Astoria to a 3-0 lead, and the Lady Fishermen went on a serving rampage shortly after, with an ace by Kelsey Fau-



Kelsey Fausett and Hailey O'Brien play defense for Astoria.

sett and three ace serves from Hailey O'Brien.

An off-speed touch by Julia Norris and an ace serve by Taja-Rae Tuimato led to a 17-5 lead for Astoria.

Kajsa Jackson dominated the middle, send-

ing three straight kills to the floor for a 24-16 lead, before the Fishermen closed out the game.

The Mooks regained their Game 1 form in Game 3, building a 14-9 lead on two kills off the block by Isabel Hurliman.

Astoria closed to within 15-13, but Tillamook's 10-2 run gave the Cheesemakers a two games-to-one lead.

Tillamook's big hitters — seniors Hurliman and Makinley Johnson, and sophomore Nessa Hurliman — took over in Game 4.

Tillamook held leads of 15-4 and 21-8, before a long serving run by Fausett brought Astoria back to within 21-15.

But a long break at the scorer's table was just what Tillamook needed to turn the momentum, as the Mooks outscored Astoria 4-2 to close out the match.

Junior varsity: Astoria defeated Tillamook, 25-17, 25-22, 25-13.

Nebraska's Frost took step to stop Oregon State transfer

By ERIC OLSON
Associated Press

First-year Nebraska coach Scott Frost said Thursday the transfers of three of his former players to Oregon State raised his suspicions, though he stopped short of leveling a tampering charge against the Beavers.

Linebacker Avery Roberts, quarterback Tristan Gebbia and receiver Tyjon Lindsey all transferred from Nebraska to Oregon State in the last two months. It was part of the reason Frost listed Oregon State as one of the schools Greg Bell couldn't transfer to as a condition of granting the running back's scholarship release last week.

The Cornhuskers' previous staff has deep ties to Oregon State, and former Huskers assistant Trent Bray returned there to coach linebackers this season. Former director of football operations Dan Van De Riet has gone back to Oregon State in the same role. Mike Riley, the coach Frost replaced, was a longtime Oregon State head coach who now is a consultant for the Beavers.

"There's no doubt in my mind those kids were probably in touch with some people they formerly knew that were here," Frost said Thursday.

It's against NCAA rules for representatives of a school to con-



LEFT: Nebraska running back Greg Bell. RIGHT: Nebraska head coach Scott Frost.



AP Photos/Nati Harnik

tact a player from another school about transferring. Frost's decision on Bell was made 10 days before NCAA transfer rules change. Starting Oct. 15, athletes will no longer have to ask for permission to transfer from their current schools and schools cannot block transfers.

"If someone is contacting our kids while they're still our kids and trying to get them to transfer, I'm not going to be a big fan of that continuing to happen," Frost said. "And I'm not saying it did happen."

Oregon State athletics spokesman Steve Fenk said the school had no response to Frost's comments.

Frost said he would be a hypocrite if he didn't acknowledge

he spoke to Central Florida quarterback McKenzie Milton on Wednesday. Frost developed a strong relationship with Milton as his coach in 2016-17. Frost said the two spoke on the video service Facetime because it was Milton's birthday.

In May, Hawaii coach Nick Rolovich called out Oregon State on social media for sending recruiting material to his players that allegedly included invitations to the Beavers' spring game. Three Oregon State assistants were assistants at Hawaii in recent years.

Oregon State described the contact with the Hawaii players as "unintentional." Oregon State reported what happened to the NCAA, and it was ruled a secondary violation.

VOLLEYBALL

Vernonia beats Knappa in Logger showdown

VERNONIA — Vernonia scored a three-game sweep Thursday night over Knappa to keep pace with first-place Portland Christian in the Northwest League race.

While the Royals remain atop the league standings at 11-0, Vernonia is 10-1, followed by Gaston (8-2), Nestucca (7-3) and Knappa (5-6).

Knappa has one league game remaining (Saturday at City Christian) before opening play in the league playoffs.

Knappa held a 7-1 lead in Game 1, before Vernonia rallied.

"We had a lot of awesome saves from many of our players tonight, trying to keep the ball alive after some hard hits from Vernonia," Knappa coach Jeff Kaul said. "We also saw a lot of great attempts at blocking with some very nice successful blocks."

Nestucca tops Warrenton in nonleague match

CLOVERDALE — Warrenton took a break from league play Thursday night, which was fortunate for the Warriors, who lost a four-game match at Nestucca.

The 2A Bobcats scored the victory, 25-15, 23-25, 25-13, 25-13, over a Warrenton team that was fresh off two emotional wins over Willamina and Rainier.

The Warriors close out the league season Tuesday at Taft.

Crosshill defeats Jewell

JEWELL — In a Casco League volleyball match at Jewell, Crosshill Christian improved to 10-3 in league, with a three-game sweep over the Blue Jays, 25-18, 25-20, 25-16.

Jewell falls to 6-7 in league, 9-9 overall, and hosts Perrydale Tuesday.

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