

# SPORTS

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## Athletes of the Week



**KOURTNEY TISCHER**  
 Knappa

Knappa Logger volleyball



**ROBERT PIÑA-MORTON**  
 Knappa

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**T**hree matches in five days resulted in two wins and a loss for the Loggers, who celebrated Senior Night with a win over Neah-Kah-Nie. One of two Knappa seniors along with Jordan Walter, Tischer (also the 2018 Miss Scandinavia) led the Loggers against the Pirates, hitting 21-of-22 serves, with 25 assists, five digs and four kills. In a sweep at City Christian four days later, she had 11 assists and seven aces. She had 23 assists and four kills in a season-ending playoff loss Tuesday at Nestucca.

**A** junior for the Loggers' cross-country team, Piña-Morton had two first-place finishes and a second in three meets over a five-day span. He won the Bigfoot Invitational Oct. 9 in Rockaway Beach, then ran his second-best 5,000-meter time two days later (17 minutes, 27 seconds) in the Northwest League Championships, which he won for the second year in a row. Piña-Morton finished his week by taking second in the Rainier Invitational, running 17:31 to finish ahead of two runners from Class 6A Benson.

### SCOREBOARD

**PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE**

**TODAY**

**Volleyball** — Seaside at Banks, 6:45 p.m.; Taft vs. Warrenton (at Willamina), 5 p.m.; Warrenton vs. Willamina, 7:30 p.m.

**Girls soccer** — Tillamook at Seaside, 7:15 p.m.

**Boys soccer** — Valley Catholic at Astoria, 7:15 p.m.; Seaside at Tillamook, 7:15 p.m.

**RANKINGS**

**4A Football coaches poll**

First place votes in parentheses

1. Banks (9) 107
2. Seaside 94
3. Marshfield (2) 88
4. Mazama 73
5. Gladstone 69
6. Marist Catholic 45
7. Estacada 42
8. Sweet Home 28
9. La Grande 18
10. Newport 9

Others receiving votes: Ontario 8, Woodburn 6.

**2A Football coaches poll**

First place votes in parentheses

1. Santiam (8) 141
2. Monroe (7) 138
3. Neah-Kah-Nie (1) 112
4. Knappa 93
5. Sheridan 93
6. Jefferson 68
7. Heppner 55
8. Coquille 50
9. Kennedy 47
10. Glide 17

Others receiving votes: Toledo 14, Lost River 13.

### SPORTS IN BRIEF

#### Warrenton volleyball faces Taft, again

The Warrenton volleyball team is having to take the long route to the state playoffs.

Despite being the highest-ranked team in the Coastal Range League (rated No. 21 in the latest OSAA rankings), and despite having beaten Taft twice in the regular season, the Warriors have to play the Tigers a third time in a league playoff at 5 p.m. tonight at Willamina.

And should the Warriors win the playoff, they would play Willamina immediately after their match with Taft, with the winner of the second match advancing to a Saturday playoff at Rainier for the league's No. 1 seed.

Rainier, Warrenton and Willamina all finished the league season with 6-2 records. A series of point system tie-breakers gave the Columbians the top seed, followed by Willamina and Warrenton.

The Warriors are coming off a Tuesday night sweep (25-18, 25-14, 25-18) at Taft, in which Warrenton's Avyree Miethe was 27-for-28 on attacks, with 14 kills.

Mia McFadden and Fernanda Alvarez added seven kills apiece, while Melia Kapua and Miethe combined to go 18-for-18 from the service line.

Kapua was 38-for-45 passing with 11

digs and four saves. Miethe had seven digs and Alvarez added six digs and four blocks.

Leah Schiewe and Natalie Oseguera combined for seven blocks and three block kills.

#### Astoria runners top Seaside in dual meet

WARRENTON — The Astoria and Seaside cross-country teams staged a good old-fashioned dual meet Wednesday afternoon at Cullaby Lake.

Some of the top runners did not take part, as the teams prepare for the upcoming district meet, Oct. 25 at Rood Bridge Park in Hillsboro.

The Fishermen and Gulls ran a 3,000-meter course, with Astoria sweeping the dual meet by scores of 20-43 for the boys and 25-32 for the girls.

Seaside junior Luis Moreno won the boys' race in 10 minutes, 13 seconds, with the next 10 spots belonging to the Fishermen. Anton Heinrich was Astoria's top finisher, placing second in 10:35.

Astoria freshman Lindsay Riutta won the girls' race in 12:31, followed by sophomore teammate Allyson Pritchard (12:37) and Seaside freshman Elise Seppa (12:47). Seaside sophomore Brooke Blakenhorn was fourth in 12:59.

### No. 25 Washington State hosts No. 12 Oregon in Pac-12 game

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#### WHAT'S AT STAKE?

Washington State and Oregon both seek to become bowl eligible and to keep pace with No. 15 Washington in the race for the Pac-12 North title. Washington State has a 10-game home winning streak, and is making its first appearance as host of ESPN's "College GameDay."

#### KEY MATCHUP

Two of the nation's top offenses square off as Oregon averages 43 points per game and Washington State averages 41.8 points per game. The defense that bends the least may be the winner.

#### PLAYERS TO WATCH

Oregon: QB Justin Herbert is one of the best in the Pac-12. He has thrown 161 consecutive passes without an interception in Pac-12 road games. Freshman RB CJ Verdell has rushed for 100 yards in four of his six career games, and scored the winning touchdown in overtime against

#### UP NEXT: DUCKS

- Oregon Ducks (5-1) at Washington State Cougars (5-1)
- Saturday, 4:30 p.m.
- TV: FOX

Washington last weekend.

Washington State: Graduate transfer QB Gardner Minshew has quickly gained mastery of the Air Raid offense and leads the nation with 2,422 passing yards and an average of 403 passing yards per game.

#### FACTS & FIGURES

Washington State has won three straight against the Ducks, including last year's 33-10 win in Eugene when an injured Herbert did not play ... Washington State has not lost at home since 2016, the longest streak since the team won 19 straight home games from 1928-33 ... WSU coach Mike Leach has 43 wins at the school, and a victory Saturday would tie him with Jim Walden for third most in program history.

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