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VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP

Marist Spartans slip past Astoria in playoff match

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EUGENE — Marist won a pair of close games to start the match, then finished off the Astoria volleyball team in three sets Tuesday night, in a 4A play-in match in Eugene.

With their 25-23, 25-22, 25-14 sweep, the Spartans advance to the Sweet 16, while the season comes to a close for Astoria. Marist will play Saturday at Sisters.

Astoria ended its season with five straight losses, including three in a row in league play that dropped the Lady Fishermen into fourth place in the league standings. Ranked No. 17 in the final OSAA rankings, Astoria finishes with a 9-12 overall record.

Still, “we had a good season,” said Astoria coach Jessie Todd. “We had a

lot of inexperience coming in after losing so many seniors the year before, so we didn’t really know what to expect.

“But with a lot of these girls coming back and a good junior varsity program, it was a great season. They will grow from the experience, and they’ll know what it takes now.”

Astoria led in both Games 1 and 2, before the Spartans rallied to win both.

“The first two games were really close,” Todd said. “The girls really fought hard, we were talking, celebrating and firing on all cylinders. We were right there with Marist, and I thought the match could have gone either way.”

Kajsa Jackson led Astoria’s offensive attack with nine kills to go with two blocks, while Kes Sandstrom had eight kills in her final match.

Julia Norris collected 12 assists, and Astoria was led defensively by Halle Helmersen (34 digs), Kelsey Fausett (30 digs) and Hailey O’Brien (19 digs).

All four players return next year for the Fishermen.

Seaside season ends in loss at Philomath

PHILOMATH — The Seaside Lady Gulls made the long trip to Philomath for a Class 4A regional volleyball play-in match Tuesday, putting their 12-12 overall record up against the Warriors’ 17-9 mark.

And Philomath improved to 18-9 with a three-game sweep over the Gulls, 25-11, 25-19, 25-16.



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This file photo shows Astoria’s Kelsey Fausett, left, who had 30 digs, and teammate Hailey O’Brien, who had 19 digs in Tuesday’s playoff loss.

Tickets available for Baker vs. Astoria

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A limited number of reserved seats went on sale today for the Baker vs. Astoria 4A football play-in game Friday.

Sales started at 8 a.m. in the Astoria High School main office, and will remain on sale until kickoff, 6 p.m. Friday at CMH Field.

Reserved seats may be purchased for \$10 or \$8 based on availability and location. General admission tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for high school age students and younger.

Only OSAA-approved passes may be used for free admission for any round of the OSAA playoffs, including the Class 4A play-in round.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

Cross-country — Cowapa League championships, Rood Bridge Park, Hillsboro, 2 p.m.

FRIDAY

Football — 4A regional play-in: Baker at Astoria, 6 p.m.; Knappa at Portland Christian, 7 p.m.; Warrenton at Nestucca, 7 p.m.; Ilwaco at PeEll/Willapa Valley, 7 p.m.



WORLD SERIES

AP Photo/David J. Phillip
 Boston Red Sox's Eduardo Nunez reacts after hitting a three-run home run during the seventh inning.

RED SOX BEAT DODGERS 8-4 AT FENWAY IN OPENER

By BEN WALKER
 Associated Press

BOSTON — The Fenway Fun-house proved too tricky, too cold and just too much for the beach boys.

Andrew Benintendi, J.D. Martinez and the Boston Red Sox came out swinging in the World Series opener, seizing every advantage in their quirky ballpark to beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 8-4 on a chilly,

WORLD SERIES GAME 2

• Los Angeles Dodgers (0-1) at Boston Red Sox (1-0)
 • Today, 5:09 p.m. TV: FOX

windy Tuesday night.

Benintendi had four hits, Martinez drove in two early runs and pinch-hitter Eduardo Nunez golfed a three-run homer to seal it. The 108-win Red Sox got a solid effort from

their bullpen after an expected duel between aces Chris Sale and Clayton Kershaw never developed.

From the get-go, old Fenway Park caused all sorts of problems for the Dodgers.

Mookie Betts led off for the Red Sox with a popup that twisted first baseman David Freese as he tried to navigate the tight foul space near the stands and gauge the gusts. Lost, he overran the ball and it dropped behind him.

Seaside boys top Banks, 9-0

SEASIDE — The Seaside boys soccer team tuned up for the post-season with a 9-0 win over Banks, in a Cowapa League regular season finale Tuesday night at Broadway Field.

In other league action, Valley Catholic held on for a 1-0 win over Tillamook, giving the Valiants the Cowapa League championship.

The win snapped a two-game losing streak for an injury-riddled Seaside team.

“We got Dodger (Holmstedt) back for a half tonight, but we lost another (player),” said Seaside coach John Chapman.

Still, “it was a great game,” he said. “Senior Chase Januik led his team to a solid win.”

The Gulls led 6-0 at halftime, and goalkeeper Samson Sibony picked up the shutout in goal.

Seaside must wait to find out where and when it will play next, although Chapman expects the No. 9-ranked Gulls to be on the road for their next game.

Banks defeats Seaside girls

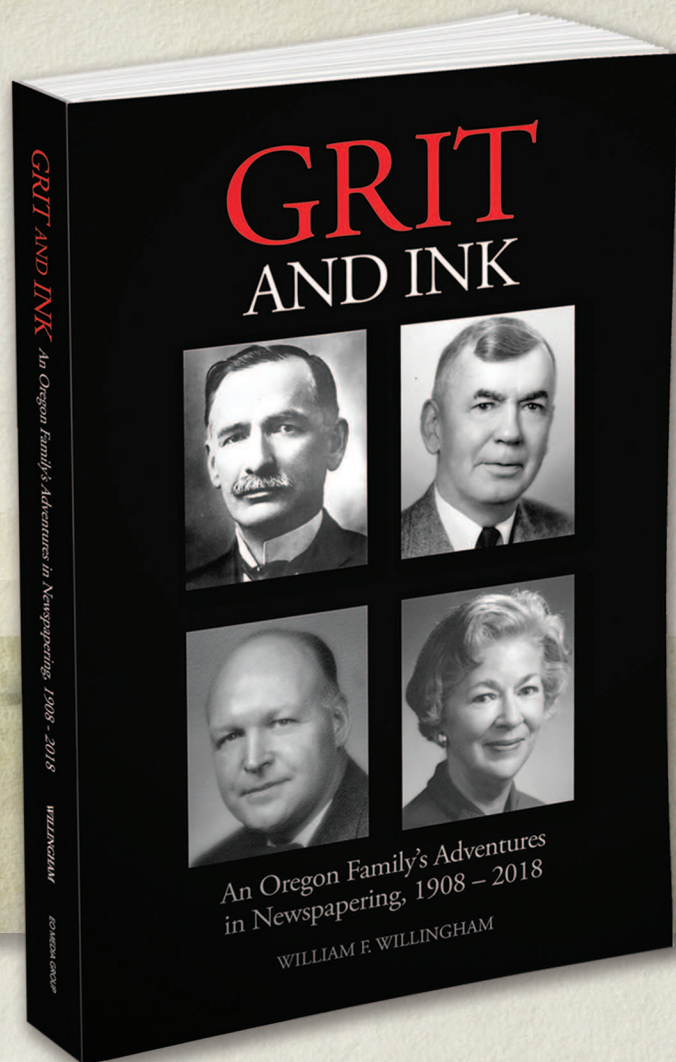
BANKS — The Seaside girls soccer team won two of its last four games this season — something to build on for 2019.

But the 2018 season ended Tuesday afternoon on a down note for the Gulls, as Banks scored a 2-0 win over Seaside.

It was a key game for the Braves, who finish second in the Cowapa League standings with a 5-2-1 league record, behind Valley Catholic (7-0).

Seaside finishes with a 4-9-1 record, the most wins for the Lady Gulls since going 4-8-2 in 2015.

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