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Bo Williams scrambles to pass for the Fishermen.

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Fishermen let one get away, as Baker rallies for play-in win

By GARY HENLEY
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On their first three offensive possessions of the game, the Baker Bulldogs had no first downs, no points and 23 yards of offense.

Astoria's first three offensive series resulted in 11 first downs, 10 points and 202 yards in total offense.

That's why it didn't make much sense two hours later, when the No. 20-ranked Bulldogs stood in front of their fans at CMH Field, celebrating a 17-10 upset win over No. 12-ranked Astoria in a 4A play-in football game.

The Bulldogs advance to the Sweet 16 (Baker will play at Banks). The season comes to a close for the Fishermen, 4-5 overall.

The final statistics certainly supported Astoria, which finished with 15 first downs and 271 yards in total offense, to six first downs and 231 yards for Baker.

Astoria built its 10-0 lead in the second quarter with a 21-yard field goal by Taylor Palmberg and an 18-yard touchdown pass from Bo Williams to Josh Olson.

But the Bulldogs took advantage of four Astoria turnovers, including two in the final minute of the first half to completely turn the momentum.

Baker converted an interception into a 30-yard field goal by Mahonri Rushton with 52 seconds left in the half, and the Fishermen fumbled the ensuing kickoff, setting up the Bulldogs for a one-play drive, sophomore quarterback Gabe Gambleton throwing to Riley Flanagan for a 22-yard score with 39 seconds remaining.

Gambleton completed just three passes in the game, but two went for touchdowns. Flanagan caught all three passes, for 111 yards.

On the very first play of the fourth quarter, Gambleton threw a screen pass to Flanagan, who broke loose and sprinted down the sideline for an 86-yard score.

The next Fishermen possession resulted in a second interception (both by Logan Brashler), and the Bulldog defense came up with big quarterback sacks on Astoria's final two offensive series.

Astoria running back Niko Caruana rushed for 100 yards



Justin Villa tries to evade a tackle for Astoria.

on 21 carries, while senior Ian Hunt had five receptions for 46 yards. Dylan Junes had an interception for the Fishermen.

Warrenton clinches playoff spot with win

CLOVERDALE — With a win Friday night at Nestucca, the 2018 Warrenton football team checked off three more season milestones.

The Warriors' easy 54-6 victory over the Bobcats was Warrenton's first road win of the season. It was also the first win over a team with a winning record, and clinched a spot in the state playoffs for the first time since 2012.

The Warriors accomplished all three Friday night, as Warrenton won its first road game since Sept. 22 of last year (also at Nestucca). The win was the first in years over a team with a winning record, and now the Class 3A Warriors are hoping to make a big run in the 2A state playoffs.

Warrenton will play a first-round game Friday at Sheridan.

Going into the state playoffs, the favorites appear to be Monroe, Sheridan and Knappa, but No. 13-ranked Warrenton could be the lucky darkhorse, having won three of its last four games, the last two by a combined 116-12.

The Warriors had Friday's game locked up just minutes into the first quarter. Devin Jackson's 14-yard touchdown run gave Warrenton a 14-0 lead, and Jacob Morrow added two scoring runs for a

28-0 lead after one quarter.

The Warriors rolled up 422 yards in total offense (335 on the ground) against the Bobcats, who were outscored 104-20 in consecutive games against Knappa and Warrenton.

Kenz Ramsey was 7-for-7 on point-after kicks, and added a 23-yard field goal in the second quarter.

Loggers roll in tune-up for state playoffs, 74-0

PORTLAND — After another Friday night blow-out victory (74-0 at Portland Christian), the Knappa Loggers can finally focus on their next goal: Winning a state championship.

As the No. 4-ranked team

in the state, the Loggers will be one of the main candidates on a short list of teams looking to win the 2A state title.

The Loggers will host a first-round game Friday (7 p.m., CMH Field) vs. Glide, which has lost three in a row.

Knappa was scoring at will against another Northwest League opponent Friday. The Loggers' six league victories have come by an average score of 58 to 15.

Eli Takalo had a pair of 39-yard touchdown runs in the first quarter, a 54-yarder in the second period for a 52-0 halftime lead, and his final scoring run in the third quarter gave Knappa a 66-0 lead.

The Royals had six turnovers, while the Loggers finished with 18 first downs to Portland Christian's three.

Willapa defeats Ilwaco, 42-0

MENLO, Wash. — Willapa Valley's Max Smith returned the opening kickoff off 60 yards for a touchdown, setting the tone for a 42-0 Viking win Friday over visiting Ilwaco, in a Pacific 2B League regular season finale.

The Fishermen finish third in the league standings at 4-2 in league, 5-3 overall. Ilwaco plays a crossover game Friday. Willapa Valley clinched the league title with a 6-0 league record, 7-2 overall.

Ilwaco's Alex Kaino caught five passes for 65 yards.

VOLLEYBALL

Eagles sweep Warrenton in state playoff

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ADAIR VILLAGE — There were no miracle comebacks in this one, as the season came to a close for the Warrenton volleyball team Saturday afternoon at Santiam Christian.

Despite coming in on a hot streak, the Warriors couldn't keep up with the No. 2-ranked Eagles, who scored a sweep, 25-18, 25-12, 25-15.

Santiam Christian advances to the state tournament in Forest Grove (the Eagles will play Creswell in a quarterfinal match), while Warrenton finishes 14-5 overall.

The Eagles built an 11-4 lead in Game 1, before the Warriors rallied and closed to within 16-15 following a kill by Fernanda Alvarez and an

ace serve from Ruby Dyer, but Santiam Christian countered with a 9-3 run.

Santiam Christian outside hitters Kassie Staton (5-foot-10) and Emily Bourne (six-foot) were the hot hitters in Game 2, helping the Eagles to leads of 8-1, 12-4 and 22-10.

The Warriors were down 6-1 in Game 3 — the perfect spot for a Warrenton comeback. And the Warriors did just that, with a kill from Avyree Miethe tying the game at 8-8.

But just like that, the comeback was off, as Santiam Christian answered with five straight points, then did just enough to hold off the Warriors, using cross-court kills by Staton and another spike down the line from Josie Risinger to close out the match.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY
 Boys soccer — Seaside at Stayton, 5 p.m.

FOOTBALL

Baker 17, Astoria 10
 Baker 0 10 0 7—17
 Astoria 0 10 0 0—10

Second Quarter
 Ast: Taylor Palmberg 21 FG 9:01

Ast: Josh Olson 18 pass from Bo Williams (Palmberg kick) 3:32
 Bak: Mahonri Rushton 30 FG :52

Bak: Riley Flanagan 86 pass from Gabe Gambleton (Rushton kick) :39

Fourth Quarter
 Bak: Flanagan 86 pass from Gambleton (Rushton kick) 11:44

Team Statistics

| Baker | Astoria |
|---------------------|---------|
| First downs 6 | 15 |
| Rushes-yards 26-120 | 44-138 |
| Passing yards 111 | 133 |
| Total offense 231 | 271 |
| Comp-Att-Int 3-9-1 | 14-23-2 |
| Turnovers 2 | 4 |
| Penalties 2-30 | 6-42 |

Baker Statistics
Rushing: Gambleton 16-102, Bloomer 5-13, Shirlcliff 1-3, Hammans 4-2. **Passing:** Gambleton 3-9-11-1. **Receiving:** Flanagan 3-11.

Astoria Statistics
Rushing: Caruana 21-100, Stutznegger 14-53, Villa 1-(-2), Williams 8-(-13). **Passing:** Williams 14-23-133-2. **Receiving:** Hunt 5-46, Villa 4-49, Long 2-24, Olson 2-16.

Knappa 74, Portland Christian 0

Knappa 30 22 14 8—74
Portland Chr. 0 0 0 0—0

First Quarter
 Kna: 58 run (conversion failed)
 Kna: Eli Takalo 39 run (Takalo run)

Kna: Takalo 39 run (2-point conversion)
 Kna: Takalo 1 run (Takalo run)

Second Quarter
 Kna: Devin Hoover 55 pass from Takalo (2-point conversion)
 Kna: Takalo 54 run (conversion failed)

Kna: Cameron Miethe 31 fumble return (2-point conversion)

Third Quarter
 Kna: Kanai Phillip 80 int. return (conversion failed)
 Kna: Takalo 2 run (conversion

good)

Fourth Quarter
 Kna: 22 pass (Miethe run)

Knappa Statistics
Rushing: Takalo 9-169, Miethe 9-50. **Passing:** Takalo 6-14-107-1. **Receiving:** Miethe 2-27, Hoover 1-55, Stuhr 1-17, Phillip 1-11.

Warrenton 54, Nestucca 6
Warrenton 28 10 16 0—54
Nestucca 0 6 0 0—6

First Quarter
 War: Hordie Bodden Bodden 14 run (Kenz Ramsey kick)

War: Devin Jackson 14 run (Ramsey kick)
 War: Jacob Morrow 11 run (Ramsey kick)

War: Morrow 3 run (Ramsey kick)

Second Quarter
 Nes: Mitch Richwine 29 run (conversion failed)

War: Morrow (14 run (Ramsey kick))
 War: Ramsey 23 FG

Third Quarter
 War: Jackson 29 pass from Morrow (Ramsey kick)

War: Safety, Nestucca tackled in end zone

War: Ethan Green 15 run (Ramsey kick)

Warrenton Statistics
Rushing: Morrow 20-131, Jackson 10-81, Green 6-47, Martinez 7-32. **Passing:** Morrow 3-5-87-1. **Receiving:** Jackson 2-57, Little 1-30.

Willapa Valley 42, Ilwaco 0
Ilwaco 0 0 0 0—0
Willapa Valley 14 16 6 6—42

First Quarter
 WV: Max Smith 60 kick return (kick failed)

WV: Wyatt Bush 11 pass from Logan Walker (Smith run)

Second Quarter
 WV: Safety, Ilwaco punt snap out of end zone

WV: Smith 3 run (Smith run)
 WV: Carson Cox 15 pass from Logan Walker (run failed)

Third Quarter
 WV: Cox 8 run (kick failed)

Fourth Quarter
 WV: Smith 2 run (kick failed)

Ilwaco Statistics
Rushing: Hutson 6-25, Personius 5-19, Kaech 2-21, Kaino 2-7, Sheldon 7-2, Simonson 2-0.

Passing: Personius 7-16-33-1, Kaech 1-1-45-0. **Receiving:** Kaino 5-65, Kaech 2-11, Sheldon 1-2.

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A GUIDE TO ORGANIZATIONS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN CLATSOP COUNTY



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