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Warrenton's Fab Four named all-league



From left to right, Warrenton's all-league volleyball players: Avyree Miethe, Player of the Year; Claire Bussert; Fernanda Alvarez; Melia Kapua.

Warrenton High School

The Daily Astorian

With a league championship comes all-league selections. And in the first year as a member of the Coastal Range League, the Warrenton volleyball team won its first league title in 40 years and placed four players on the all-league squad.

Included was the No. 1 selection, voted on by the coaches, as Warrior senior setter Claire Bussert was named the league's Player of the Year.

Warrenton, Rainier and Willamina all finished with the same league record, and the three teams combined for 16 of the 22 all-league selections.

Willamina's Heather Hughes was selected as the Coach of the Year.

Joining Bussert on the all-league squad were teammates Fernanda Alvarez (first team), Melia Kapua (second team) and Avyree Miethe (honorable mention).

Coastal Range All-League

Player of the Year: Claire Bussert, Warrenton
Coach of the Year: Heather Hughes, Willamina

First Team

Claire Bussert, Sr., Warrenton
Fernanda Alvarez, Sr., Warrenton
Gracie France, Fr., Willamina
Kyla Howell, Sr., Rainier

Hannah Hughes, Sr., Willamina
Taleah King, Sr., Rainier

Second Team

Brianna Burk, Sr., Willamina
Jean Gartman, So., Rainier
Taryn Hunt, Sr., Willamina
Melia Kapua, Jr., Warrenton
Savannah Russo, Sr., Taft
Lilly Salsbery, Sr., Taft

Honorable Mention

Lita Blodgett, Sr., Clatskanie
Kalli Budge, Fr., Rainier
Anne Marie Davis, So., Clatskanie
Makyla Ellis, Jr., Rainier
Zorien Klass, Jr., Willamina
Haley Littleton, Sr., Clatskanie
Kylee McGlone, Sr., Rainier
Avyree Miethe, Fr., Warrenton
Macy Simmons, Sr., Clatskanie
MaCayla Tuck, Sr., Willamina

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Napavine defeats Ilwaco, 52-14

The Daily Astorian

NAPAVINE, Wash. — The Ilwaco football team's first chance to make the Sweet 16 did not turn out so well.

In a league crossover game Thursday night at Napavine, the Tigers built a 46-0 halftime lead on their way to a 52-14 win over Ilwaco.

The score reached 52-0 before Ilwaco's Parker Kaech scored on a 69-yard run in the third quarter. Ethan Personius added a 1-yard TD run in the fourth quarter, as the Fishermen finished with just 104 yards rushing and 0-for-2 passing.

Napavine advances directly to the round of 16, while the Fishermen get another chance to advance. District 4 has seven berths in the Sweet 16, six of which were decided Thursday night. The seventh spot will be decided Saturday in Centralia, Washington, where the losers of the third vs. second-place games (Ilwaco, Raymond and Onalaska) will meet in a Kansas Plan tie-breaker.

With Thursday's loss, Ilwaco drops to 5-4 overall, after finishing 4-2 in the Pacific 2B Coastal league. Napavine was 4-1 in the Pacific 2B Mountain league, and improves to 8-2 overall.

Kelly's return to Oregon tops Pac-12 this week

Associated Press

UCLA at Oregon. Normally, a 2-6 team against one that's 5-3 wouldn't generate too many headlines, but this one has Bruins coach Chip Kelly returning to Autzen Stadium for the first time since leaving for the NFL in 2013. Kelly has downplayed his return and says he will be all business, but there will be added excitement with the former Ducks coach back on the sideline.



AP Photo/Paul Sancya

Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson prepares to throw during Sunday's game against the Detroit Lions in Detroit.

Important West Coast clash as Chargers travel to Seahawks

By TIM BOOTH

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Games in the second week of the preseason are mostly meaningless and usually a forgettable exercise for veterans.

Seattle linebacker Bobby Wagner hasn't forgotten what happened this past August when the Seahawks were facing the Los Angeles Chargers.

It was late in the first quarter when Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers decided to take a timeout because he didn't like the play against Seattle's defensive alignment. But the part that Wagner remembers: Rivers knew the exact name of Seattle's defensive call.

"He called timeout and was like, 'Dang, they're running strong something,' and I'm like we just changed the name yesterday, how'd you do that?" Wagner recalled. "Maybe he just luck-

UP NEXT: SEAHAWKS

- Los Angeles Chargers (5-2) at Seattle Seahawks (4-3)
- Sunday, 1:05 p.m. TV: CBS

ily chose that, I don't know. It was kind of funny, I'm like how did he know the name? The quarterbacks know the play, they never know the name of the play."

Knowing the play didn't really matter back in August, but it will Sunday when the surging Chargers face the equally improving Seahawks. Los Angeles (5-2) has won four straight and is coming off a bye week following its 20-19 win over Tennessee in London. The Seahawks (4-3) have won four of five — including a victory in London — and the game against the Chargers

starts a stretch with six of the final nine games at home for Seattle.

And Rivers is the introduction to a challenging month of elite quarterbacks the Seahawks will face and challenge Seattle's overhauled defense that has climbed its way back to being among the best in the NFL halfway through the season. After Rivers, the Seahawks will face Jared Goff, Aaron Rodgers and Cam Newton in consecutive weeks.

Seattle's running backs are providing an equally important contribution to the Seahawks recent success. Chris Carson has become Seattle's primary runner and posted his third 100-yard game in last week's win over Detroit. Beginning with Week 3, only the Los Angeles Rams have more carries or yards rushing than the Seahawks — and Los Angeles has played one more game.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY

Football — 4A state playoff: Cascade at Seaside, 7 p.m.; 2A state playoffs: Glide vs. Knappa, at CMH Field, 7 p.m.; Warrenton at Sheridan, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Boys soccer — North Marion at Seaside, 5 p.m.

Cross country — OSAA state meet, Lane CC, Eugene

FOOTBALL

Napavine 52, Ilwaco 14

Ilwaco 0 0 7 7-14
Napavine 25 21 6 0-52

First Quarter

N: Tanner Low 38 pass from Dawson Stanley (Lathan Demarest kick)

N: Brett Bradshaw 14 run (kick failed)

N: Ben Woodrum 8 pass from Stanley (kick failed)

N: Seth Butler 3 run (kick failed)

Second Quarter

N: Butler 9 run (Demarest kick)

N: Low 3 run (Demarest kick)

N: Jared McCollum 14 run (Demarest kick)

Third Quarter

N: Low 38 run (kick failed)

Ilw: Parker Kaech 69 run (Ethan Personius kick)

Fourth Quarter

Ilw: Personius 1 run (Personius kick)

Ilwaco Statistics
Rushing: Sheldon 15-58, Kaech 12-66, Personius 3-24, Hutson 1(-3), Diamond 5(-2), Simonson 1-0, Team 2(-30). Passing: Personius 0-2-0-1.

Lillard helps Blazers beat Pelicans, 132-119

By ANNE M. PETERSON

Associated Press

PORTLAND — While the Trail Blazers found it easy to score against the Pelicans, in the end it was their defense — and some stops in the fourth quarter — that helped Portland pull away.

Damian Lillard scored 26 points to help Portland beat New Orleans 132-119 on Thursday night in the first meeting between the teams since the Pelicans swept the Trail Blazers in the first round of last season's playoffs.

Jusuf Nurkic added 20 points and nine rebounds for the Blazers, who made 18 3-pointers in their third straight win.

New Orleans, hurt by the absence of star Anthony Davis, dropped its fourth consecutive game. The Pelicans were the sixth seed last season when they upset the third-seeded Blazers in the playoffs.

"Tonight we came out and it was easy on offense, so it seemed like we kind of just fell into that trap, where we're going to be able to score and hoping they miss instead of going out there and making them miss, and taking the challenge. And seeing that Anthony Davis wasn't out there, you take those



AP Photo/Steve Dykes

Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard, right, drives past New Orleans Pelicans forward Nikola Mirotic during Thursday's game in Portland.

situations for granted. And they made us pay for it early," Lillard said. "I think we showed our maturity and growth in how we rebounded and adjusted and made the changes we needed to make."

Julius Randle scored 29 points, but Pelicans star Davis was sidelined by a right elbow sprain. Davis had returned from the injury Wednesday night against Golden State, when he

collected 17 points, 12 rebounds and seven assists in a 131-121 loss to the Warriors.

Davis leads New Orleans with 25.2 points and 13 rebounds per game. He was replaced in the starting lineup against the Blazers by Jahlil Okafor.

The Blazers were home after a 3-1 trip that included victories at Orlando, Indiana and Houston.

Gonzales, Mariners reach agreement on 2-year deal

Associated Press

SEATTLE — A person with knowledge of the deal says the Seattle Mariners and Marco Gonzales have agreed to a \$1.9 million, two-year contract.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on Thursday on condition of anonymity because the team had not announced the agreement.

Gonzales is not arbitration eligible until 2021, but the Mariners chose to set his salary for the next two seasons and give him a pay increase after a solid first full season in Seattle. Gonzales will make \$900,000 in 2019 and \$1 million in 2020, and can earn additional bonuses. Gonzales will be under team control through the 2024 season.

Gonzales went 13-9 with a 4.00 ERA last season. He was up and down, winning five straight starts in June and July when he was one of the top pitchers in the American League, but lost all four of his starts in August as he dealt with a neck injury.