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AP Photo/Ted S. Warren  
Seattle Sounders goalkeeper Stefan Frei, left can't get to the ball on a goal by Portland Timbers midfielder Sebastian Blanco, not seen, as Timbers' Jeremy Ebobisse (17) watches during Thursday's MLS play-off soccer match in Seattle.

## Timbers oust rival Sounders 4-2 on PKs in West semifinals

By TIM BOOTH  
Associated Press

SEATTLE — The first bit of celebrating by the Portland Timbers was premature. The confusing MLS playoff rules created a moment of misunderstanding at the end of extra time and a wild 120 minutes. The second celebration, after Da-iron Asprilla deposited his winning penalty past Seattle Sounders goal-keeper Stefan Frei, was pure elation for the Timbers as they advanced to the Western Conference finals and

ended the season for their Cascadia rivals to the north. “I thought it didn’t disappoint. Seattle and Portland brought the rivalry to this match and it was incredible,” Timbers coach Giovanni Savarese said. Asprilla’s kick sent the Timbers past Seattle 4-2 in a penalty shootout Thursday night after an emotionally exhausting second half and extra time that saw the teams combine for five goals and wild swings of elation and desperation. Seattle won the second leg of

the semifinal matchup 3-2, scoring late in regulation to force extra time before both teams scored early in the extra session. Eventually, the sides decided the winner via penalties, although Portland initially believed it had won at the end of extra time after scoring a second road goal in the match. The Timbers claimed the celebra-tion at the end of extra time was due to pride and exhaustion for taking the match to penalties. It ultimately didn’t matter because the Timbers finished the job in the shootout.

### SPORTS IN BRIEF

#### Smith dealt to M’s by Rays for Zunino, Heredia

SEATTLE — Mallex Smith was made a promise by Seat-tle general manager Jerry Dipoto when he was acquired for a sec-ond time by the Mariners after an initial tenure that lasted less than two hours. “Dipoto didn’t guarantee any-thing, but he said I at least have 78 minutes,” Smith joked. “We’ll see.” Smith is back with the Mari-ners as part of a five-player deal between Seattle and Tampa Bay on Thursday that landed the Rays catcher Mike Zunino and out-fielder Guillermo Heredia.

The swap continued a lengthy trade history between the teams and came as a surprise to Zunino, who said he had recent conversa-tions with Seattle manager Scott Servais looking ahead to 2019. “I was shocked. To see your name in trade talks, let alone this early in the offseason, was beyond my expectations,” Zun-ino said. Smith, 25, stole a career-best 40 bases this year and was caught 12 times. He hit .296, tied for the major league lead with 10 triples and had 40 RBIs. He is not eli-gible for free agency until after the 2022 season. He signed with San Diego in 2012, was traded to Atlanta in December 2014 and was dealt to the Mariners in Jan-uary 2017, then sent to the Rays on the same day in a trade that shipped left-hander Drew Smyly to Seattle.

His previous Seattle stint lasted all of 77 minutes before he was sent to the Rays.

#### Oregon visits Utah with implications for the Pac-12 South

Oregon at Utah. This game has lots of drama, with Utah missing quarterback Tyler Huntley, who is out for the regular season with a broken collarbone. The Utes will start redshirt freshman Jason Shel-ley as the team seeks to remain atop the jumbled Pac-12 South. “Losing Tyler, he was a heck of a player, so we have to make sure Jason knows we have complete confidence in him and I believe he does,” coach Kyle Whittingham said. The Ducks, meanwhile, are bowl eligible and on the upswing after snapping a two-game losing streak with a victory over UCLA.

— Associated Press

#### UP NEXT: DUCKS

- Oregon Ducks (6-3)
- at Utah Utes (7-2)
- Saturday, 2:30 p.m. TV: PACN

### SCOREBOARD

#### PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

##### TODAY

Football — OSAA 4A quarterfinal: Es-tacada at Seaside, 7 p.m.; WIAA 1B dis-trict playoff: Taholah at Naselle, 7 p.m.



Gary Henley/The Daily Astorian  
Seaside running back Alexander Teubner has spent the 2018 season outrunning defenders to the end zone.



Gary Henley/The Daily Astorian  
Senior Ian Hunt was one of three Astoria receivers who earned all-league honors.

## Seaside’s Teubner earns Cowapa League MVP, three Astoria receivers on all-league squad

The Daily Astorian

As expected, Seaside senior Alexander Teubner was voted as the Offensive Player of the Year for the Cowapa All-League football team, while two coaches hop-ing to meet one more time on the field — Cole Linehan of Banks and Jeff Roberts of Seaside

— were named as the league’s Coaches of the Year. Senior Hayden Gobel of Banks was selected as the Defensive Player of the Year, and the league champion Braves led the league with 13 total all-league selections. With the possibility of three more games, Teubner could rush for over 2,000 yards and

score 40 touchdowns this season. The Gulls had three offensive linemen, two running backs and quarterback Payton Wester-holm on the first-team offense. Astoria had three receivers on the all-league squad — seniors Ian Hunt and Justin Villa (first team) and senior Josh Olson (sec-ond team).

#### The complete Cowapa All-League team

**Offensive Player of the Year: Alex Teubner, Seaside**  
**Defensive Player of the Year: Hayden Gobel, Banks**  
**Coaches of the Year: Cole Linehan, Banks; Jeff Rob-erts, Seaside**  
**First Team Offense**  
QB: Hayden Vandehey, Sr., Banks  
**QB: Payton Westerholm, Sr., Seaside**  
RB: Jeff Larsen, Sr., Molalla  
RB: Chris Silveira, Sr., Tillamook  
**RB: Alex Teubner, Sr., Seaside**  
**RB: Duncan Thompson, Sr., Seaside**  
**C: Travis Fenton, Sr., Seaside**  
**C: Josiah Hirsch, Sr., Astoria**  
C: Andrew Nichols, Jr., Banks  
G: Michael Horton, Sr., Tillamook  
**G: Isaias Jantes, Sr., Seaside**  
**G: Henry Samuelson, Sr., Astoria**  
T: Isaac Flemmer, Sr., Valley C.  
**T: Paxson VanNortwick, Sr., Seaside**  
TE: Blake Gobel, Sr., Banks

WR: Michael House, Sr., Molalla  
**WR: Ian Hunt, Sr., Astoria**  
WR: Blake Markham, Sr., Banks  
**WR: Justin Villa, Sr., Astoria**  
K: Jacob Slifka, Jr., Banks  
**First Team Defense**  
DL: Bo Edwards, Sr., Molalla  
**DL: Dylan Ploghoft, Sr., Astoria**  
DL: Risdon White, Jr., Banks  
LB: Bryson Cook, Jr., Banks  
LB: Tommy Cruz, Sr., Tillamook  
LB: Ricardo Gatica, Sr., Molalla  
LB: Hayden Gobel, Sr., Banks  
**LB: Balan Koles, Sr., Astoria**  
LB: Cade Napoli, Sr., Valley C.  
LB: Josiah Ochoa, Sr., Banks  
**LB: Gio Ramirez, Sr., Seaside**  
LB: Caleb Werner, Sr., Tillamook  
DB: Kaleb Boomer, Jr., Tillamook  
DB: Blake Markham, Sr., Banks  
DB: Gabe Streblow, Jr., Banks  
**DB: Alex Teubner, Sr., Seaside**  
P: Kaleb Boomer, Jr., Tillamook

**Second Team Offense**  
QB: Matt Silveira, Sr., Tillamook  
**RB: Niko Caruana, Sr., Astoria**  
RB: Luis Macias, Sr., Tillamook  
C: Dawson McKibbin, Sr., Tillamook  
T: Walker Copley, Jr., Banks  
**T: Dylan Meyer, Sr., Seaside**  
OL: Brady Laccino, So., Molalla  
TE: Landon Werner, Sr., Tillamook  
**WR: Josh Olson, Sr., Astoria**  
**Second Team Defense**  
**DL: Ben Carpenter, Sr., Astoria**  
**DL: David Merry, Sr., Astoria**  
DL: Perry Reeder, Jr., Tillamook  
DT: Tyler Exline, So., Banks  
**LB: Michael Moore, So., Astoria**  
LB: Damian Pingo, Jr., Molalla  
DB: George Eisenhardt, So., Valley C.  
**DB: Brayden Johnson, Jr., Seaside**  
DB: Silverio Lopez, Sr., Molalla  
DB: William Schulthies, Jr., Valley C.

## Lillard scores 25 as Trail Blazers beat Clippers 116-105

By ANNE M. PETERSON  
Associated Press



AP Photo/Steve Dykes  
Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard, right, drives to the basket on Los Angeles Clippers forwards Danilo Gallinari, left, and Tobias Harris during Thursday's game in Portland.

PORTLAND — A gritty group of Trail Blazers backups was able to put away the Los Angeles Clippers. Damian Lillard had 25 points and Port-land won its third straight game, 116-105 over the Clippers on Thursday night. It was a tight game until the fourth quarter, when the Blazers’ reserves were able to get some separation. “That was a grind-it-out kind of game. I thought our team did a good job just being present for the entire game. Our bench once again came through, with the spark down the stretch,” Lillard said. “End of the third, beginning of the fourth they had a really good stretch, opened it up a bit and left it there for us to close it out.” CJ McCollum added 23 points for Port-

land, which has won six of seven. The bench contributed 41 points and was crit-ical when Lillard and McCollum rested at the beginning of the final period. Danilo Gallinari and Lou Williams each scored 20 for the Clippers. Shai Gilgeous-Alexander had a career-high 19. Portland had struggled all night to sep-arate from the Clippers, but pulled in front 93-83 on Zach Collins’ dunk with 9:42 left. Another dunk by Collins put the Blazers up 100-90 with 6:10 to go. The Clippers closed to 107-101 on Gallinari’s jumper, but Jusuf Nurkic answered for Portland with a layup and Los Angeles could not get any closer down the stretch. “I thought down the stretch — the last eight minutes of the game — our offense really let us down,” Clippers coach Doc Rivers said.