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Ilwaco nips Naselle in 67-64 OT win

The Daily Astorian

NASELLE, Wash. — Ilwaco led for most of the first half and Naselle led for a good part of the second, before the Fishermen finally secured a 67-64 win in overtime in a nonleague game between the two Pacific County rivals Tuesday night.

Ilwaco jumped out to a big first half lead, lost it in the second, then outscored Naselle 10-7 in the extra frame.

The Comets played less than two weeks following the end of their football season.

Ilwaco's Alex Kaino hit three 3-pointers in the first quarter, as the Fishermen built a 10-0 lead with 4:13 left in the first period. The Comets rallied to within 20-15 at the end of the quarter, behind eight points in the quarter from Antonio Nolan.

Ilwaco's 6-foot-8 junior, Joe Nisbett, entered the game late in the first quarter and scored 10 points before halftime, leading to a 30-24 Fishermen lead at the break.

Naselle fought its way back in the second half, tying the game at 35-35 with 3:36 left in the third quarter.

The Comets continued their momentum into the fourth, grabbing a 49-43 lead with 5:10 remaining.

Naselle still led 50-45 at the 3:51 mark, and 52-51 with 2:02 left.

Ilwaco pulled into a 57-57 tie with 18.4 seconds remaining, the Comets failed to score on a last possession, and the teams headed to overtime.

Still tied at 64-64 with 1:04 left in OT, Ilwaco scored on a late three-point play for a 67-64 advantage, and the Fishermen held on from there for the win.

Nisbett led Ilwaco with 23 points, followed by Kaino with 17.

Naselle had four players in double figures, led by Antonio Nolan with 17, and followed by Jacob Eaton with 16, Cole Dorman and Ethan Lindstrom with 11 apiece.

The two teams played evenly in the third quarter (14-14), and the Tigers went on a 21-13 run in the fourth to overtake the Loggers, who open league play Monday at home vs. Gaston.

Knappa girls hold off Jewell, 39-29

JEWELL — Madelynn Weaver poured in 16 points, and the Knappa girls basketball team scored its first win of the year Tuesday night, 39-29 at Jewell.

Weaver had support from Sophia Carlson, who finished with 10 points, five rebounds, four steals and four blocks.

Raven Corcoran — starting for the injured Vicki Ramvick — finished with seven points and eight boards. Aiko Miller added seven rebounds, and the Loggers had 12 team steals.

"We got off to a fantastic start, then kind of took a nose-dive in the second quarter," said Knappa coach Marie Green. "I called a timeout with 30 seconds left (in the first half), and kind of harped on the girls to keep their focus. Then Jewell got back within five in the third quarter."

Lily Kaczynski scored 12 points to lead Jewell, which outscored Knappa 20-19 in the second half.

Warrenton girls top Naselle, 61-24

WARRENTON — Warrenton's Fernanda Alvarez scored 18 points in 14 minutes of playing time, and the Warriors built a 40-11 halftime lead on their way to a 61-24 nonleague win Tuesday over visiting Naselle.

Claire Bussert added 12 points



Damian Mulinix/Chinook Observer

Ilwaco's Alex Kaino — taking a 3-pointer in last week's win over Life Christian — made three 3-point shots in the first quarter of Tuesday's win over Naselle.

and Melia Kapua added 10, as Warrenton's top three scorers combined for 40 points.

"Fernanda just dominated — they couldn't guard her," said Warrenton

coach Robert Hoepfl, whose team improved to 4-0. "Claire played well as always, Maria Heyen did a great job (scoring nine points), and Avyree Mieth and Sagi Diego played some

great defense out on the wings."

Warrenton plays Friday at Neah-Kah-Nie, then hosts Santiam Christian Saturday, with a 6 p.m. tip-off at Clatsop Community College.

Ex-Seahawks player Browner sentenced in attempted murder case

Associated Press

POMONA, Calif. — Prosecutors say former NFL cornerback Brandon Browner has been sentenced to eight years in prison for trying to kill his ex-girlfriend after breaking into her Southern California home.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office says Browner was sentenced Tuesday after plead-

ing no contest to attempted murder as part of a deal with prosecutors. The 34-year-old also pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor counts of cruelty to a child.

The judge ordered Browner to stay away from the victim and her two children for 10 years.

Browner, who won Super Bowls with the Seattle Seahawks and New England Patriots, was arrested in July.

Berhalter: US Soccer needs direction, development

By **RONALD BLUM**
 Associated Press

NEW YORK — Gregg Berhalter promises to transform the U.S. national team into a pressing, attack-minded group the Americans rarely have been.

"We want to see ball circulation, breaking lines, creating goal-scoring opportunities," he said at his introduction Tuesday. "That should be the DNA of this team."

The 45-year-old is the first American to coach the national team after playing for it at a World Cup. He spent the last five years coaching Major

League Soccer's Columbus Crew, which reached the playoffs four times despite a small payroll but failed to win any titles.

"Greg isn't just the right choice, Greg is the best choice," U.S. Soccer Federation President Carlos Cordeiro said. "He will push our men's team forward and with an identity and approach that will be uniquely and fiercely American."

The job had been held by Dave Sarachan on an interim basis for 14 months since Bruce Arena quit after the shocking failure to qualify for

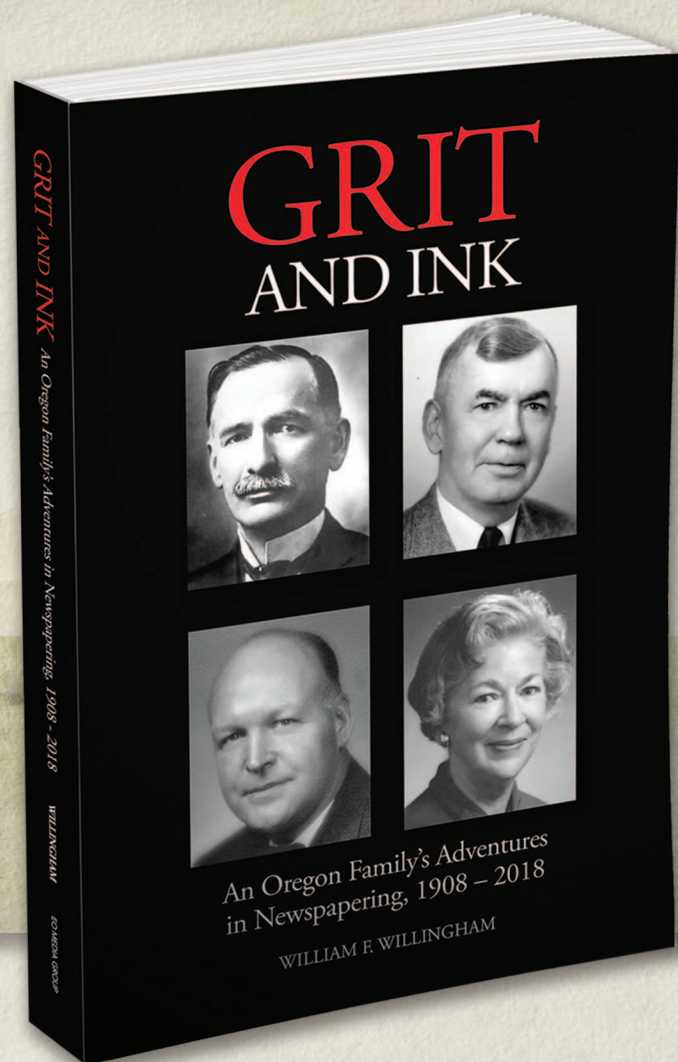
this year's World Cup. Sunil Gulati made the decisions to hire Bob Bradley in 2006, Jurgen Klinsmann in 2011

and Arena in 2016 after consulting within the USSF, but the federation established new procedures after Cordeiro replaced Gulati last February.

Former midfielder Earnie Stewart, who played alongside Berhalter on the national team, was hired in June for the new position of men's national team general manager. Stewart started his job in August and picked Berhalter, a decision ratified Saturday by the USSF board.



Gregg Berhalter



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