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AP Photo/Ben Margot
Seattle Seahawks head coach Pete Carroll gestures during the second half against the San Francisco 49ers.

Penalty problems delay Seahawks’ playoff aspirations

RENTON, Wash. — Coach Pete Carroll didn’t have to decipher all the reasons the Seattle Seahawks booted their first chance at clinching an NFC playoff spot. “Without the added issue of getting behind on the penalty situation, we would have won the game,” Carroll said Monday. “So it’s really clear. It’s not like there’s any mystery what happened this game. We just have to clean it up.” The Seahawks seemed to have a winning formula against San Francisco on Sunday. They got the combination of runs and passes they were seeking. The offense didn’t turn the ball over while the defense forced one. Chris Carson had the best day of his career running the football. But Seattle couldn’t overcome 14 penalties for a franchise-record 148 yards, even against an opponent with little to play for and three wins on the season entering the week. The Seahawks (8-6) showed that while they may be good enough to make the playoffs, they are not good enough to overcome a litany of mistakes, whether it be turnovers, protection or in Sunday’s case, penalties.

Lillard scores 39, leads Trail Blazers over Clippers

LOS ANGELES — The Trail Blazers cruised to a 15-point lead in the first quarter and were up by 18 early in the fourth. Then things got wild. They withstood a late rally by the Clippers to win 131-127 on Monday night after Damian Lillard scored 22 of his 39 points in a dominant third period. It was Portland’s first win on the road since Nov. 20 after dropping six in a row. “We’ve had a rough stretch lately and we’ve let a few games slip away, so it was really important that we win, especially on the road,” Lillard said. — Associated Press

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE TODAY	
Girls basketball	Neah-Kah-Nie at Knappa, 6:30 p.m.; Raymond at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.
Boys basketball	Neah-Kah-Nie at Knappa, 7:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	
Girls basketball	Rainier at Warrenton, 6 p.m.; C.S. Lewis at Jewell, 5:30 p.m.
Boys basketball	Rainier at Warrenton, 7:30 p.m.; C.S. Lewis at Jewell, 7 p.m.; Willapa Valley at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.



Corey Conant/For The Daily Astorian
Warrenton placers in the Downriver Challenge. Front row, left to right: Giovanni Martinez, Tyler Barefoot, Armin Rodriguez. Top row: Sam Irwin, Nic Pior, Leo Thompson.

KNAPPA, WARRENTON SCORE BIG IN DOWNRIVER CHALLENGE

Lady Warriors take fourth at Liberty

By GARY HENLEY
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Knappa placed fifth and Warrenton sixth in the Downriver Challenge wrestling meet, held Saturday at Wahkiakum High School in Cathlamet, Washington. R.A. Long won the team title with 179 points, topping Mark Morris (157), Rainier (135), Willapa Harbor (135), Knappa (106) and Warrenton (91). Ilwaco finished eighth in the 13-team meet, which consisted mostly of Washington schools. Knappa had four individual champions, including sisters Jade and Shadia Somoza, who both went 2-0 in their respective weight classes of 120 and 125 pounds in the girls’ bracket. “The Somoza twins pinned both of their opponents, and Luke Goozee (champion at 138) pinned a guy in the finals that beat him in Ocosta,” said Knappa coach Dan Owings. “Robert Piña (3-0 to win the championship at 120) had an exciting match with a tie in regular time finals, and

went on to beat his opponent in overtime.” Other placers for the Loggers included Lakota Schaeffer (tied for second at 110), Isaac Goozee (second at 220), and Gauge Perdue (third at 126). For Warrenton, “We were missing a few wrestlers and ran into some tough competition early in the tournament,” said coach Corey Conant. “We had two wrestlers make the finals and both had to settle for second.” Junior Armin Rodriguez dropped down to 126 and “gave himself a few chances to win his finals match, but it got away from him,” Conant said. “It was great to see him make a finals appearance, and we expect to see him there more in the future.” At 160 pounds, “Giovanni Martinez met district District 1 champion David Katon from Rainier in the finals for the second week in a row,” Conant said. “They wrestled another close match, with Katon coming out on top by a hair. They are both competitors who have hard-nosed styles. They will almost certainly meet again this season, and we can’t wait for Gio to take another shot at him.” Elsewhere, Tyler Barefoot scored points with a third-place finish at 106. Nic Pior defeated a state placer at 138, then wrestled back from a tough semifi-

nals loss to take third. Sam Irwin took the same path at 220 for another third-place finish, and Leo Thompson was fourth at 195. Team scores: RA Long 179, Mark Morris 157, Rainier 135, Willapa Harbor 135, Knappa 106, Warrenton 91, White Salmon 68.5, Ilwaco 65, North Beach 53, Wahkiakum 51.5, Ocosta 32, Clatskanie 25, Life Christian Academy 24. The Warrenton girls’ team traveled to the 30-team Liberty Invitational and wrestled against top-level competition, including last year’s state championship team from Thurston. The Warriors finished fourth in team scoring, receiving contributions from up and down the lineup. Juniors Dom Verley (190) and Jade Freniere (235) finished second in their weight classes. Other point-scorers included senior Sahanna Rodriguez (third, 100), Anna Schenbeck (third, 140), Libby Rehnert (third, 190), freshman Alejandra Nestor (fifth, 100) and freshman Janessa Bork (sixth, 130). “Our girls team is very balanced, and any one of them can score big points in any given tournament,” Conant said. “They are wrestling against big schools and showing that they can hang with them.”

Tinkle scores 21, Oregon State beats Pepperdine 82-67

Associated Press

CORVALLIS — Oregon State’s Kylor Kelley acknowledged he was a little surprised Pepperdine kept attacking the rim, especially given the night he was having. “But they’re just making strong moves, trying to foul me out, so props to them,” he added. Kelley set a school record with

nine blocks and added 10 points and nine rebounds as Oregon State beat Pepperdine 82-67 on Monday night. Tres Tinkle had 21 points, seven assists and five steals and Stephen Thompson Jr. added 20 points for the Beavers (7-3), who broke a two-game skid. Colbey Ross had 15 points and eight assists and Eric Cooper Jr. also scored 15 for the Waves (6-6).

Oregon State’s marksmanship returned in a hurry after the team shot poorly in two losses away from Gill Coliseum. The Beavers shot 54 percent from the floor, including 8 of 19 on 3-pointers, compared to 37 percent for Pepperdine. “Same shots. They just went in,” Oregon State coach Wayne Tinkle said.

Pepperdine coach Lorenzo Romar said the Waves hadn’t played against Oregon State’s type of length this season. “Throughout the game it bothered us at the rim in terms of contesting shots,” he said. “I don’t think we’ll face many, if any, shot blockers like that the rest of the season,” Romar added. Oregon State also outrebounded the Waves 38-24.



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COAST WEEKEND
Photo Contest

Official Rules:
Photo Contest opens Friday, Nov. 9, and closes midnight Sunday, Dec. 16.

The Daily Astorian staff will choose the top 10. The public can vote online for People’s Choice from Monday, Dec. 17, through Sunday, Dec. 23.

Digital or scanned photos only, uploaded to the online platform. No physical copies.

Only photographers from Oregon and Washington may participate.

The contest subject matter is wide open (keep it G-rated).

Entrants may crop, tone, adjust saturation and make minor enhancements, but may not add or remove objects within the frame, or doctor images such that the final product doesn’t represent what’s actually before the camera.

The winners will appear in the Jan. 3, 2019, print edition of Coast Weekend; the top 25 will appear online.

Gift cards will be awarded for first, second and third place, and People’s Choice. The best photos of the Columbia-Pacific region will appear in Our Coast Magazine 2019, due out early next year.

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