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Athletes of the Week



Jade Freniere, Warrenton

Corey Conant

The junior was the leading point-scorer for the Warrenton girls wrestling team in last Saturday's Liberty Open tournament in Hillsboro. Competing against 32 other schools (mostly 5A and 6A levels), the 3A Warriors were fourth in team scoring behind Thurston, Hillsboro and Hood River Valley (all 5A), and ahead of Forest Grove (6A), Cottage Grove (4A) and Scappoose (5A). Wrestling in the 235-pound division, Freniere scored pins over Isis Phillis of Scappoose (2:30) and Meletulu Tatafu of Cleveland (:46), before a loss in the finals to Denise Binford of defending state champion Thurston.



Jordan Poyer, Buffalo Bills

BuffaloBills.com

The Astoria High graduate and Buffalo's starting free safety had one of his biggest games of the season last weekend, in the Bills' 14-13 win over Detroit. Poyer had a team-high 11 tackles, including two key unassisted tackles in the final five minutes. On a second-and-seven with 4:07 left, Poyer tackled Theo Riddick for a two-yard loss. He followed that with a tackle for a two-yard gain on Levine Toilolo on third-and-nine. With 62 tackles on the season, Poyer is Buffalo's second-leading tackler behind Tremaine Edmunds (66). The Bills have the NFL's top-ranked pass defense.

Oregon lands top prospect in defensive end Thibodeaux

EUGENE — Oregon landed five-star defensive end Kayvon Thibodeaux on the first day of the early signing period. The 6-foot-5, 234-pound Thibodeaux, who is from Westlake Village, California, was ESPN's top overall prospect and the highest-ranked signee in Oregon's history. Thibodeaux was recently named All-USA Defensive Player of the Year by USA Today. He chose Oregon over Alabama, Florida and Florida State. He first announced his decision Saturday.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE TODAY	
Girls basketball	— Knappa at Riverdale, 6 p.m.; Ilwaco at Willapa Valley, 7 p.m.
Boys basketball	— Knappa at Dayton Tournament, TBA
2018 Seaside Holiday Classic Thursday's games (Game times are approximate)	
Girls	
10 a.m.: Elma vs. Astoria	
1:00: Newport vs. Marist	
4:00: Cottage Grove vs. Corbett	
7:00: Crook County vs. Seaside	
Boys	
11:30 a.m.: Newport vs. Astoria	
2:30: Madras vs. Marist	
5:30: Cottage Grove vs. Corbett	
8:30: Montesano vs. Seaside	

GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Warrenton 61, Rainier 36	
RAI (36): Hannah Farrell 10, Crape 9, Biddix 6, Schimmel 5, Gartman 3, Garoutte-Larsen 2, Norman 1.	
WAR (61): Kenzie Ramsey 21, Bussert 20, Miethe 4, Kapua 4, Dejesus 4, M.Heyen 4, Diego 4.	
Rainier	2 17 7 10 — 36
Warrenton	14 11 19 17 — 61
JV: Warrenton 29, Rainier 27	

BOYS BASKETBALL	
Rainier 51, Warrenton 32	
RAI (51): Easton Grape 15, Rea 14, K.Tripp 9, Godfrey 7, J.Tripp 2, Setzer 2, Cantrell 2.	
WAR (32): Dalton Knight 13, Little 5, Morrow 4, Jackson 4, Maddox 2, Stephens 2, Green 1, Breitmeyer 1, Kapua, Bodden-Bodden.	
Rainier	12 11 19 9 — 51
Warrenton	9 12 5 6 — 32

After 12 straight losses to Columbians, Warrenton girls top Rainier, 61-36

Warriors win league opener

By GARY HENLEY
The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — Two programs headed in opposite directions met on the floor Wednesday night at Warrenton, where the Lady Warriors hosted their old nemesis from upriver, Rainier, in a first-ever Coastal Range League girls basketball game.

While the Warriors are ranked fifth in the state and rising, the Columbians just aren't what they used to be, as Warrenton — with the exception of about four minutes in the second quarter — looked dominant in a 61-36 win.

The Warriors broke a six-year, 12-game losing streak to the Columbians, going back to the 2012-13 season. Warrenton's last victory over the Columbians came on Dec. 15, 2012 (a 59-55 overtime win).

As close as Wednesday's game would get in the second quarter, Rainier never recovered from the first nine minutes.

Seven points in the first quarter from Claire Bussert, coupled with a pair of Kenzie Ramsey 3-pointers, had the Warriors in front 17-2 early in the second period.

Warrenton's lead reached 23-3 after scores from Bussert and Melia Kapua off Rainier turnovers. And there were plenty of turnovers.

The Columbians had 15 in the first half, and finished with 29. Still, Rainier staged a rally over the final four minutes of the first half, with two 3-pointers from Gracie Crape helping the Columbians rally to within 25-19 by halftime.



Photos by Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian
Kenzie Ramsey, far left, launches a three-point shot for Warrenton.



Austin Little lays the ball in for the Warriors.

But a steal and score by Ramsey in the opening seconds of the third quarter sparked a quick 10-2 run by the Warriors, and that spelled the end for the Columbians.

Ramsey scored 11 points in the fourth quarter to finish with a game-high 21, while Bussert had 20. The 41 combined points helped Warrenton overcome the absence of senior

post Fernanda Alvarez, out with a high ankle sprain.

Five other Warriors scored four points apiece, while Warrenton's aggressive defense forced another 14 turnovers in the second half.

The Warriors host a nonleague game Friday with the Amity Warriors.

Rainier defeats Warrenton boys in league opener

WARRENTON — A 19-5 run by Rainier in the third quarter was the difference Wednesday night at Warrenton, where the Columbians posted a 51-32 win over the Warriors in a Coastal Range League boys basketball opener.

Overlook the combined 40 turnovers and 20 missed free throws, and the league opener had plenty of positive action.

Four ties and three lead changes in the first half ended with Rainier holding a 23-21 halftime advantage.

Rainier's No. 1, Conner Rea, had three 3-pointers in the first half, as did Warrenton's No. 1, Dalton Knight.

Warrior junior Jake Morrow scored on a layup to open the second half, tying the game at 23-23.

But from there, the Columbians went on a 19-3 run to close out the third quarter.

The Warriors had no answer for Rainier post Easton Crape, a 6-foot-5, 267-pound junior who scored 15 points, and could have had a lot more if not for a few missed layups and a 1-for-8 effort at the free throw line.

Rea finished with 14, while Knight had 13 for Warrenton, which hosts Willamette Valley Christian Saturday.



COAST WEEKEND

2018

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.

Submit all photos online at:

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