

# SPORTS

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## Athletes of the Week



**EMY KISER**  
 Seaside

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Emy Kiser, Seaside

**K**iser was Seaside's second-leading scorer and one of two all-tournament players for the Lady Gulls in last week's Seaside Holiday Classic, won by Elma. The senior guard scored 10 points and had four steals in a first round 44-20 win over Crook County, followed by eight points and eight rebounds in a 38-28 victory over Cottage Grove. She finished with five points, four rebounds and three steals in the championship game loss to Elma. Kiser was joined on the all-tournament team by Seaside freshman Lilli Taylor.



**JACKSON JANUIK**  
 George Fox

George Fox University

Jackson Januik, George Fox

**T**he Seaside High graduate had his biggest week at the collegiate level. A sophomore guard at George Fox University, Januik opened his week with a career-high 20 points in a 92-81 loss to the nation's No. 1-ranked Division III team from Nebraska Wesleyan. He was 8-for-12 from the field (4-5 from the 3-point line), with six assists and two steals. Two nights later, he had a team-high 19 points in a 78-68 win over Chapman. He was 5-for-6 from the 3-point line. Less than 24 hours later, he had six assists in a 107-68 victory at La Verne.

## Lillard's 3-pointer in OT lifts Blazers over the Warriors

By **JANIE McCAULEY**  
 Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Damian Lillard certainly left his mark over the years at Oracle Arena, and again in perhaps his final visit to a building he frequented as an NBA-crazed boy.

Lillard hit a go-ahead 3-pointer with 6.3 seconds left in overtime and scored 21 points back home in Oakland, sending the Portland Trail Blazers past the Golden State Warriors 110-109 in a wild one Thursday night.

Lillard shot 7 for 20 with friends and family cheering him in the Blazers' final scheduled trip to Oracle Arena before the Warriors move to San Francisco next season.

"That's a hell of a way to go out," Lillard said. "We needed this win. It was a big game for us, especially having to play them two times in a row, having to play such a solid game."

Kevin Durant missed a 13-footer off the front rim as the final buzzer sounded but finished with his second triple-double of the season: 26 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds.

"I've got to make that shot, plain and simple," Durant said.

Jusuf Nurkic had 27 points and 12 rebounds for the Blazers, who helped coach Terry Stotts pass Rick Adelman for second place on the Blazers' career wins list with 292 behind Jack Ramsay's 453. Stotts sipped some celebratory bubbly afterward.

The Warriors couldn't overcome a comedy of errors in losing a second straight at home. They took a 127-101 beating from the Lakers on Christmas night.

Seth Curry largely outplayed big brother and Golden State star Stephen — whose poor pass with the Warriors lead-



AP Photo/Jeff Chiu  
**Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry, left, shoots next to Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard during the first half of Thursday's game in Oakland, Calif.**

ing by two was stolen on the sequence that led to Lillard's shot.

Stephen Curry made a 3-pointer with 10:46 to play in regulation, then his little brother rattled off 11 in a row with three consecutive 3s.

Klay Thompson's shooting struggles continued. He went 6 for 19 and was just 2 of 9 on 3-point tries on the way to 15 points.

Curry's 33-footer with 8:42 left in the third on a pass from Draymond Green got Golden State within two, then Curry found Green for a tying layup the next time down to make it 55-all.

A series of silly mistakes followed: Thompson made a steal and threw it toward midcourt and Green couldn't keep the ball from going over the line for a backcourt violation, as Portland regained possession. Then, Green clanked a one-handed dunk try off the back of the rim. This after he had earlier thrown a pass off Thompson's head.

### HOOPS ROUNDUP

## Astoria gets defensive in win over Elma

The Daily Astorian

**T**he Elma Eagles couldn't buy a basket Thursday night. And they didn't come very cheap for the Astoria Fishermen, either.

Both teams struggled from the field in the defensive boys basketball matchup that concluded Day 1 of the 50th annual Vince Dulcich Memorial Tournament at Astoria High School.

While the Eagles finished 9-for-56 from the field, the Fishermen at least improved a little in the second half and finished 15-for-47, for a low-scoring 37-24 win over the visitors.

Astoria led just 20-10 at halftime, then broke the game open in the third quarter for a 29-13 advantage heading into the final period, where Elma scored 11 of its 24 points.

Despite the low number of points, Astoria had a balanced scoring effort. Xander Marincovich led the way with 10 points, followed by Ian Hunt (nine), Josh Olson (eight) and Isaac Brockman (seven).

The Fishermen play the final game each night for the remainder of the tournament. Astoria faces Rainier tonight (6:45 p.m.), and finish Saturday vs. Ridgefield (6:45 p.m.).

### Astoria girls rally in win over Redmond

A combined 46 turnovers kept the offensive highlights to a minimum in a nonleague girls basketball matchup Thursday night between Redmond and Astoria, a first round game of the Vince Dulcich Memorial Tournament.

The Lady Fishermen won 56-46 despite missing 42 shots from the field, as the Panthers contributed 31 turnovers in the third girls' game of the day at the Brick House.

Action continues today and Saturday at Astoria High School in the 50th annual tournament.

Astoria faces Rainier at 5 p.m. today, then finishes the tournament Saturday vs. Centennial, also a 5 p.m. tipoff.

The Lady Fishermen struggled from the free throw line (10-for-21) in Thursday's game, while the Panthers were just 6-of-11.

Redmond also had 19 turnovers in the first half, but still led 24-22 at halftime, as Astoria missed its last seven free throw attempts of the second quarter.

The Fishermen trailed by as much as 33-28 in the third period, before Astoria's Halle Helmersen connected on two 3-pointers — back-to-back — that helped Astoria take a 35-33 lead into the final quarter.

Fisherman junior Hailey O'Brien led all scorers with 17 points, while Kajsa Jackson finished with 16, despite spending much of the night in foul trouble.

### Warrenton girls score big win over Salem Academy

The Warrenton girls basketball team was looking more like the state title contenders they're hoping to be in a 38-37 win Thursday afternoon over No. 2-ranked Salem Academy on Day 1 of the SCTC Holiday Classic at Stayton.

The win over the Crusaders came exactly two weeks after Salem Academy defeated Warrenton 46-17 in a nonleague game on the Crusaders' home floor.

Highlighted by a buzzer-beating shot to end the third quarter, Warrenton's Claire Bussert scored 20 points to lead the Warriors in Thursday's win, their biggest of the season.

Warrenton is still missing senior

post Fernanda Alvarez, but held off Salem Academy down the stretch.

"We just made the plays when we needed to make them," said Warrenton coach Robert Hoepfl. "It was a great team win, and everybody contributed. Claire was just hitting big shot after big shot. Kenzie (Ramsey) only scored six points, but they came on two big 3-pointers."

The Warriors are scheduled to play host Stayton at 7:30 p.m. tonight, and the tournament concludes Saturday. Warrenton jumps to fifth in the latest OSAA rankings, while Salem Academy drops to sixth.

Just six days after Seaside defeated Cottage Grove 38-28 in the Seaside Holiday Classic, the Lions completed a 31-point turnaround Thursday with a 58-37 win over the Gulls in another first round game of the SCTC Holiday Classic at Stayton.

### Seaside boys fly past South Eugene, 68-51

South Eugene managed to keep it close for a while, but Seaside eventually pulled away and got the win Thursday as the Gulls easily topped the Class 6A Axemen 68-51 in a first round boys basketball game of the Summit Holiday Tournament in Bend.

South Eugene rallied from a 17-11 deficit to tie the score in the second period, but 3-point baskets by Seaside's Payton Westerholm and Chase Januik — coupled with a few breakaway buckets — helped the Gulls take command before halftime, 39-26.

The Axemen couldn't keep up with Januik and Westerholm, who combined for 32 of Seaside's 39 points in the first half.

Seaside is slated to play either Bend or Pendleton today in the second round of the tournament, which concludes Saturday.

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

**TODAY**  
 Girls basketball — Seaside, Warrenton at Stayton Tournament, TBA; Jewell at NKN Tournament, TBA  
 Boys basketball — Seaside at Summit Holiday Tournament, TBA; Warrenton at NKN Tournament, TBA; Jewell at NKN Tournament, TBA

**SATURDAY**  
 Girls basketball — Seaside, Warrenton at Stayton Tournament, TBA; Jewell at NKN Tournament, TBA  
 Boys basketball — Seaside at Summit Holiday Tournament, TBA; Warrenton at NKN Tournament, TBA;

Jewell at NKN Tournament, TBA  
 Wrestling — Knappa at Clatskanie tournament, 10 a.m.

### Dulcich Memorial Tournament

#### Friday's schedule

**Girls**  
**10 a.m.:** Centennial vs Redmond  
**1:30:** Gladstone vs Hood River  
**5:00:** Astoria vs Rainier

**Boys**  
**11:45 a.m.:** Ridgefield vs Redmond  
**3:15:** Elma vs Tillamook

**6:45:** Rainier vs Astoria

### Saturday's schedule

**Girls**  
**10 a.m.:** Redmond vs Gladstone  
**1:30:** Hood River vs Rainier  
**5:00:** Centennial vs Astoria

**Boys**  
**11:45 a.m.:** Tillamook vs Redmond  
**3:15:** Rainier vs Elma  
**6:45:** Astoria vs Ridgefield

### BOYS BASKETBALL

**Astoria 37, Elma 24**

ELM (24): Cody Vollen 9, Jacobson 5, Moore 4, Johnston 3, Schneider 3.

AST (37): Xander Marincovich 10, Hunt 9, Olson 8, Brockman 7, Long 3, Stenblom.

Elma 7 3 3 11—24

Astoria 10 10 9 8—37

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Astoria 56, Redmond 46**

RED (46): McKaylie Capps 14, Kitchin 11, Fox 8, Corwin 8, Heikkila 5.

AST (56): Hailey O'Brien 17, Jackson 16, Helmersen 8, Fausett 6, Norris 5, Long 4, Cole, Lyngstad.

Redmond 14 10 9 13—46

Astoria 16 6 13 21—56

### Warrenton 38, Salem Academy 37

WAR (38): Claire Bussert 20, Ramsey 6, M.Heyen 6, Diego 4, Kapua 2, Miethe, Dejesus.

SA (37): Kirsten Koehnke 12, Brown 11.

Warrenton 12 8 7 11—38

S.Academy 9 4 8 16—37