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Columbia Christian slips past Knappa, 55-47

By GARY HENLEY
The Daily Astorian

The Columbia Christian boys basketball team brought a No. 3 ranking to Knappa for one of the biggest meetings of the season at the 2A level Thursday night — a meeting that will likely take place at least two more times before it's over.

And Thursday's game went the way of the Knights, who gained some revenge for their loss at Knappa last season with a 55-47 win over the Loggers.

Columbia Christian opened up a 13-point lead in the second half, then had to hold off the Loggers in the fourth quarter to get the win.

"We had a wide-open look at a three to tie it ... it just didn't go down," said Knappa coach Paul Isom, of a late Logger shot. "But if anyone had told me we'd be within three points with a minute left, I would have taken it."

Still, "I was super proud of our effort tonight," Isom said. "(The Knights) had just come off compet-



Krissy Barendse-Goodman/For The Daily Astorian

Tristin Wallace scored nine points to keep Knappa within striking distance of Columbia Christian.

ing in the Les Schwab Invitational against 6A teams. Ben Gregg is a D1 prospect, Elijah (Munyan) is a D1 prospect ... their lowest-scoring starter is a 6-10 sophomore (Moritz

Hartwich) ... it would be nice to have that problem."

Gregg and Munyan combined for 33 of Columbia's 55 points in Thursday's game.

The Loggers kept it close with a balanced attack, as Timber Engblom led Knappa with 12 points, followed by Joe Ramvick and Eli Takalo with 10 apiece and Tristin Wallace with nine.

"Tristin hit some big shots, and kind of came out of his shell," Isom said. "We always knew he had it in him, and he really gave us some pop off the bench tonight."

Also providing big defensive efforts were Joe Ramvick and Ty Vanderburg, while Takalo had the difficult task of guarding and being guarded by Gregg, a 6-8 sophomore.

"Our kids just did a great job of staying with them," Isom said. "And our crowd was unbelievable. Their coach (Bart Valentine) told me before the game, 'you guys have the best home crowd in the state.' And I wouldn't disagree with that."

Last year, the Loggers defeated Columbia Christian 64-58 at Knappa, but the Knights defeated Knappa 66-46 at Columbia, and again 64-44 in the league championship at Forest Grove.

The Knights and Loggers play again Feb. 2 at Columbia Christian, and the two will likely meet for the league's No. 1 seed at a neutral site in the postseason league playoffs. They could also meet in the state tournament.

In the latest game, the Knights jumped out to a quick 10-2 lead, and led 18-6 after one quarter.

But it takes a much bigger lead than that to close out Knappa, which opened the second period on a 7-0 run and rallied to within 18-13.

Columbia Christian still led at the break, 30-22, then pushed the lead back to 37-24 with 5:25 left in the third quarter.

But back came the Loggers once again, reeling off an 11-3 run to cut the Knights' lead to 40-35.

Knappa trimmed Columbia's lead to 50-47 with 1:03 left in regulation, before the Knights scored two unanswered buckets to make it 54-47, enough to secure the victory.

Knappa has a home game Saturday vs. Nestucca, followed by a nonleague road game Monday at Naselle.

SCOREBOARD

FRIDAY

Girls basketball — Astoria at Gladstone, TBA; Seaside at North Marion, 5:30 p.m.; Taft at Warrenton, 6 p.m.; Ilwaco at South Bend, 7 p.m.

Boys basketball — Astoria at Gladstone, TBA; Seaside at North Marion, 7 p.m.; Taft at Warrenton, 7:30 p.m.

Wrestling — Seaside Pac Rim, 3 p.m.

SATURDAY

Girls basketball — Molalla at Astoria, 3:30 p.m.; Nestucca at Knappa, 4 p.m.

Boys basketball — Molalla at Astoria, 5 p.m.; Nestucca at Knappa, 5:30 p.m.; South Bend at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.

Wrestling — Seaside Pac Rim, 10 a.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Knappa 48, Columbia Christian 23
 CC (23): Maranda Brumley 10, Davis 6, Bishop 2, Baker 2, Skelton 2, Deyoe 1.

KNA (48): Sophia Carlson 20, Miller 9, Dietrichs 8, Weaver 6, Tischer 2, Corcoran 2, Patterson 1, Nicholson, Walter, McCall.

Columbia 3 4 8 8—23

Knappa 14 13 12 9—48

BOYS BASKETBALL

Columbia Christian 55, Knappa 47
 CC (55): Ben Gregg 17, Muryan 16, Mariscal 12, Blake 7, Valentine 3.

KNA (47): Timber Engblom 12, Takalo 10, Ramvick 10, Wallace 9, Vanderburg 6, Hoover, Westerholm.

Columbia 18 12 16 9—55

Knappa 6 16 18 7—47

WRESTLING

Molalla, North Marion, Seaside at Astoria

Molalla 60, Astoria 12
 106: Dustin Asher, Mol, pin Emma King, Ast, 2:26
 113: Double forfeit

120: Alec Lowry, Mol, won by forfeit
 126: Maximus Tate, Mol, won by forfeit
 132: Christian Roberts, Mol, pin William Eddy, Ast, 1:00

138: Colby Findley, Mol, pin Daniel Messing, Ast, 0:53
 145: Dylan Wynn, Mol, won by forfeit
 152: Double forfeit

160: Emmett Smyth, Mol, won by forfeit
 170: Hunter Beck, Mol, pin James Byers, Ast, 0:41
 182: Bo Edwards, Mol, won by forfeit
 195: Augden Shepard, Mol, pin Marcus Rasmussen, Ast, 2:49

220: Wesley Ellison, Ast, pin Matthew Zirsell, Mol, 0:24
 285: Skylar Smith, Ast, pin Jaimon Dobbs-Mathre, Mol, 0:13

Molalla 40, Seaside 36
 106: Dustin Asher, Mol, pin Johnathon Kenenounis, Sea, 1:43
 113: Double forfeit

120: Andrew Gastelum, Sea, pin Alec Lowry, Mol, 1:42
 126: Axel Garcia, Sea, def. Maximus Tate, Mol (DQ)
 132: Christian Roberts, Mol, pin Daniel Lombardi, Sea, 1:25

138: Colby Findley, Mol, won by forfeit
 145: Dylan Wynn, Mol, pin Everett Rollins, Sea, 3:14
 152: Aidan Tice, Sea, won by forfeit
 160: Emmett Smyth, Mol, won by forfeit

170: Hunter Beck, Mol, def. Christopher Avery, Sea, (MD 14-1)
 182: Lawson Talamantez, Sea, pin Bo Edwards, Mol, 1:26
 195: David Toyooka, Sea, pin William Lindsay, Mol, 2:00

220: Luke Nelson, Sea, pin Matthew Zirsell, Mol, 0:22
 285: Jaimon Dobbs-Mathre, Mol, def. Gunner Knox, Sea, (Injury time)

North Marion 54, Seaside 30
 106: Alex Farrrens, NM, pin Johnathon Kenenounis, Sea, 1:55
 113: Ethan Gianella, NM, won by forfeit

120: Justin McConkey, NM, pin Andrew Gastelum, Sea, 5:26
 126: Matthew Petrijanos, NM, pin Axel Garcia, Sea, 4:43
 132: Cainan Sanchez, NM, pin Daniel Lombardi, Sea, 1:26

138: Wyatt Haberstich, NM, won by forfeit
 145: Avidan Sanchez, NM, pin Everett Rollins, Sea, 0:58
 152: Saul Tarula, NM, pin Aidan Tice, Sea, 3:57
 160: Tyler Manning, NM, won by forfeit

170: Christopher Avery, Sea, pin Shawn Ostrander, NM, 2:22
 182: Lawson Talamantez, Sea, pin Ulices Navarro, NM, 1:40
 195: David Toyooka, Sea, pin Roberto Corall Ibarra, NM, 2:21

220: Luke Nelson, Sea, won by forfeit
 285: Gunner Knox, Sea, won by forfeit
 North Marion 72, Astoria 12

106: Alex Farrrens, NM, def. Emma King, Ast, 9:3
 113: Ethan Gianella, NM, won by forfeit
 120: Justin McConkey, NM, won by forfeit
 126: Matthew Petrijanos, NM, won by forfeit

132: Cainan Sanchez, NM, pin William Eddy, Ast, 0:38
 138: Wyatt Haberstich, NM, pin Daniel Messing, Ast, 1:07
 145: Avidan Sanchez, NM, won by forfeit

152: Saul Tarula, NM, won by forfeit
 160: Tyler Manning, NM, won by forfeit
 170: Shawn Ostrander, NM, pin James Byers, Ast, 1:21
 182: Ulices Navarro, NM, won by forfeit

195: Terrin Sheridan, NM, def. Marcus Rasmussen, Ast, (DQ)
 220: Wesley Ellison, Ast, won by forfeit
 285: Skylar Smith, Ast, won by forfeit



AP Photo/Amanda Loman

Oregon State's Stephen Thompson Jr. dribbles past Southern California's Jonah Mathews.

Thompson scores 34, OSU tops USC

By KYLE ODEGARD
Associated Press

CORVALLIS — Oregon State's leading scorer and rebounder was injured and out for the game, so other players were challenged by the coaching staff to step up.

Mission accomplished. "We have depth on our team. When one guy goes down, we can make it up in different ways," freshman point guard Antoine Vernon said.

Stephen Thompson Jr. scored a career-high 34 points with five 3-pointers and 10 rebounds as short-handed Oregon State beat Southern California 79-74 in overtime on Thursday night.

Ethan Thompson added 13 points and Gligorije Rakocevic had 10 points for the Beavers (10-4, 2-0 Pac-12).

"What do you say about Stevie? Just stepping up as a senior and willing our team to victory.

Everybody else fed off of him," Oregon State coach Wayne Tinkle said. "We showed a lot of guts and a lot of grit."

Bennie Boatwright had a career-high 37 points with four 3-pointers and eight rebounds and Jonah Mathews added 13 points off the bench for the Trojans (9-7, 2-1).

"Both teams played hard, both played pretty well and they made a big shot. That was the difference in the game," Southern California coach Andy Enfield said.

In overtime, Boatwright sank a pull-up jumper with 1:30 left to put the Trojans up 74-72. Ethan Thompson responded with a 3-pointer on the Beavers' next possession.

Boatwright missed a 3-pointer with 39 seconds left, and the Trojans were forced to foul. Stephen Thompson Jr. made one of two, and the Beavers led 76-74.

Kevin Porter Jr. attacked the rim for Southern California, but

Kylor Kelley rejected his shot. Stephen Thompson Jr. gathered the rebound, was fouled, and made both free throws this time.

Tres Tinkle, who averages 20.5 points and 8.6 rebounds per game for the Beavers, was out with an injured ankle.

Oregon State went on an 18-0 run in the first half, holding the Trojans scoreless for nearly six minutes, to take a 32-25 lead with 5:33 before the break.

The Beavers went to halftime up 36-31.

Southern California was up 66-64 and had the ball with a minute left in regulation, but Nick Rakocevic's jumper was blocked by Kelley. On the Beavers' next possession, Warren Washington's shot was blocked by Nick Rakocevic, but Ethan Thompson grabbed the offensive rebound and made a lay-in.

Boatwright missed a 3-pointer from the top of the key on the last possession of regulation.



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Knappa's Sophia Carlson scored a game-high 20 points in the Loggers' 48-23 win over Columbia Christian.

Knappa ends six-game losing streak

The Daily Astorian

The Knappa Lady Loggers snapped a six-game losing skid Thursday night, with a 48-23 win over Columbia Christian in a Northwest League girls basketball game at Knappa.

Seven different players made the scoring column for Knappa, which had 19 steals defensively and built leads of 14-3 after one quarter and 27-7 at halftime.

Knappa improves to 3-9 overall, 2-4 in league, while the Knights fall to 2-13 overall, 1-5 in league.

"I told our posts before the game, 'let's try to have the four of you combine for 20 points,'" said Knappa coach Marie Green. "And we were trying to have our guards combine for 30. We need to take care of these games at home if we want to reach our goal in the playoffs."

Sophia Carlson led the Loggers with 20 points in Thursday's win, to go with seven steals. Aiko Miller added nine points and five steals, and Hannah Dietrichs had eight points. Katie Patterson pulled down seven rebounds for the Loggers, who host Nestucca Saturday.

UCLA rallies, tops Oregon in OT 87-84

Associated Press

EUGENE — Prince Ali summed it up in five words as he exited the victorious UCLA locker room.

"That was highway robbery, baby," a beaming Ali said after the Bruins erupted for 39 points in 12 minutes for a road win.

Ali had 22 points, including four in overtime, and UCLA scored the final seven points to outlast Oregon 87-84 on Thursday night.

Jaylen Hands added 16 points and hit the go-ahead jumper with 47 seconds left for the Bruins (10-6, 3-0), who won in Eugene for the first time in five years. Moses Brown, who had 10 points and 11 rebounds, made one of two free throws for the final point.

"It's one of the more crazy ones," said interim coach Murry Bartow, who is 3-0 since replacing Steve Alford as UCLA's coach. "We didn't score the ball very easily tonight, but then we made a great run to get the thing to overtime.

Big week for local teams on the mat

The Daily Astorian

The biggest wrestling meet of the season in Clatsop County takes place Friday and Saturday at Seaside High School, where the Gulls will host their annual Pacific Rim Armed Forces tournament. Nineteen schools are scheduled to compete Friday and Saturday, including locals Astoria, Ilwaco, Knappa and Warrenton.

But the week's action began with a tuneup Wednesday night at Astoria High School, where the Fishermen hosted three other teams — Molalla, North Marion and Seaside — for a four-way dual meet.

Molalla and North Marion went a combined 4-0 against the Fishermen and Gulls.

Astoria and Seaside both won several matches in the upper weights, but holes in the lower weights ended up costing the local teams forfeit points.

Molalla defeated Astoria 60-12, and edged Seaside 40-36.

The Fishermen lost five matches by forfeit, but won the two upper weight divisions, as Astoria's Wesley Ellison pinned Matthew Zirsell of Molalla at the 24-second mark in the match at 220 pounds.

At 285, Skylar Smith of Astoria scored a 13-second pin over Molalla's Jaimon Dobbs-Mathre.

The Gulls were also strong in the upper weights.

At 182, Seaside's Lawson Talamantez pinned Molalla's Bo Edwards (1:26), while the Gulls' David Toyooka won by fall over William Lindsay (2:00). Seaside's Luke Nelson finished off Zirsell in 22 seconds.

Elsewhere, Seaside's Andrew Gastelum pinned Alec Lowry in 1:42 at 120 pounds, and the Gulls won two other matches by forfeit and a disqualification, to come up just four points short in team scoring.

North Marion defeated Seaside 54-30, and the Huskies cruised past the Fishermen, 72-12.

The Gulls managed to win three straight matches on the mat. At 170, Christopher Avery won by fall over Shawn Ostrander (2:22). Talamantez pinned Ulices Navarro (1:40) at 182, and Toyooka scored a fall over Roberto Corall Ibarra (2:21) at 195.

Seaside won two other weights by forfeit.

Astoria's only two wins against North Marion came by forfeit, while the Huskies won seven by forfeit.