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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Warrenton boys knock off first place Clatskanie, 52-41

After an unexpected loss Saturday at Taft, the Warrenton boys basketball team returned to the place where they can always count on a win: their own home court.

The Warriors took down Clatskanie in a Coastal Range League game Tuesday night, 52-41, as Warrenton evened its league record at 3-3.

The Warriors did it the usual way — 19 points from Dalton Knight, and hitting 12-of-17 free throws in the fourth quarter to seal the victory.

“We took the lead in the final minute of the half, and never gave it up the rest of the game,” said Warrenton coach Nate McBride. “(The Tigers) closed within one twice in the second half, but could never get any closer.”

Devin Jackson and Ayden Stephens added 10 points apiece for Warrenton.

Seventh-ranked Clatskanie — which defeated the Warriors 65-51 Jan. 2 — hosts Warrenton Feb. 1, as the Warriors prepare for four straight road games.

Clatskanie girls hold off Warrenton, 55-45

Warrenton had the home court advantage and the return of Fernanda Alvarez, but that still wasn't enough to overcome the Clatskanie Tigers.

The state's No. 2-ranked team at the 3A level managed a 55-45 win Tuesday night over the Warriors, in the battle for supremacy in Coastal Range League girls basketball.

Clatskanie's victory keeps the Tigers in first place in the league standings at 5-0, while Warrenton drops to 4-2. The two teams meet again Feb. 1 in Clatskanie, and then likely at a neutral site to determine the league's No. 1 seed to the state playoffs.

The Warriors held an early four-point lead, but trailed 15-12 after one quarter. Clatskanie closed the first half on a 7-0 run for a 30-19 lead at the break.

Still, Warrenton rallied and trailed by just three points with three minutes left in the game, before the Tigers hit some free throws to secure the win.

Warrenton coach Robert Hoepfl was “super proud of our focus and effort tonight, and we will build from this,” he said. “You have to tip your hat to Clatskanie. They hit a bunch of really tough shots.”

Kenzie Ramsey made five 3-pointers to lead the Warriors with 15 points, while Claire Bussert finished with 12. Alvarez scored eight points in her second game back from an ankle injury.

— *The Daily Astorian*

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE TODAY

Girls basketball — Knappa at Faith Bible, 7 p.m.; Perrydale at Jewell, 7 p.m.
Boys basketball — Knappa at Faith Bible, 8:30 p.m.; Perrydale at Jewell, 5:30 p.m.
Swimming — Astoria/Taft at Seaside, 4 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Astoria 57, Seaside 31

AST (57): Hailey O'Brien 20, Hankwitz 18, Jackson 4, Norris 3, Fausett 3, Helmersen 2, Long 2, Lyngstad 2, Rasmussen 2.

SEA (31): Annaka Garhofer 9, Taylor 6, Douglas 5, Goin 3, Zagata 2, Blodgett 2, Kiser 2, Doney 2.
 Astoria 13 19 13 12—57
 Seaside 10 11 6 4—31

BOYS BASKETBALL

Seaside 83, Astoria 43

AST (43): Ian Hunt 13, Marcus Soderstrom 13, Stenblom 5, Johnson 5, Samuelson 2, Matlock 2, Marincovich 2, Altheide-Nielson 1, Brockman, Ploghoft.

SEA (83): Chase Januik 21, Br.Johnson 19, Hague 12, Thompson 10, Westerholm 10, Be. Johnson 5, Meyer 4, Sibony 2.
 Astoria 6 15 6 16—43
 Seaside 23 18 22 22—83
 JV: Astoria 45, Seaside 39

Warrenton 52, Clatskanie 41

CLA (41): Cooper Blodgett 17, Combs 8, Jones 4, Osborn 3, D.Evenson 3, Shockley 2, F.Evenson 2, Moravec 2.

WAR (52): Dalton Knight 19, Jackson 10, Stephens 10, Little 7, Morrow 6, Maddox, Kapua.
 Clatskanie 11 7 9 14—41
 Warrenton 8 12 12 20—52

CLATSOP CLASHES

Seaside scores win over Astoria



Photos by Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

Xander Marincovich, left, comes down with a rebound for Astoria during the Clatsop Clash.

Januik scores 21 for Gulls

By GARY HENLEY
The Daily Astorian

The Astoria boys basketball team faced long odds Tuesday night at Seaside.

Over their previous 32 home games, the Gulls have a 31-1 record on their home court. And the two-time defending state champions weren't planning on opening the new league season with a loss.

Seaside had things locked up after one quarter with the Fishermen, leading 23-6 on its way to an easy 83-43 win.



Players scramble for a loose ball.

A flurry of 3-pointers from Brayden Johnson, Beau Johnson and Chase Januik helped the Gulls extend their lead to 31-6,

before Astoria closed the first half with 3-point shots from Ian Hunt and Marcus Soderstrom.

But any hopes of an upset the Fishermen had at halftime quickly disappeared in the opening minutes of the third quarter, as Seaside opened the second half on a 20-4 run.

The Gulls finished with five players in double figures, led by Januik with 21 and Brayden Johnson, who had 19 points off the bench. Ryan Hague added 12, followed by Duncan Thompson and Payton Westerholm with 10 apiece.

Hunt and Soderstrom had 13 points each for Astoria, which was missing Josh Olson from the lineup.

Hailey & Hankwitz lead Astoria past Seaside girls

Fishermen force 29 turnovers

By GARY HENLEY
The Daily Astorian

Mike Jacobson had 125 wins as girls basketball coach at Seaside High School, from 2006 to 2012. And many of those wins came by way of the usual style — taking lots of shots and forcing lots of turnovers.

Jacobson is still collecting wins as a coach, only now it's with Astoria. And instead of Ashley Mayfield and Marla Olstedt scoring the points, it's Brooklynn Hankwitz and Hailey O'Brien.

But the style is still the same — an offense that likes to shoot the ball, and a defense that forces lots of turnovers.

Jacobson's Astoria team did all of the above Tuesday night for a 57-31 win at Seaside, in a Cowapa League season opener.

The Lady Fishermen had 63 shot attempts (made 23), and Astoria's pressing defense forced 29 turnovers. They picked up a few fouls along the way, but that's just being aggressive.

Ten players made the scoring column for Astoria, led by O'Brien's 20 points, and 18 from Hankwitz, who made three 3-pointers.

“Brooklynn has been working on that part of her game, for sure,” said Jacobson, who picked up career win No. 311 overall (he also had 117 victories as Knappa coach). “Hailey, when



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Lilli Taylor gets wrapped up by Brooklynn Hankwitz, right, and the rest of the Astoria defense.

she attacks the basket the way she can, it opens up for our shooters when she does drive.”

But, “still too many fouls,” he said. “But we are getting there. Good ball movement, and we are improving defensively by getting in the passing lanes and anticipating. Everyone played well tonight.”

Astoria trailed 6-4 early, but a three-point play by Hankwitz gave the Fishermen the lead for good at 7-6.

The key stretch came midway through the first half, when Astoria turned an 11-7 lead into a 25-12 advantage.

Hankwitz highlighted the run with a pair of 3-pointers, and O'Brien finished the first half with 11 points.

Seaside was coming off a close road loss last week at North Marion, the state's fourth-ranked team.

While the Huskies had 31 points for the entire game, the Fishermen had 32 points in the first half alone in Tuesday's game.

Astoria continued its hot pace on offense in the second half, while the Fishermen defense allowed just 10 points over the final 16 minutes.

“That's a good team, especially when they shoot the ball,” Seaside coach Mike Hawes said of the Fishermen. “But we have to be able to pass to each other and not to them.”

Annaka Garhofer scored nine points off the bench to lead Seaside.

The Fishermen improve to 12-5 overall, in their tune-up for a first-place Cowapa League showdown Friday at Banks.

College hoops: Oregon State at Arizona highlights week in Pac-12

Associated Press

A look at things to watch this week in the Pac-12 Conference:

GAME OF THE WEEK: Oregon State at Arizona, Saturday. The Wildcats and Beavers had some bumps in the nonconference road, but find themselves atop the Pac-12 with Washington. Arizona (13-4) leads the conference at 4-0 and Oregon State (11-4) is 3-0 for its best conference start since 1992-93. If both get through their first games this week, Saturday at McKale Center could be for first place.

LOOKING AHEAD: Washington (12-4) opens the week against Stanford on Thursday and plays California on Saturday in its bid to remain atop the Pac-12. ... The Pac-12's two winless teams in conference meet Thursday, when California (5-11, 0-4) meets Washington State (7-9, 0-3). ... Arizona State has won eight straight meetings against Oregon — fifth longest active in the conference — when the teams meet on Saturday.

INSIDE THE NUMBERS: Oregon State leads the Pac-12 in shooting percentage (.469) and

shooting defense (.393). Four teams in conference history have led both categories in a season, last by UCLA in 1995-96. ... The road trip through Arizona has not been swept since 2016-17, the longest stretch in the conference. The Arizona sweep has happened four times since the conference expanded in 2011-12.

PLAYER TO WATCH: Stephen Thompson Jr., Oregon State. The Beavers' senior averaged 25.5 points, 8 rebounds and 5.5 assists in victories over USC and UCLA. He made 17 of 34 shots and had a career-high 34 points, 10 rebounds

and five assists against USC.

ON THE WOMEN'S SIDE: No. 19 Arizona State has a tough two-week stretch going, facing No. 5 Oregon and No. 10 Oregon State on the road this week after playing No. 6 Stanford and No. 24 Cal last week. ... Stanford coach Tara VanDerveer needs two wins to reach 900 at The Farm. The Cardinal host the Washington schools this week. ... Stanford's Alanna Smith was named the Pac-12 player of the week after averaging 22.5 points and 10 rebounds in wins over the Arizona schools.