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## Athletes of the Week



**MADDI  
 UTTI**  
 Fresno State

**T**he former Seaside Gull — now a sophomore at Fresno State — is among the statistical leaders in almost every category for the FSU women's basketball team. In three wins last week, Utti had 12 rebounds in a win over Colorado State and scored 16 points on 8-for-10 from the field in a win over Nevada. Utti leads the Bulldogs in rebounds (6.4 per game) and blocks, is tied for the lead in steals and is second in scoring (11.0). She is 26-for-28 from the free throw line, and FSU has won five straight.



**AIDEN  
 TICE**  
 Seaside

**T**ice and teammate Gio Ramirez wrestled their way to individual titles in Seaside's Pac Rim tournament Jan. 11-12. At 145 pounds, Tice pinned his first three opponents — Adrian Hernandez of Tigard (in 32 seconds), Cooper Ragan of Scappoose (47 seconds) and Elijah McCourtney of Madras (5:42), then scored a 9-2 decision over Corbett's Glen Leith-Ross in the championship match. With titles from Tice and Ramirez, the Gulls had one of their best-ever team finishes in the big tournament.



Krissy Barendse-Goodman/For The Daily Astorian

Knappa's Eli Takalo throws down a slam dunk in Wednesday's win at Faith Bible.

## Knappa shoots down Falcons

The Daily Astorian

The Knappa boys basketball team put another opponent away in the first quarter Wednesday night, on their way to another easy Northwest League win, 66-47 at Faith Bible.

The Loggers led 19-8 after one quarter, and had the game well in hand by halftime, leading 32-13.

Timber Engblom led Knappa's balanced scoring effort with 14 points (12 in the first half), followed

by Ty Vanderburg (12 points), Tristin Wallace (11) and Eli Takalo (10).

Knappa improves to 6-2 in league play, while Faith Bible drops to 1-7. The No. 8-ranked Loggers play Friday at Gaston.

## Falcons fly over Knappa girls, 42-28

The Daily Astorian

Faith Bible freshman Ashley Lohman scored 18 points, and the Falcons managed to pull away down the stretch for a 42-28 win over Knappa in a Northwest League girls basketball game Wednesday night in Hillsboro.

The Loggers were within six points to start the final quarter, but injuries to Knappa's Sophia Carlson (ankle) and Katie Patterson (knee) in the final five minutes left the Loggers short-handed,

and the Falcons outscored Knappa 10-2 in the fourth period.

The injuries were key — and the Loggers may be without Carlson for a while — but “what hurt us was our lack of defensive rebounding,” said Knappa coach Marie Green. “(The Falcons) were just able to grab the offensive rebounds over the top of us.”

Madelynn Weaver led the Loggers with 10 points, while Patterson had 10 rebounds, and Kourtney Tischer added five points and seven boards.

On the positive side, “we tried a new defense tonight, and we did a fantastic job with it,” Green said. “Our whole goal was to limit (Anna) Goodloe and (Izzy) Steerman, who scored most of their points the last time we played. And we held them to a combined 10 points this time, which was fantastic. What hurt us was the lack of blocking out on the rebounds.”

Knappa plays Friday at Gaston, followed by home games next week vs. Vernonia and Portland Christian.

## Nurkic has triple-double and Blazers beat Cavaliers 129-112

By ANNE M. PETERSON  
 Associated Press

PORTLAND — Trail Blazers big man Jusuf Nurkic finally got his triple-double.

Less than a week of coming up just two assists shy of the feat, Nurkic got his first career first triple-double with 10 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists in Portland's 129-112 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Wednesday night.

Nurkic said he wasn't aware he was close until teammate Damian Lillard let him know.

“Dame was like, ‘one more,’ Nurkic said.

Lillard got the ball to Nurkic, who passed it back to Lillard, who knocked down a 3-pointer — giving Nurkic his final assist.

When told that Lillard celebrated along with the crowd afterward, Nurkic laughed: “He's my teammate. My brother. He should.”

Lillard himself had 33 points to lead all scorers, and CJ McCollum had 19 points as Portland snapped a two-game losing streak. Nurkic added five blocks and was treated to a standing ovation when he left the game with 2:13 left.

Portland finished with 16 3-pointers, led by Lillard with four.

Jordan Clarkson had 22 points off the bench for the Cavaliers, who were coming off a 101-95 victory over the Lakers that snapped a 12-game losing streak. The

game against the Blazers was the fourth of a six-game trip for the Cavs.

The teams combined for only seven turnovers, the fewest in an NBA game since the league began to officially compile the stat in 1970-71. Portland had four and Cleveland finished with three.

The Blazers led by as many as 21 points in the third quarter, but Cleveland closed the gap to 112-102 midway through the fourth. It was as close as the Cavs could get.

“I just thought we kind of ran out of gas. They guys did a good job getting us back to within 10 but we just weren't able to sustain it. When you get down and you have to fight back against a team like this it's tough. On the road you can't dig those types of holes. Not against a good team,” Cleveland coach Larry Drew said.

Portland was back at home after a winless two-game trip at Denver and Sacramento. The Blazers have won 19 at home to lead in the Western Conference.

Lillard started despite being listed as questionable going into the game with a right hand strain. It is unknown when he was injured.

Lillard opened the game with back-to-back 3-pointers and the Blazers had six 3s in the opening quarter to lead 30-26. Portland finished the first half with 11 3-pointers, while the Cavaliers had just two. Portland led 62-55 at the break.

## Astoria and Seaside score wins in the pool

The Daily Astorian

The Seaside swim team hosted a double dual meet Wednesday afternoon, with athletes from Astoria and Taft making a visit for District 1 action at the Sunset Empire pool.

Taft won several events, but the Fishermen and Gulls scored points with their team depth to post team victories.

On the girls' side, Seaside defeated Taft (97-70) and Astoria (105-63), and Taft topped Astoria (91.5 to 75.5).

Taft scored most of the wins in the boys' meet, giving the Tigers wins over Seaside (99-68) and Astoria (100-66), while

Astoria edged Seaside (86-80).

“We're a young team, but the kids have been working hard and just growing each week,” Seaside coach Shane Spell said of his team. “After a meet in a meter pool over the break, and then an extra-warm pool at Valley Catholic (87-degree water) it was nice for them to race at home.”

Seaside victories Wednesday included the first event of the day — the girls' 200-yard medley relay — as the foursome of Kendy Lin, Anna Huddleston, Cailin Bennett and Nicole Blankenhorn finished in 2 minutes, 14.93 seconds.

The Lady Gulls also won the

200-yard freestyle relay, with Lin, Kaisa Liljenwall, Huddleston and Blankenhorn combining for a 1:59.22.

Blankenhorn won the 50-yard freestyle in 29.45, ahead of Huddleston's 30.01, and Lin also picked up a third win by taking first in the 100-yard backstroke (1:11.44).

Liljenwall had the best time among 17 entries in the 100-yard freestyle (1:04.62) to win that event.

For the Seaside boys, sophomore Henry Garvin won the 100 freestyle in 55.90, ahead of three Astoria swimmers (Ryder Dopp, Rocky Rub, Nikolai Boisvert).

Garvin then teamed with Liam Matlock, Chris Quashnick and Nick Konyha to place first in the 200 freestyle relay (1:52.46).

Posting wins for Astoria, Everett Towsey-French was victorious in the 200-yard freestyle in 2:24.49, as she touched the wall just ahead of Lin (2:24.63).

Tori Smith was a double winner for the Lady Fishermen, swimming a 1:11.22 to win the 100-yard butterfly, then adding a victory in the 500-yard freestyle (6:25.12). And the Lady Fishermen won the final event, swimming a 4:32.32 in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE TODAY

**Boys basketball** — Perrydale at Jewell, 5:30 p.m.  
**Girls basketball** — Perrydale at Jewell, 7 p.m.

### FRIDAY

**Girls basketball** — Astoria at Banks, 7:30 p.m.; Seaside at Valley Catholic, 7:30 p.m.; Warrenton at Willamina, 7:30 p.m.; Knappa at Gaston, 6:30 p.m.

**Boys basketball** — Astoria at Banks, 6 p.m.; Seaside at Valley Catholic, 6 p.m.; Warrenton at Willamina, 6 p.m.; Knappa at Gaston, 7:30 p.m.; Pe Ell at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.

**Wrestling** — Knappa at Oregon Classic, TBA

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Faith Bible 42, Knappa 28**  
 KNA (28): Madelynn Weaver 10, Miller 5, Tischer 5, Carlson 4, Dietrichs 2, Corcoran 2, Nicholson, Rillatos, Patterson.  
 FB (42): Ashley Lohman 18, Bolton 6, Goodloe 5, Steerman 5, Merriam 4, Jackson 4.

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

**Knappa 66, Faith Bible 47**  
 KNA (66): Timber Engblom 14, Vanderburg 12, Wallace 11, Takalo 10, Ramvick 8, Phillip 7.  
 FB (47): Ashley Lohman 18, Bolton 6, Goodloe 5, Steerman 5, Merriam 4, Jackson 4.