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Athletes of the Week



**MADELYNN
WEAVER**
Knappa

The Knappa girls are literally limping through the 2018-19 season, with mounting injuries leading to a 4-13 record. With Sophia Carlson out, the scoring load has shifted to Aiko Miller and Madelynn Weaver. Weaver had the big numbers last week. The junior guard had 12 points, eight rebounds and four assists in a loss at Naselle. She followed with 10 points in a loss at Faith Bible, then closed the week with 13 points in a win at Gaston, snapping a three-game losing streak.



**TIMBER
ENGBLOM**
Knappa

Eli Takalo gets the dunks and draws most of the defensive coverage, and Ty Vanderburg's scoring output is on the rise, but it was Timber Engblom's turn last week. Between the Timber, Ty & Takalo Show, Engblom led the Loggers in scoring over three road victories. The senior wing had team highs of 23 points in a 73-62 win Monday at Naselle, scored a team-high 14 in a 66-47 victory Wednesday at Faith Bible, and Timber carved out 16 points in a 62-50 win Friday at Gaston.



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Timber Engblom drives to the basket for the Loggers.



**Eli Takalo lays
the ball in for the
Knappa Loggers.**

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Vengeance is Knappa's in win over Royals

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The Knappa Loggers were out to even the score with Portland Christian in a Northwest League boys basketball game Wednesday night.

Looking to avenge a controversial 70-68 loss Dec. 14 at Portland Christian, the Loggers scored their revenge with a decisive 64-49 victory over the Royals.

The Loggers held a comfortable 35-20 lead at halftime, and weathered a few runs by the Royals in the second half before pulling away.

"We got a hard-fought win tonight," said Knappa coach Paul Isom. "Timber (Engblom) and Eli (Takalo) led the way, with really nice contributions from Joe (Ramvick), Ty (Vanderburg) and Devin (Hoover), offensively and defensively."

Engblom had a game-high 21 points, followed by Takalo's 13 and 11 points from Ramvick.

Still, the Royals didn't make it easy. "Every time we made a run to get up 14 or 15 points, they answered and kept it close," Isom said.

Portland Christian made a small run

midway through the third quarter, closing to within 41-33, but the Loggers scored twice to push the lead back to 45-33.

Knappa has five league games remaining (four on the road), and the Loggers finish the regular season with a nonleague game Feb. 8 at Seaside.

The Loggers have "a huge game Friday," said Isom, whose team plays at Neah-Kah-Nie. The Pirates "have kind of separated themselves in third place, and especially on the road, that will be a tough one."

First-place Royals defeat Knappa

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Portland Christian had three players in double figures, and the Royals outscored Knappa in every quarter Wednesday night, helping Portland Christian to a 59-28 Northwest League girls basketball win at Knappa.

Madeline DeLucia scored 13 points and Carly Brunner added 12 for the Royals, who lead the NWL standings with a 10-1 league record.

Hannah Dietrichs had seven points, three steals and 10 rebounds for Knappa, and Madelynn Weaver added seven points and eight boards. Bayle McCall and Raven Corcoran scored six points apiece, and Aiko Miller had seven rebounds before fouling out.

The Lady Loggers have a crucial league contest Friday at Neah-Kah-Nie.



Aiko Miller, far left, takes a shot at the basket for Knappa.

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