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HOOPS ROUNDUP

ENGBLOM, TAKALO LEAD LOGGERS OVER PIRATES

The “Timber & Takalo Show” is proving to be unbeatable in 2A basketball, as the duo carried the Knappa boys basketball team to another Northwest League victory Friday night, 64-44 at Neah-Kah-Nie.

Logger senior Timber Engblom and junior Eli Takalo combined for 52 points, with Engblom scoring 27 to Takalo’s 25. Only three other Loggers scored in the game, which gives sixth-ranked Knappa a 10-2 league record, 15-5 overall.

“Won a tough one,” said Knappa coach Paul Isom, whose team “came out a little tentative, and were down two after the first quarter,” 12-10.

“We had 10 turnovers in the first quarter, but we were able to settle down and eventually our pressure wore (the Pirates) down, and we were able to pull away a little bit in the second half.”

The Loggers actually took control in the second quarter, outscoring the Pirates 17-9, and Neah-Kah-Nie never threatened after that. Knappa went on an 18-8 run in the third period, sending the Pirates down to their 24th straight loss to Knappa, going back to 2002-03.

Tuesday will be Senior Night at Knappa, as the Loggers host Faith Bible. Before returning to host a state playoff game, Knappa finishes the regular season with four straight road contests, with games at City Christian, Columbia Christian, Nestucca and Seaside.

Neah-Kah-Nie edges Knappa girls, 39-35

In a battle between two teams searching for a spot in the league playoffs, Neah-Kah-Nie defeated Knappa 39-35, in a Northwest League girls basketball game Friday in Rockaway Beach.

Neah-Kah-Nie’s Kyla Huntley scored a game-high 19 points to lead the Pirates, who improved to 5-7 in league. Neah-Kah-Nie currently holds down sixth place in the league standings, the final spot for the league playoffs.

Madelynn Weaver scored 13 points and pulled down five rebounds for Knappa, which drops to 3-9. Hannah Dietrichs added eight points and five boards, and Raven Corcoran scored six points with six rebounds.

Valley Catholic slides past Astoria boys

Astoria trailed just 12-7 after one quarter, but a 16-2 run to start the second period was just the spark Valley Catholic needed in a 60-23 victory over the Fishermen in a Cowapa League boys basketball game Friday at the Brick House.

Valley Catholic’s Jack Tetzloff scored 10 of his game-high 19 points in the second-quarter run, while the Fishermen were held to just 1-for-13 from the field in the same quarter.

Xander Marincovich scored seven points to lead the Fishermen, whose next two games are at home vs. the top two ranked teams in the state (Friday vs. Seaside, next Tuesday vs. Banks).

Big second half lifts Astoria girls over Valiants

Valley Catholic and Astoria battled in a game that started as a blowout, turned into a close contest, then back into a blowout Friday night at the Brick House.

Ultimately, the Lady Fishermen left the floor with a 60-31 Cowapa League girls basketball win over the Valiants.



Krissy Barendse-Goodman/For The Daily Astorian
Knappa’s Eli Takalo, right, sets a pick for teammate Timber Engblom. The two players combined for 52 points in the Loggers’ win Friday at Neah-Kah-Nie.

Astoria jumped out to a quick 12-2 lead in the first quarter, and appeared ready to run away with the game before the Valiants rallied to within 12-10 at the end of the quarter.

The game remained close through the opening minutes of the second half, when the Lady Fishermen turned a 27-21 lead into a 40-21 lead, thanks in part to a dominating six-minute stretch from Kaja Jackson, Julia Norris and Kelsey Fausett.

Norris and Fausett both had baskets in the 13-0 run, but it was Jackson scoring twice on offensive rebounds, then adding a short jump shot to cap the run. At the defensive end, the Valiants couldn’t get a shot past Jackson, the 6-foot-2 junior post.

“I thought her, Julia and Kelsey played very well,” said Astoria coach Mike Jacobson. “Probably the best all-around (Jackson) has played by far.”

Norris led all scorers with 20 points, while Jackson had eight points — all in the second half — and finished with 13 rebounds and five blocks.

Astoria had a rough first quarter offensively (5-for-22 from the field), and had 16 turnovers in the first half. The Fishermen shot 14-for-31 in the second half, with just eight turnovers.

Fausett had 13 points, with Hailey O’Brien and Sophie Long chipping in six points apiece.

The Valiants were 0-for-10 from the 3-point line, to Astoria’s 4-for-23.

Astoria improves to 3-1 in league, a half-game behind No. 2-ranked Banks (3-0). The Braves play Tuesday at Seaside, while the Fishermen have a bye Tuesday and will host the Gulls Friday.

Seaside boys down Tillamook in tuneup for Banks

The Seaside boys basketball team prepared for Tuesday’s showdown with Banks with a 72-54 win Friday night at Tillamook.

Seaside’s Beau Johnson led four players in double figures with 18 points. Ryan Hague added 15, followed by Chase Januik with 13 and Brayden Johnson with 10.

The Gulls were 12-of-18 at the free throw line, to Tillamook’s 4-for-9.

Banks is ranked No. 1 in the OSAA RPI poll, while the Gulls are the No. 1-ranked team in the 4A coaches poll.

Tillamook rallies, but Seaside girls win

Seaside’s 20-point halftime lead was trimmed to single digits by the fourth quarter, but the Gulls managed to escape with a 59-52 win at Tillamook in a Cowapa League girls basketball game Friday night.

The Gulls built a 37-17 lead after two quarters, before the Mooks outscored Seaside 35-22 in the second half.

“A tremendous start helped us jump to a lead, which we rather shakily held down the stretch,” said Seaside coach Mike Hawes. “It’s amazing what making some shots will do. But Tillamook to their credit fought hard. (Maddie) Reeves and (Laci) Lourenzo could not miss, especially in the second half.”

“We kept trying to run them off the line and they just went out even more,” he said. “But we made enough free throws (13-for-26) to escape.”

Morgan Blodgett poured in a game-high 26 points for the Gulls, with seven rebounds, and Lilli Taylor added 12 points and three assists.

“Morgan Blodgett was just dynamite,” Hawes said. “She got us off to a great start and that helped others get in a groove. Lilli helped out everywhere as usual, and it was nice to have Ruby (Douglas, 10 rebounds) back from injury after missing a couple games.”

The Gulls host first-place Banks on Tuesday.

— The Daily Astorian

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Pivec leads No. 9 Oregon State over Washington State 52-35

PULLMAN, Wash. — Mikayla Pivec had 19 points and nine rebounds, and No. 9 Oregon State beat Washington State 52-35 on Sunday for its ninth win in 10 games.

Destiny Slocum scored nine points for Oregon State (17-3, 7-1 Pac-12), which has won its past 11 games against Washington State.

Chanelle Molina scored 12 for Washington State (7-13, 2-7), which lost its fourth straight.

Boley helps No. 5 Oregon defeat Washington 76-57

SEATTLE — Erin Boley scored a career-high 31 points, hitting nine 3-pointers, to lead No. 5 Oregon to a 76-57 victory over the Washington Huskies on Sunday.

Oregon (19-1, 8-0) has won 12 consecutive games and is the only team left with an unbeaten conference record in the Pac-12. It’s the best conference start ever for the Ducks. No. 6 Stanford suffered its first Pac-12 loss Sunday at Utah.

Washington (8-13, 1-8) lost in fifth straight game. Sophomore guard Missy Peterson led the Huskies 13 points.

King, Wooten lead Oregon past Washington State

EUGENE — Louis King scored 13 of his 22 points in the second half and Kenny Wooten had 20 to help Oregon rally past Washington State 78-58 on Sunday night.

Paul White added 18 points for the Ducks (12-8, 3-4 Pac-12), who came back from a four-point halftime deficit to end a two-game losing streak and avoid a fifth home loss of the season.

Oregon went ahead for good at 48-44 on two fast-break baskets by King off WSU turnovers as the Ducks opened the second half on a 13-5 run. They finished the game the game on 20-5 run.

— Associated Press

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY
Girls basketball — Willapa Valley at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY
Boys basketball — Banks at Seaside, 6 p.m.; Warrenton at Taft, 6 p.m.; Faith Bible at Knappa, 7:30 p.m.; Ilwaco at Willapa Valley, 7 p.m.
Girls basketball — Banks at Seaside, 7:30 p.m.; Warrenton at Taft, 7:30 p.m.; Faith Bible at Knappa, 6:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Astoria 60, Valley Catholic 31
 VC (31): Lauren Snook 7, Jones 6, Kawaguchi 4, Trecker 4, CWilder 2, Justice 2, Goodno 2, Fredd 2.
 AST (60): Julia Norris 20, Fausett 13, Jackson 8, O’Brien 6, Long 6, Hankwitz 5, Helmersen 2, Lyngstad, Cole.
 V.Catholic 10 9 6 6 — 31
 Astoria 12 15 18 15 — 60

Seaside 59, Tillamook 52

SEA (59): Morgan Blodgett 26, Taylor 12, Kiser 8, Douglas 5, Angulo-Joli 3, Garhofer 3, Turner 2, McFadden, VanDusen.
 Seaside 22 15 9 13 — 59
 Tillamook 9 8 19 16 — 52
Neah-Kah-Nie 39, Knappa 35
 KNA (35): Madelynn Weaver 13, Dietrichs 8, Corcoran 6, Miller 5, McCall 3, Walter, Nicholson, Rilatos.
 NKN (39): Kyla Huntley 19, Smith 5, B.Woodward 4, Soans 4, Lilly 3, A.Woodward 2, Miller 2.
 Knappa 10 7 9 9 — 35
 NeahKahNie 13 6 12 8 — 39

BOYS BASKETBALL

Valley Catholic 60, Astoria 23
 VC (60): Jack Tetzloff 19, Johnson 12, Eberhart 8, Boileau 7, Pruitt 6, Eck 4, Howard 2, Flesher 2.
 AST (23): Xander Marincovich 7, Hunt 4, Brockman 4, Johnson 3, Olson 2, Williams 2, Stenblom 1, Samuelson, Long, Ploughoff, Soderstrom, Matlock, Junes, Altheide-Nielson, Palmberg.
 V.Catholic 12 18 19 11 — 60
 Astoria 7 4 3 9 — 23

Seaside 72, Tillamook 54

SEA (72): Beau Johnson 18, Hague 15, Januik 13, Br.Johnson 10, Westerholm 8, Thompson 8, Higdon, Snyder, Sibony, Meyer.
 TIL (54): Charlie Jenck 12, Kellen Shelley 12, Wilkes 11, Miller 8, Boomer 5, Kunert 4, Weber 2.
 Seaside 19 16 23 14 — 72
 Tillamook 13 11 14 16 — 54
Knappa 64, Neah-Kah-Nie 44
 KNA (64): Timber Engblom 27, Takalo 25, Ramvick 7, Westerholm 3, Phillip 2.
 Knappa 10 17 18 19 — 64
 NeahKahNie 12 9 8 15 — 44

Strickland, Mariners finalize \$1.3M, 1-year contract

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Reliever Hunter Strickland and the Seattle Mariners have finalized a \$1.3 million, one-year contract.

Strickland can earn \$450,000 in performance bonuses for games as part of the deal announced Sunday: \$75,000 for 25, \$100,000 for 34, \$125,000 for 45 and \$150,000 for 50.

He can make an additional \$875,000 for games finished: \$50,000 for 20, \$175,000 for 30, \$250,000 for 40 and \$400,000 for 50.

The 30-year-old right-hander spent the last five seasons with San Francisco, going 14-14 with a 2.91 ERA. He was 3-5 with a 3.97 ERA last year with 14 saves in 18 chances.

Strickland became a free agent

when San Francisco failed to offer a contract by the Nov. 30 deadline.

Mariners general manager Jerry Dipoto says Strickland “has the ability and the track record to be an impact reliever in high-leverage situations” for the team.

Strickland broke the pinky finger of his pitching hand when he punched a door after allowing three runs and blowing a save

against Miami on June 18. He did not return until Aug. 18.

Strickland jawed with Kansas City catcher Salvador Perez during Game 2 of the 2014 World Series and in 2017 threw at Washington’s Bryce Harper three years after Harper homered off Strickland in the 2014 NLDS.

To clear a roster spot, right-hander Max Povse was designated for assignment.