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Baker ends Seaside girls' season

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Baker led 19-5 after one quarter, and cruised from there for a 67-31 win over visiting Seaside, in a first-round game of the 4A girls basketball state playoffs.

The Gulls played evenly with the Bulldogs in the second quarter, but Baker outscored Seaside 24-8 in the third quarter, as the Bulldogs' pressing defense finally got to the Gulls.

"We knew looking at film that Baker was a talented squad with a number of good players, and that they would challenge us with their tempo on both ends of the court," said Seaside coach Mike Hawes.

"The first quarter they came out firing and we had to be near perfect," he said. "We actually had quite a few opportunities but didn't cash in."

The Gulls had 11 turnovers in the first quarter.

"They man pressed, doubled and pressured," Hawes said. "We just asked so much of Lilli (Taylor) and Emy (Kiser), that they got fatigued. (Baker) pressed us to the bitter end and we played hard throughout. What a great opportunity for our seniors, and they played their all."

Taylor scored 11 points and eight rebounds, and Kiser had 10 points.

SCOREBOARD

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Marist 48, Astoria 39
 MAR (48): Ruby Vlahov 16, Ficek 11, Stephenson 6, Doerr 6, Cary 5, Roth 3, Johnson 1.
 AST (39): Halle Helmersen 11, O'Brien 10, Jackson 8, Norris 5, Faussett 4, Hankwitz 1, Long.
 Marist 9 13 7 19—48
 Astoria 10 9 9 11—39

Baker 67, Seaside 31

SEA (67): Lilli Taylor 11, Kiser 10, Blodgett 8, Zagata 2, Garhofer, Goin, Angulo-Joli, Doney, VanDusen, Turner, Douglas.
 Seaside 5 11 8 7—31
 Sisters 19 12 24 12—67

Brookings-Harbor 45, Warrenton 40
 B-H (45): Lexi Schofield 9, Sierra Fitzhugh 9, McCrae 7, Alexander 5, Murray 5, Jirsa 5, Pettus 2, Olivera 2, Fulton 1.
 WAR (40): Fernanda Alvarez 12, Ramsey 11, Bussert 6, Miethe 6, Dejesus 3, Heyen 2, Kapua, Diego.

Warrenton 12 8 13 7—40
 Brookings 12 6 11 16—45
 Field goals: Brookings 15-38, Warrenton 18-52.
 3-point FG: Brookings 6-15 (Schofield 2), Warrenton 3-19 (Ramsey 3). Free throws: Brookings 9-20, Warrenton 1-7. Fouls: Brookings 9, Warrenton 17. Assists: Brookings 11 (Fulton 4), Warrenton 6 (Bussert 2, Ramsey 2). Rebounds: Brookings 34 (Schofield 9), Warrenton 33 (Alvarez 8). Steals: Brookings 12 (Fitzhugh 4), Warrenton 17 (Bussert 8). Turnovers: Brookings 26, Warrenton 21. Players of the Game: Sierra Fitzhugh (Brookings-Harbor), Fernanda Alvarez (Warrenton).

Warrenton 45, Vale 40

WAR (45): Kenzie Ramsey 17, Alvarez 14, Bussert 9, Miethe 3, Dejesus 2, Heyen, Kapua, Diego.
 VAL (40): Matyson Siddoway 16, Johnson 10, Schaffeld 5, Wolfe 4, Wright 3, Jacobs 2.
 Vale 7 11 13 9—40
 Warrenton 11 14 11 9—45
 Field goals: Vale 16-47, Warrenton 16-54.
 3-point FG: Vale 2-8 (Johnson 2), Warrenton 5-18 (Ramsey 5). Free throws: Vale 6-14, Warrenton 8-19. Fouls: Vale 16, Warrenton 19.
 Assists: Vale 10 (Johnson 4), Warrenton 10 (Bussert 7). Rebounds: Vale 41 (Johnson 8), Warrenton 40 (Alvarez 13). Steals: Vale 8 (Siddoway 4), Warrenton 14 (Bussert 4). Turnovers: Vale 22, Warrenton 16. Players of the Game: Matyson Siddoway (Vale), Fernanda Alvarez (Warrenton).

BOYS BASKETBALL

Seaside 53, Sisters 42
 SIS (42): Richards 13, Waddell 9, Berg 8, Anderson 6, Carhart 2, Eagan 2.
 SEA (53): Ryan Hague 24, Januik 18, Westerholm 7, BeJohnson 4, BrJohnson, Thompson, Meyer.
 Sisters 7 11 9 15—42
 Seaside 10 13 13 17—53

Toledo 16, Knappa 40

KNA (40): Timber Engblom 13, Vanderburg 11, Westerholm 9, Wallace 3, Phillip 2, Hoover 2, Ramvick, Goodman, Coffey, Green, Lackey, TOL (81): Jayden Spangler 17, Marchant 15, McAlpine 15, Howard 6, Loper 6, Rozewski 5, Cross 3.
 Knappa 6 12 12 10—40
 Toledo 15 14 27 11—67
 Field goals: Knappa 16-52, Toledo 22-60.
 3-point FG: Knappa 5-25 (Westerholm 3, Wallace, Vanderburg), Toledo 14-36 (Spangler 5, McAlpine 4, Marchant 2, Loper 2, Cross 1). Free throws: Knappa 3-9, Toledo 9-14. Fouls: Knappa 18, Toledo 9. Fouled out: Knappa, Ramvick. Assists: Knappa 5 (Engblom 2), Toledo 15 (Marchant 8). Rebounds: Knappa 33 (Vanderburg 7), Toledo 40 (Rozewski 16). Steals: Knappa 5 (Engblom 2), Toledo 6 (Marchant 2, Howard 2). Turnovers: Knappa 13, Toledo 10. Players of the Game: Timber Engblom (Knappa), Conner Marchant (Toledo).

Columbia Christian 81, Knappa 41

KNA (41): Timber Engblom 15, Takalo 8, Vanderburg 7, Ramvick 3, Westerholm 3, Phillip 2, Goodman 2, Hoover 1, Wallace, Coffey, Green, Lackey.
 CC (81): Ben Gregg 27, Munyan 18, Mariscal 14, Blake 7, Hartwich 5, Hartman 3, Stillwater 3, Heiner 2, Valentine 2.
 Knappa 5 18 10 8—41
 Columbia 18 18 30 15—81
 Field goals: Knappa 15-47, Columbia 29-55.
 3-point FG: Knappa 4-17 (Vanderburg, Takalo, Ramvick, Westerholm), Columbia 5-22 (Mariscal 3, Blake, Hartman). Free throws: Knappa 7-21, Columbia 18-25. Fouls: Knappa 22, Columbia 18. Technical fouls: Knappa, Ramvick. Ejection: Knappa, Takalo. Assists: Knappa 9 (Phillip 2), Columbia 14 (Blake 6). Rebounds: Knappa 29 (Westerholm 6), Columbia 38 (Gregg 11). Steals: Knappa 6 (Engblom 3), Columbia 9 (Blake 4). Turnovers: Knappa 14, Columbia 9. Players of the Game: Ty Vanderburg (Knappa), Ben Gregg (Columbia).



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Ryan Hague soars for two of his 24 points in Saturday's win.

SEASIDE BOYS BEAT SISTERS, READY TO DEFEND STATE TITLE

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The "three-peat special" is right on schedule.

The Seaside Gulls are back in the final eight for the fourth straight season, following a 53-42 win Saturday night over Sisters in a first-round game of the 4A boys basketball state playoffs.

Seaside is seeking its third straight state championship, and fourth straight appearance in the championship game.

Ryan Hague scored 24 points and a less-than-100 percent Chase Januik added 18 for the Gulls, who outscored the Out-

laws in every quarter.

Seaside will face North Marion in a quarterfinal game Thursday at 8:15 p.m., at Pacific University. The winner will play Henley or Stayton in the semifinals, Friday at 3:15 p.m. at Forest Grove High School.

Sisters faced a near-impossible task against the Gulls, whose seniors have lost just one home game in four years.

Still, "it took us a while to get our legs back," from a long break, said Seaside coach Bill Westerholm, whose team had not played since Feb. 16.

In addition, "Chase was out of school

all last week due to sickness," he said. "He was probably working on about 70 percent and really left it on the court. Sisters is a well-coached team that threw the kitchen sink at us, and we responded pretty dang well."

Hague was 11-for-13 from the field to lead the Gulls, who were 21-of-50, and had just one turnover.

"We did a great job of getting (Hague) the ball in his spots," Westerholm said.

Meanwhile, the coach's son, Payton Westerholm, finished with seven points, eight assists, seven rebounds and four steals in his final home game.

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Warrenton bounces back in consolation, takes sixth place

By GARY HENLEY
The Daily Astorian

Twenty-one wins and a sixth-place finish at state. Not bad for a program that four years ago had a record of two wins, 22 losses.

The Warrenton girls basketball team finished the 2018-19 season with a loss, as Brookings-Harbor scored a 45-40 win over the Warriors early Saturday morning at Marshfield High School on the final day of the 3A girls state tournament.

But that did not diminish Warrenton's best season in almost 10 years.

"I'm proud of this team, and I was proud to be their coach," said Warrenton's Robert Hoepfl, whose team finished 21-9. "We still had an incredible year, and I'm happy for the seniors. I will definitely miss this group, but they reached their goal. We got to play on the last day of the season, and we're coming home with a trophy."

In the first half, the Warriors did what they've done all season — forced turnovers and popped 3-pointers.

Fernanda Alvarez and Avyree Miethe scored from close range, and a pair of 3-pointers from Kenzie Ramsey late in the second quarter gave the Warriors a 20-18 halftime lead.

Warrenton had 10 steals and forced 17 turnovers in the first half.

The Warriors appeared to be in control midway through the second half, as Bussert scored twice off turnovers, and another 3-pointer from Ramsey gave Warrenton a 33-29 lead heading to the fourth quarter.

A 3-pointer by Sidney Alexander tied the game at 34-34, and sparked a big rally for the Bruins,



Amanda Loman

Warrenton's Kenzie Ramsey stares down Vale defender Sierra Cleaver in Friday's consolation game.

who took an eventual 41-38 lead.

Bussert answered with a score off a steal with 2:03 remaining, to pull the Warriors within 41-40.

But those would be the final points of Bussert's career and Warrenton's season. Sierra Fitzhugh hit a 3-pointer with 48 seconds left for the Bruins to secure the victory, helping Brookings-Harbor win the battle between North Coast and South Coast.

The Warriors were 3-of-19 from the 3-point line, while the Bruins hit 6-of-15 3-pointers, 9-for-20 on free throws.

"(The Bruins) hit some huge threes, and it was just one of those days where the shots weren't falling for us," Hoepfl said. "Credit Brookings-Harbor. They're nice people and they've got a great team."

Alvarez scored 12 points and Ramsey had 11, while Bussert finished with six points and eight steals.

In the Class 3A final, Warrenton's Coastal Range League rival Clatskanie defeated Blan-

chet Catholic in the championship game, 40-39.

Warriors 45, Vale 40

The Warriors clinched their spot in the consolation final with a 45-40 win over Vale on Friday morning.

Just over 12 hours after a heart-breaking loss to Salem Academy in the quarterfinals, Warrenton was back on the court.

And the Warriors did not waste any time in putting the first round loss behind them.

Kenzie Ramsey's 3-pointer gave Warrenton a quick 7-2 lead, but the X-factor was Fernanda Alvarez.

After spending much of Thursday's game on the bench with foul trouble, Warrenton's senior point guard was unstoppable in the first half, scoring 14 points with seven rebounds in the first 16 minutes, helping her team to a 25-18 halftime lead.

Warrenton maintained a six- to eight-point lead in the third quarter, before the Vikings staged a

comeback in the fourth.

A 3-pointer by Emersyn Johnson gave Vale a 39-38 lead, but it was brief.

Claire Bussert made a pair of free throws seconds later, and the Warriors had the lead for good.

Bussert scored seven of her nine points in the second half, including a free throw with 25 seconds left that clinched the game.

Bussert had seven assists and four steals, while Ramsey led all scorers with 17 points. Alvarez finished with 14 points and 13 rebounds. The Warriors were also back to doing what they do best — collecting offensive rebounds (19) and forcing turnovers, as Vale finished with 22. Bussert and Adriana Dejesus combined for seven of Warrenton's 14 steals.

"Fernanda had a great first half, then they doubled her in the second half, and Kenzie kind of took over in the third quarter," said Warrenton coach Robert Hoepfl. "Then Claire closed it out for us, so it was good to see those three all have a hand in it."

Warrenton also shot well from the field (16-for-54) and the free throw line (8-of-19).

"I'm just really proud of this team," said Hoepfl, whose team improves to 21-8. "They've worked hard all season to be here. Our goal was to play on the last day of the year, and that's what we'll be doing."

"It was a great team effort. Everybody gave us great minutes," he said, adding that he wasn't too concerned about the quick turnaround from Thursday's late-night loss. "It was almost good for us, because we didn't have a lot of time to dwell on it. We just got up this morning, ate breakfast and headed over for the game. We didn't have time to think about the loss."