

SPORTS EXTRA

Big first half leads Estacada past Astoria



Astoria running back Ryan Stutznegger pounces on a loose ball in the backfield.

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Fishermen, Gulls will both be looking for their first win next Friday

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ESTACADA — A “rough start” for the Astoria football team would be an understatement in Friday night’s nonleague game at Estacada.

By the time the Fishermen picked up their first first down of the night, the Rangers held a 34-0 lead, well on their way to a 40-13 win over Astoria.

But that’s how it goes in high school football.

A decade ago, the Fishermen were the dominant team. Every year from 2008 to 2011, Astoria played Estacada. And every year, the Fishermen beat the Rangers.

Estacada has clearly turned the tide, with three wins in three years over Astoria. The Rangers topped the Fishermen 24-22 last season, and defeated Astoria 30-14 in a 2017 play-in game.

The 2019 Rangers, now ranked sixth and 3-0 (and having scored 40 points in every single game), dominated the first half Friday to defeat their third Cowapa League team in three weeks.



Astoria’s Adam Feldman turns upfield with a kickoff return in the first quarter.

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Astoria’s first first down — their *only* first down of the first half — was a 30-yard pass from Bo Williams to Dylan Junes, late in the second quarter.

But the Estacada ground game was nearly impossible to stop, as quarterback Isaiah Schaffer and sophomore running back Jake Behrman combined for Estacada’s five first half touchdowns.

On a soft, soggy field, the Rangers

fumbled the ball four times on their first drive, but recovered all four.

And Estacada racked up five first downs and nearly ate up six minutes off the clock on its first drive, capped by a 14-yard run from Schaffer.

A few minutes later, the junior quarterback was sprinting 34 yards for another TD and a 12-0 lead.

The Estacada points came fast and

FRIDAY NIGHT SCORES



Estacada 40, Astoria 13



Gladstone 34, Seaside 0



Warrenton 63, Portland Christian 13



Taft 24, Knappa 6



Alsea vs. Jewell:
Game is 1 p.m. Saturday at Alsea

furiously in the second quarter, as Behrman scored on a 1-yard plunge; Williams was sacked in the end zone for a safety; Schaffer ran 23 yards for a score; and Behrman finished the first half with a 50-yard touchdown run for a 34-0 lead.

The second half, however, belonged to the Fishermen, who outscored the Rangers 13-6 over the final two quarters.

Estacada intercepted a Williams pass on the second play from scrimmage in the third quarter, but from there, the Fishermen stuffed the Rangers on a fourth-and-goal play, then drove 90 yards the other way for a touchdown.

Williams hit Tristan Boyle for a 24-yard gain, a roughing the quarterback penalty moved the ball into Ranger territory, and Williams capped a nine-play drive with a 28-yard TD toss to Dylan Junes.

Estacada went scoreless in the third quarter, then scored on a 10-yard run by Behrman on the second play of the fourth quarter.

But Astoria won the final period as well.

Ryan Stutznegger had back-to-back carries of 14 and 28 yards before Astoria lost the ball on a fumble early in the fourth.

But the Fishermen made up for it on their final possession of the night, when Ryan Stenblom had runs of 12 and 14 yards for first downs, and then capped a 10-play drive with an easy 5-yard TD run.

Not far away from Estacada, the Gladstone Gladiators were beating the Seaside Gulls, 34-0, which sets up a Clatsop Clash between two squads looking for their first win, when Astoria (0-3) hosts the winless Gulls (0-3), Friday at CMH Field.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



KAJSA JACKSON
Astoria

Hailey Hoffman/The Astorian



WESTIN CARTER
Seaside

Gary Henley/The Astorian

No. 10-ranked Astoria volleyball had one of its biggest weeks in years, as the Lady Fish swept Rainier Sept. 12, then won the Dallas tournament Sept. 14, with sweeps over 5A Milwaukie, 6A Centennial and 5A Dallas. Senior middle blocker Kajsa Jackson had six kills in the win over the Columbians, then highlighted the victory over Dallas with six kills and three blocks.

The Gulls’ 6-foot-1 junior midfielder single-handedly — with his foot — defeated Scappoose in a nonleague game Sept. 10 at Broadway Field. Carter scored two goals and added two assists in a 5-1 win over the Class 5A Indians, the former Cowapa League rival of the Gulls. Seaside began the season with three straight wins, and is ranked 13th.