

## PREP ROUNDUP

### SOCCER

#### Seaside boys rebound with win at St. Helens

The Seaside boys soccer team bounced back from its only loss of the season with a 4-1 victory Thursday night at St. Helens.

Seaside was coming off a 6-0 loss to Oregon Episcopal, the No. 1-ranked team at the 3A/2A/1A level.

#### Astoria, Westside girls finish in 2-2 tie

Astoria and Westside Christian battled to a 2-2 tie Thursday night in nonleague girls soccer action in Tigard.

With only two substitutes on the bench, Astoria took advantage of great passing and communication to control the first half.

The Lady Fishermen opened the scoring when Meghan O'Meara took a corner kick, and pocketed the ball in the top, far corner of the net for a 1-0 lead.

Astoria played strong defensively throughout the remainder of the half, with big runs by Maddie Sisley and Erin Grauff.

More passing between midfielders Emma Biederman, Elle Espelein, Taileigh Cole and Vanessa Velazquez resulted in another goal for O'Meara off a free kick in the 25th minute.

Westside Christian answered in the second half, as the Eagles managed to sneak a couple of wall passes around Astoria's defensive line for two goals.

Astoria defender Brooklyn Zerangue punched a few goal kicks up the field, in an attempt to set up the forwards for another scoring opportunity, which came up empty.

Astoria goalie Baylee McSwain stopped the rest of the Eagles' attacks, and the two teams walked away with the tie, the second of the season for the Fishermen. Westside Christian is the No. 6-ranked team at the 3A/2A/1A level, while Astoria is now 1-2-2.

In other nonleague girls soccer action Thursday, 5A St. Helens topped Seaside, 3-0, Thursday night at Broadway Field.

### VOLLEYBALL

#### Ninth-ranked Astoria sweeps No. 7 North Marion

The Astoria volleyball team continued its winning ways with a three-game sweep Thursday night at North Marion, where the ninth-ranked Fishermen cruised over the previously No. 7-ranked Huskies, 25-20, 25-17, 25-20.

Astoria jumped to eighth in the latest OSAA rankings, while North Marion drops to ninth.

The Fishermen open Cowapa League play at home Tuesday vs. Seaside.

In other nonleague volleyball action Thursday, Corbett defeated visiting Seaside 25-15, 25-7, 25-13, Thursday night at Corbett.

#### Defending champs sweep Knappa

In the first of two meetings with Portland Christian in the next week, a sick and injured Knappa team came up short on the road Thursday night in Portland, where the Royals took down the Loggers in three games, 25-11, 25-17, 25-4.

Knappa plays Portland Christian again next Thursday, when the Loggers host the defending state champion Royals.

While Knappa falls to 5-7 overall, 0-3 in league, the No. 11-ranked Royals improved to 7-3, 3-0 in league.

"The Royals may have lost their biggest weapon from last year who led their team to their state championship, but they still have plenty of firepower," said Knappa coach Jeff Kaul. "And the Loggers, who were playing without three of their starting lineup due to an injury and illnesses, just could not keep up with them."

Knappa's Hannah Dietrichs is on the injured list, while starters Aiko Miller and Taylin Regier were both out sick.

Sophia Carlson led the Loggers with eight kills, while Ava Skipper had 10 assists, Carlie Casper added six digs, and Megan Hellberg had five blocks.

The Loggers return to action Tuesday at Faith Bible.

#### Warrenton tops Taft in league opener

Warrenton picked a good night to snap a four-match losing skid, as the Warriors opened league play with a marathon five-set win at Taft, 30-28, 24-26, 25-17, 24-26, 15-13.

The defending Coastal Range League champions are now 1-0 in league, their first win since Sept. 10 after nonleague losses to Seaside, Amity, Toledo and Creswell.

In Game 1, Warrenton rallied from an eight-point deficit to win. In the second set, the Warriors lost a nine-point lead.

"Taft (1-7 overall) played very scrappy, and made some outstanding defensive plays we didn't expect that cost us some points, but more importantly momentum," said Warrenton coach Staci Miethe.

"It was definitely a game of momentum, and we just couldn't keep any because our service game was not up to par," she said. "We missed way too many serves, and some of them at crucial times."

Four of the match's five games were decided by two points.

"Our offense was pretty good, but like I said they were scrappy and dug balls that caught us off guard," Miethe said. "There were some really long rallies in all five sets. In the end, our blocking game and their inability to hit around it is what put us over the top."

Warrenton's Leah Schiewe and Natalie Oseguera combined for four block kills, while Schiewe had four solo blocks, with two by Annie Heyen.

Coach Miethe said, "Mia (McFadden) and Avyree (Miethe) were both equally strong at the net, and Melia (Kapua), who recently returned to the libero position, had a few from the back row."

Nora Ayo led the servers in percentage, "and she and Mia both had several aces," coach Miethe said.

Warrenton plays Monday at Clatskanie, and hosts Willamina Wednesday.

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# Inductees take their place in Warrenton Hall of Fame

## Honorees include '98 baseball team

By GARY HENLEY  
*The Astorian*

Warrenton High School has some pretty good athletes roaming the halls. Morrow, Little, Ramsey, Warren ...

Memorize the names. They're the all-league, all-state and likely future hall of fame Warriors.

But for the next few days or so, Warrenton will be celebrating the past. All the way back to 1954.

The latest class of inductees is set to take its place in the school's Hall of Fame, with a dinner and ceremony set for Saturday.

This year's group includes three athletes, one coach, a musician, one team and two contributors.

Warrenton baseball coach Lennie Wolfe — who took the 1998 team to a state championship and knows about half the field of this year's inductees — couldn't be happier to see his team inducted.

"They were special," said Wolfe, who also took Warrenton back to the state title game at Volcanoes Stadium last spring, where several members of the '98 team showed up to watch.

"It was a good group of athletes," he said. "It was one of the most talented we ever had, but also one of the hardest-working groups ever. We did not have a weakness, anywhere on the field (nine all-league players).

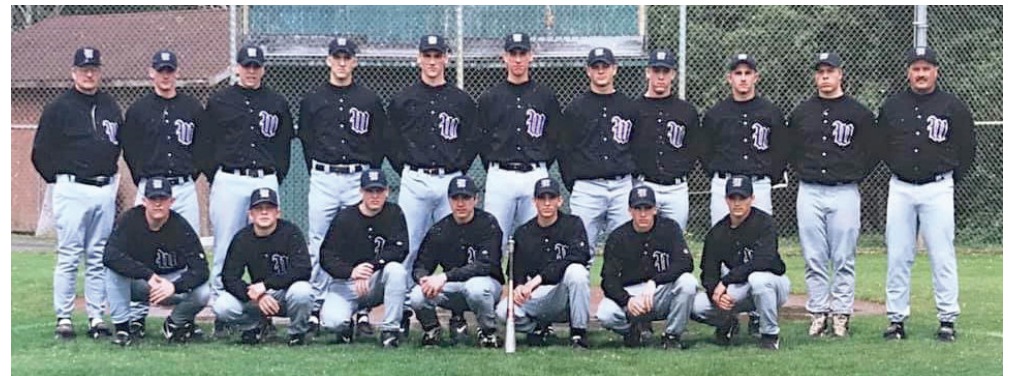
"But it was also one of the most cohesive teams I've ever coached," Wolfe said. "When we listed our team captain, we listed the entire team."

The 1998 Warriors also set standards that still continue within the program.

"Teams that are honored or make the Hall of Fame are remembered for different reasons," Wolfe said. "Some by their achievements, some by their actions. And the 1998 team was one of the most selfless teams that I've ever coached."

Warrenton lost the state title to Nyssa in 1998 12-11, when a controversial call in the bottom of the ninth allowed the Bulldogs to score the tying run.

Instant replay probably would have overturned the call, in which the War-



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The 1998 Warrenton baseball team. See more of the hall-of-famers online at [DailyAstorian.com](http://DailyAstorian.com)



ABOVE: Class of 1966 Warrenton High School graduate Marilyn Swindler. RIGHT: Warrenton Class of 1969 graduate Bob Graves, in his track and field days at the Oregon College of Education (Western Oregon University).



rriors had seemingly turned a game-ending double play.

The players were crushed, but "they didn't complain," Wolfe said. "Instead, they were out there after the game, thanking our fans for coming. They didn't hang their heads or complain to media. That's not our way. I think I was more proud of that team for their class and how they carried themselves off the field, than for their accomplishments on the field."

**Warrenton's Class of 2019 hall of famers:**

- **Victor Graham** (Class of 1954) — Graham was an outstanding high school athlete (all-league tackle in football) who became very involved with Youth for Christ in the Chicago area. He directed the Fox Valley YFC in Wheaton for eight years.

- **Marilyn Swindler Shayegan** (1966) — Shayegan excelled in Jim Hansen's music program at Warrenton, went to The Juilliard School in New York City, then played in the Tehran Symphony Orchestra for many years.

- **Bob Graves** (1969) —

After 50 years, he still holds the school records in the 100-meter (11.04 seconds) and 200-meter (22.64) sprints, both set in 1969. In 1968, he was the district champion in the 220 and 440, and ran a leg on the district-winning 440-yard relay.

He went on to a stellar career at Oregon College of Education (Western Oregon University), then a career as an airline pilot.

- **Daniel Sturgell** (1997) — Sturgell was a two-time state wrestling champion (1996 at 134 pounds; 1997 at 151 pounds), then a three-time All-American at Southern Oregon University in Ashland, where he finished with 92 career victories (just ahead of Wes Balensifer's 91).

In the national championships, Sturgell took second place at 184 pounds in both 1999 and 2001, and third place in 2000. He was All-American all three years.

- **Gary McBride** — A longtime teacher, coach and athletic director, McBride had many successes both in and out of the classroom. As boys basketball coach

(1983-84 to 1985-86; 1993-94; and 2001-02 to 2003-04), he was league Coach of the Year and led the Warriors to a fourth-place finish at state in 2004. McBride has served as an assistant coach in baseball and football.

Wolfe said, "If there's one person who belongs in the Warrenton Hall of Fame, it's Gary. Gary McBride is one of the hardest-working men I know. When Warrenton needed someone to fill a spot, Gary was always there. He could take over any program in any sport, and have that program contending for a state championship."

- **1998 baseball team** — Led by Wolfe (league Coach of the Year) and assistant Jim Dickson, the Warriors went 21-6 overall, won the league title, had nine all-league players, and advanced to their first state championship.

Mitch Johnson (first team designated hitter and the Warriors' third baseman), Jon Elliott (second team pitcher) and Troy Buganan (third team shortstop) were named all-state.

- **Muriel Dunn** — Dunn has been very active, including scholarship committees, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Voice of Democracy essay contest. She is probably best known for the finest pies raffled at Warrenton events.

- **Walt Ferguson** — Ferguson, of Ferguson Lumber, was very involved with students, first taking photos at sporting events, then tutoring when needed and finally donating money for scoreboards and the school's batting cage ("Walt's Lumberyard").

In 2012, he donated \$7,500 to the school's athletic department for the purchase of a new scoreboard for the softball field, and also funded a new scoreboard for baseball.

## Astoria takes to former field to beat Westside

By GARY HENLEY  
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WARRENTON — With another week to go before league play begins, the Astoria boys soccer team will try to find a "winning groove," as the Fishermen head towards their Cowapa League opener with Seaside next week.

The Fish are on the right track, as they scored a 4-0 win Thursday night over Westside Christian, a 3A team out of the Lewis & Clark League.

Astoria was making its one and only appearance of the season at Volunteer Field on Ridge Road. Actually, Thursday's game will be the only high school game of the season at the Lower Columbia Youth Soccer Complex, where — at one time just a few years ago — all high school games took place.

"We always love playing on the LCYSA grass, so it felt great to have a win there to boot," said Astoria coach Lee Cain. "Overall, I was pleased with the way the team worked together. They stepped up their game quite a bit tonight and earned this win. We will only just keep getting better."

It was a good return to Ridge Road for the Fishermen, who scored two goals in the first 12 minutes, and added two scores in the final nine minutes.

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE TUESDAY

Volleyball — Seaside at Astoria, 6:30 p.m.; Warrenton at Clatskanie, 6 p.m.; Knappa at Faith Bible, 6:30 p.m.; Crosshill Christian at Jewell, 6 p.m.  
Boys Soccer — Scappoose at Astoria, 7:15 p.m.; Catlin Gabel at Seaside, 5:30 p.m.

In between, they dominated most of the action against the Eagles.

Astoria's controlled offense kept the ball away from Westside Christian, and also made it an easy night in goal for Fishermen keeper Dylan Altheide-Nielson, who had two saves in the first half and three in the second.

Astoria had six shots on goal in the first 40 minutes, misfiring on a few more, and the Fishermen gradually wore down the Eagle defense, taking target practice on the Westside net in the final 14 minutes of the game.

Astoria's first goal came just five minutes, 47 seconds into the game.

The Fishermen actually had two shots on goal in the first two minutes, both saved by the Eagle goalkeeper.

Astoria's third shot was a penalty kick for Fishermen senior Michael Postlewait, who easily placed the ball into the lower right of the net for a 1-0 lead.

In the 11th minute, Astoria junior Jeremy Owen was headed up the middle with

a ball when he was tripped up near the top of the box. Teammate Shrey Sharma was right there to pick up the dribble, and he scored from close range for a 2-nil advantage.

The Eagles played evenly with the Fishermen for the remaining 20 minutes of the first half, but dodged a couple near misses by Astoria.

The Fishermen kicked their attack into another gear in the second half.

Owen had a trio of shots turned away in the first seven minutes, Brooks Fromwiller and Postlewait both had opportunities over the next 16 minutes, and Leo Matthews found himself looking at an open net when the Westside goalkeeper lost the handle on a shot by Astoria's David Bermudez.

The Eagles managed to deflect Matthews' shot, and the Astoria senior had two more shots on goal turned away over the next minute.

Bermudez's shot on goal attempt in the 67th minute was wide left, but Sharma's shot at 71:30 wasn't, as the Astoria senior turned and fired from the top of the pen-

alty box for a 3-0 lead.

The final goal came at 74:59, when Marco Franco-Houser sent a long pass from midfield to Owen down the left side, and when the Eagle goalkeeper came out to challenge, Owen sent a perfectly placed shot on the run into the right side of the net.

Astoria was solid in all areas in the win.

In particular, "Sharma showed his excellent awareness of the game tonight, not just with the two goals but in his positioning and play," Cain said. "Statistically, Postlewait, Matthews and Owen were on top of the game, but I also was very pleased with the back line's teamwork, especially considering they were missing Garcia Rojas (injured)."

He added, "Bermudez was instrumental in filling that gap, although that meant we lost him in the midfield until later when we moved him up."

The statistics, meanwhile, "never show the defenders' crucially important role, but I was quite happy with Franco-Houser's work at center back," Cain said, "particularly with his ability to transition to attack and his assist, and Fromwiller was phenomenally good and snappy quick."

The Fishermen continue nonleague play Saturday at Cottage Grove.