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Banks wins state title rematch with Seaside

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The Game of the Night in class 4A football was a rematch of the 2018 state championship, as Banks hosted Seaside in a battle of unbeaten teams in league play.

It was still a close game at halftime, but the Braves pulled away in the third quarter, building a 34-0 lead on their way to a 34-6 win over the Gulls.

Banks led 14-0 at halftime, then scored 17 unanswered points in the third period.

Martial Stegemeier scored the first touchdown of each half for Banks, including a 45-yard run to open the scoring in the third quarter.

Seaside scored its lone touchdown in the fourth, a 75-yard run by Kaleb Bartel.

The No. 1-ranked Braves had 10 penalties, but the Gulls had five turnovers, helping Banks to its third straight win over Seaside.

Banks improves to 4-0 atop the Cowapa League standings, while the Gulls fall to 3-1. Seaside finishes the regular season Friday at home vs. Tillamook.

Warrenton pounds the Pirates, 41-6

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Three games into the league season, the Neah-Kah-Nie Pirates were 3-0 and held down first place in the Northwest League. But that was before they played the two teams from Clatsop County.

In back-to-back games against Knappa and Warrenton, the Pirates have been outscored 99-44, and are now in fourth place in the league standings.

Following a 53-point win at Vernonia last week, the Warriors beat up their second straight opponent in a 41-6 win Friday night over Neah-Kah-Nie, holding the Pirates to just two yards in total offense and no first downs.

Devin Jackson scored three touchdowns for the Warriors, who led 28-0 at halftime.

Jackson and quarterback Jake Morrow combined for 254 yards rushing on just 26 attempts (9.8 yards per run).

With back-to-back wins of 66-13 and 41-6, the Warriors (4-2 overall) will be looking for their third straight blowout victory Friday at Gaston (2-5), which lost 54-0 at Knappa.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE				
TUESDAY				
Volleyball	— Valley Catholic at Astoria, 6:30 p.m.; Seaside at Tillamook, 6:30 p.m.			
Girls Soccer	— Tillamook at Astoria, 7:15 p.m.			
Boys Soccer	— Astoria at Tillamook, 7:15 p.m.			
WEDNESDAY				
Cross-Country	— Seaside vs. Astoria, Cullaby Lake, TBA			
FOOTBALL				
Molalla	0	21	0	21—21
Astoria	0	6	0	6—12
Second Quarter				
AST: Dylan Junes 45 pass from Bo Williams (kick failed) 6:33				
Fourth Quarter				
MOL: Jacob Nix 87 pass from Damian Pingo (Francisco Ignacio kick) 10:02				
MOL: Isaac Thomas-Klementis 61 run (Ignacio kick) 8:24				
AST: Michael Moore 31 pass from Williams (run failed) 4:49				
MOL: Thomas-Klementis 40 run (Ignacio kick) 1:51				
Molalla Statistics				
Rushing: Thomas-Klementis 15-115, Kutsev 4-30, Pingo 12-22, Tate 2-2, Wynn 2-(-2). Passing: Pingo 1-1-87-0, Thomas-Klementis 1-6-14-1. Receiving: Nix 1-87, Wynn 1-14.				
Astoria Statistics				
Rushing: Stutznegger 19-72, Stenblom 2-21, Junes 1-11, Moore 3-2, Williams 6-(-7). Passing: Williams 16-29-175-2, Stenblom 2-2-5-0. Receiving: Boyle 5-71, Moore 5-43, Stutznegger 4-20, Junes 2-46, Stenblom 2-0.				
Warrenton 41, Neah-Kah-Nie 6				
Neah-Kah-Nie	0	0	0	6—6
Warrenton	7	21	13	0—41
First Quarter				
WAR: Devin Jackson 5 run (Kenzie Ramsey kick)				
Second Quarter				
WAR: Jacob Morrow 18 run (Ramsey kick)				
WAR: Ethan Green 15 run (Ramsey kick)				
WAR: Jackson 5 run (Ramsey kick)				
Third Quarter				
WAR: Jackson 27 run (kick failed)				
WAR: Morrow 60 run (Ramsey kick)				
Fourth Quarter				
NKN: TD run (failed conversion)				
Warrenton Statistics				
Rushing: Morrow 12-151, Jackson 14-103, Miller 2-37, Bodden Bodden 5-24, Green 4-23, Earls 1-7, Breitmeyer 1-4, Smith 1-3, Moha 1-(-4). Passing: Morrow 2-5-49-0. Receiving: Bodden Bodden 1-28, Earls 1-19.				

Astoria runs strong in Portland meet

By GARY HENLEY
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The Astoria girls placed fifth out of 17 scoring teams Saturday at the Warner Pacific Classic cross-country meet held Saturday at Lents Park in Portland.

While Tillamook won the team title, Sophie Long was Astoria's top individual finisher, placing 11th out of 131 runners in 20 minutes, 51 seconds over the 5,000 meters.

Freshman teammate Ella Zilli, who ran just off of Long from the gun, placed 15th (21:07), followed closely by Lindsay Riutta

(18th, 21:26) and Allyson Pritchard (33rd, 22:03), with Annalyse Steele (92nd, 25:34) rounding out the team scoring.

On the boys' side, Astoria finished 10th in a field of 27 complete teams in the varsity bronze division.

Stayton's Ben Kirby was the individual winner in 16:45, edging Knappa's Robert Piña-Morton (16:48). The Loggers placed 15th in the team standings.

Freshman John Clement was Astoria's top individual and the first freshman overall, placing 20th out of 183 finishers in 17:47.

Nikolai Boisvert (32nd, 18:08), Elias Harding-Coe (69th, 18:57), Jack Colquhoun (78th, 19:14) and Tommy Laman (93rd, 19:28) ran as the scoring five.

Class 6A Mountain View won the team title.

"Today had a lot of bright spots for us," said Astoria coach Andrew Fick. "We had several PRs, especially some huge ones from some of our younger runners, as well as quite a few season bests."

The Fishermen "continue to improve how we race as a team, and you could see that learning and growth in today's races," he

said. "Based on season bests, both our boys and girls teams beat their projected rankings, which means we're moving in the right direction and stepped up against some big school competition."

Clement set a new personal record, "which is a big step to run in the 17's," Fick said. "Nikolai was just off of him with a PR as well. Ella also set a new personal best and was a lot more assertive running with Sophie from the start."

Astoria will join Seaside and Warrenton for a three-team meet Wednesday at Cullaby Lake.



The Astoria volleyball team, following their win in the Marshfield tournament.

ASTORIA VOLLEYBALL WINS MARSHFIELD TOURNAMENT

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The next tournament for the Astoria volleyball team will likely be the state tournament, and the Lady Fishermen warmed up for the post-season by winning their third tournament of the regular season.

Astoria defeated North Bend, Marshfield and Junction City in the championship bracket to win the Marshfield tournament Saturday.

"It was a really great day," said Astoria coach Jessie Todd. "The girls played with a lot of heart and fire."

The Fishermen swept all three opponents in the final bracket, defeating North Bend (25-13, 25-18), Marshfield (25-21, 25-15) and Junction City (26-24, 25-18) in the championship match.

Astoria, rated No. 3 in the latest OSAA state rankings, finishes the regular season Tuesday against No. 1-ranked Valley Catholic, in a possible preview of the state championship.

Wilson, Seahawks falter after weeks of magic

By TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Expecting Russell Wilson to remain perfect for an entire season, let alone another week, was unrealistic. At some point there was going to be a mistake.

With how well Wilson had been playing through the first six weeks of the season, a deflected pass or some kind of fluky play would make sense as the reason behind the mistake. What was not expected was Wilson's first interception coming on a throw that looked like disaster the second it left his hand. That pick was a turning point in Seattle's 30-16 loss to Baltimore on Sunday.

Wilson was late with his decision. He threw into a risky area. And he failed to see Marcus Peters waiting to break on the ball. What was a 10-6 lead for the Seahawks — and likely about to increase — suddenly became a 67-yard interception return touchdown, a lead for the Ravens and a massive momentum shift.

Seattle never led again and suffered its second home loss in four games.

"You've got to move on and keep your head down and some-



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Seattle Seahawks wide receiver D.K. Metcalf (14) fumbles as he is hit by Baltimore Ravens cornerback Brandon Carr (39) during the second half of the game in Seattle on Sunday.

UP NEXT: SEAHAWKS

- Seattle Seahawks (5-2) at Atlanta Falcons (1-6)
- Sunday, 10 a.m. TV: FOX

times you just focus on the next play and expecting a lot of great things to happen after that," Wilson said.

Except those great things Wil-

Knappa blanks Gaston, 54-0

By GARY HENLEY
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On a wet and rainy night in Knappa, the Loggers overcame the field conditions better than Gaston did, as they pounded the Greyhounds 54-0 in a Northwest League football game.

The Loggers led just 6-0 after one quarter, but — after a delay for lightning — held a 28-0 advantage at halftime.

It was a "very sloppy game, as far as weather and the field," said Knappa coach Aaron Barendse. "The boys battled through it, worked hard and did a great job of finishing drives."

"We started slow but picked it up in the second quarter," he said. "Our line played great again and our defense was outstanding."

Knappa improves to 4-0 in league, and plays Friday at Nestucca, 3-1.

"We're looking forward to improving more this week and heading down to Nestucca, which will be a very physical game," Barendse said. "Should be a good one."