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SPORTS

Valiants, Seaside battle to 0-0 tie

By GARY HENLEY
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Are the Valley Catholic Valiants the best team in 4A boys soccer?

After Monday night’s game at Broadway Field, the No. 1-ranked Valiants may not even be the best in their own league.

That title is still up for grabs, following a 0-0 tie between Valley Catholic and Seaside, under the bright lights of Broadway.

The possible state championship game preview left the Valiants with a 4-0-1 league record, 8-1-2 overall. Seaside is just behind Valley Catholic at 4-1-1, 8-3-1 overall.

The Valiants have three league games remaining, to Seaside’s two. Monday’s game was originally scheduled for last Thursday, but was postponed.

Valley Catholic entered the game on a six-game win streak, having outscored the opposition 25-1 over that stretch. Seaside had won three in a row, outscoring its last three opponents 15-2.

With weather affecting the playing conditions for Monday’s game, the Gulls had a wind behind them in the first half, “and put lots of pressure on the Valiants,” said Seaside coach John Chapman.

A large part of the first half was Valley Catholic clearing the ball on the multiple Seaside attacks from all directions.

At the other end, Seaside’s defense was solid, as was goalkeeper Patrick Chapman.

“The ball was often hard to control in the wind and the rain,” coach Chapman said, and that would be no different in the second half, when the elements favored the Valiants. “Both teams displayed the finest battles, matching toe-to-toe.”

The Gulls still had several near misses, but the scoreboard stayed blank for the entire 80 minutes.

“Both teams laid it out there, which was clear in the post-game emotions,” Chapman said, adding that his team is “focused on our last two games and representing well in the post season.”

Seaside’s current losses are to the No. 1 and 2-ranked teams in class 3A (Oregon Episcopal and Catlin Gabel), and a 1-0 loss to Valley Catholic earlier in the season.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE	
THURSDAY	
Volleyball — Banks at Seaside, 6:30 p.m.	
Girls Soccer — Valley Catholic at Astoria, 7:15 p.m.; Seaside at Tillamook, 7:15 p.m.	
Boys Soccer — Astoria at Valley Catholic, 7:15 p.m.; Tillamook at Seaside, 7:15 p.m.	
Cross-Country — NWL Championships, Vernonia, TBA	
FRIDAY	
Football — Astoria at Valley Catholic, 7 p.m.; Tillamook at Seaside, 7 p.m.; Knappa at Nestucca, 7 p.m.; Warrenton at Gaston, 7 p.m.; Ilwaco at Raymond, 7 p.m.; Naselle at Lummi, 5 p.m.	

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Valley Catholic, Astoria put on a show

Valiants win in four sets

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Astoria volleyball? Fishermen fans were diggin’ it after one game Tuesday night, in a Cowapa League match against No. 1-ranked Valley Catholic.

Shortly after celebrating Senior Night and honoring their three seniors, No. 4-ranked Astoria took the Valiants to school in Game 1, with the Fishermen making fantastic dig after fantastic dig in a 25-20 win — the first Cowapa team this year to win a set against Valley Catholic.

And the Lady Fish had their moments over the remainder of the match as well, but the Valiants were just too deep and too talented, as Valley Catholic won the next three sets and left the Brick House with a four-set win, 20-25, 25-19, 25-20, 25-17 victory.

The top-ranked Valiants improve their league record to 7-0, 21-2 over-

all, with one league match remaining, Thursday at home vs. Tillamook.

Astoria finishes league play at 4-4, a half-match behind Banks (4-3), which plays Thursday at Seaside.

“It was definitely one of our best defensive nights,” said Astoria coach Jessie Todd. “I was talking with their coach (Becky Kemper) after the match, and she said, ‘your girls played some great defense tonight.’

“The thing is, (the Valiants) have so many weapons in so many places, you have to play great defense to have a chance,” Todd said. “They’ve got a lot of experience, they’re well-coached, and they’ve got great athletes in every single position, every single rotation.”

Still, it was all going Astoria’s way in Game 1.

Halle Helmersen delivered a pair of kills to get things started, which was followed by a couple spikes from Kelsey Fausett, an ace serve by Taja Tuimato and Helmersen’s block on Maddie Klopccic to give Astoria an 11-7 lead.

The Valiants rallied and forced ties at 16, 17 and 18, before the Fishermen reeled off three straight points highlighted by a kill from Kajsa Jackson and an ace by Skylar Sturtz.

A net violation on the Valiants and a kill off the block by Julia Norris finished off Game 1.

The one win alone made Todd’s night.

“I couldn’t have been happier,” she said. “Valley Catholic had not lost a game in league play this year, so to take a game from them shows how well we played. It was just what we needed, to give us confidence going into the post-season and the play-in round.”

As it turned out, the one win was all Astoria would get.

Astoria held leads of 13-10 and 16-14 in Game 2, but Valley’s Allie Merz — a six-foot senior setter — keyed an 11-3 run for the Valiants with sets to Klopccic and freshman Naima Foster that resulted in kills, and Merz served up two aces down the stretch to even the match at 1-1.

Valley Catholic jumped out to a 13-5 lead in Game 3, before Astoria rallied to within 20-19, on the strength of more well-placed kills by Fausett and ace serves from Helmersen and Hailey O’Brien.

But Valley closed the set on a 5-1 run to take a 2-1 lead.

Astoria held a 9-6 lead in Game 4, but Merz again highlighted a Valiant rally, as Valley Catholic outscored the Fishermen 15-8 to take command.

Zoey VanVleet had a few ace serves, Frances Eisenhardt added another, and junior Gretchen Kibbe capped the night with a kill at match point.

Helmersen paced Astoria with 11 kills, 13 digs and four aces, with Fausett adding 13 kills and nine digs, while Skylar Sturtz had 10 digs and three aces.

Junior Varsity: Valley Catholic def. Astoria, 15-25, 25-15, 25-16, 24-26, 6-3 (time limit).

In other Cowapa League action Tuesday, Tillamook swept Seaside, 25-16, 25-8, 25-16.



Infinity Gymnastics

The latest group of competitive athletes for Astoria’s Infinity Gymnastics.

Infinity Gymnastics team opens new season

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Astoria’s Infinity Gymnastics Xcel competition team recently took part in a pre-season event at the Multnomah Athletic Club judges open meet.

Each team member received judge’s feedback at each apparatus, as well as a score.

The pre-season meet “was a great way to kick off their competition season, to get the nerves out for our new team members and see how they score and get feedback from the judges, before competition season gets underway,” said Nancy Taylor, Infinity Gymnastics executive director.

This year’s roster for the bronze team includes: Erika Gantenbein, Corinne

Geyer, Kalista Giles and Nevaeh Nichols; the silver team consists of Lillian Andrew, Karli Gantenbein, Lily Schaeilling and Sofia Shipley; and the gold team features Maevri Bergerson and Audrey Steele.

The 2020 Xcel competition team schedule begins with the “Reach for the Goal” meet, Jan. 3-5, followed by the Top Gun meet, Feb. 7-9.

PREP SOCCER ROUNDUP

Astoria scores payback in win over Tillamook

After losing a game at Tillamook Oct. 3 by a 3-1 score (in which Astoria had two own-goals), the Lady Fishermen scored a little revenge Tuesday night at home, defeating the Lady Mooks 3-1 in a Cowapa League girls soccer game at CMH Field.

Astoria improves to 2-4-1 in league play, 4-6-3 overall, and will host Valley Catholic Thursday in a tune-up for the playoffs.

Tillamook posts 6-2 win over Astoria

Tillamook took advantage of a short-handed Astoria team Tues-

day night, as the Cheesemakers posted a 6-2 win over the Fishermen in a Cowapa League boys soccer match in Tillamook.

Astoria had just two substitutes, and lost center-mid David Bermudez to an injury in the second half.

As a result, the Cheesemakers held a 2-0 lead by halftime.

Shrey Sharma had Astoria’s

first goal on a through-ball from Dalton Byrd seven minutes into the second half, with Sharma scoring from the left wing.

Tillamook gradually picked up momentum, and the Fishermen lost theirs after Bermudez went down with a pulled hamstring.

Sharma added a second goal with five minutes left.

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