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ABOVE: Knappa's Kanai Phillip breaks free from a Nestucca defender on his way to a big gain. Knappa lineman Jaxson Goodman (66) is in hot pursuit of Nestucca quarterback Ben Hurliman in Friday's game.

KNAPPA POUNDS NESTUCCA, 66-26

By **GARY HENLEY**
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The Knappa Loggers cleared one of their last big hurdles Friday night, and cleared it with room to spare in a 66-26 win at Nestucca.

Knappa (5-0 atop the league standings) will look to close out a perfect league season Friday at home vs. Portland Christian (1-4).

"Nestucca is always a trip we seem to struggle with," said Knappa coach Aaron Barendse. "We started off slow, but shook the bus ride and put it together. The boys played hard."

The Loggers led 22-8 after one quarter, and 44-14 at halftime.

Eli Takalo had a 5-yard touchdown run,



tossed a TD pass to Kanai Phillip, and the Loggers recovered a fumble for another score in the first period.

Cameron Miethe had a touchdown run,

and following a Nestucca score, Knappa's Devin Hoover had a 70-yard kick return.

And with just nine seconds left in the first half, Takalo and Phillip hooked up on a 90-plus yard touchdown for the 30-point halftime margin.

After going 1-2 in nonleague play, Knappa opened league with a 32-23 win at Warrenton, followed by blowout victories over Vernonia (42-17), Neah-Kah-Nie (58-38), Gaston (54-0) and Nestucca.

The Royals, ranked 31st out of 34 teams, are next in line for the eighth-ranked Loggers.

"Nestucca was very physical and ran hard," Barendse said. "Those kids got after it. I couldn't be prouder of our kids. They battled and did what they needed to do. One more league game left for this great group of young men. Time to prepare for PC and hopefully keep this rolling."

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

Volleyball — Class 4A Play-in: Siuslaw at Astoria, 5:15 p.m.; Seaside at Philomath, 6 p.m.
 Girls Soccer — Banks at Seaside, 6:30 p.m.
 Boys Soccer — Seaside at Banks, 4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Cross-Country — Cowapa League Championships, 2 p.m.

FOOTBALL

Seaside 18, Tillamook 0

Tillamook	0	0	0	0-0
Seaside	0	7	0	11-18

Second Quarter
 SEA: Levi Card 32 pass from Ledger Pugh (Kaleb Bartel kick) 10:59

Fourth Quarter
 SEA: Bartel 27 FG, 10:15
 SEA: Chad Werner tackled in end zone, 10:03
 SEA: Aedyn Cook 26 run (kick failed) 7:32

Tillamook Statistics
 Rushing: Boomer 1(-3), C.Werner 9(-4), Mendez 8(-7).
 Passing: C.Werner 5-12-14-0. Receiving: Shelley 2-13, Stonebrink 1-6, Boomer 1-1, Connelly 1(-6).

Seaside Statistics
 Rushing: Br.Johnson 12-96, Cook 8-51, Black 11-48, Teubner 9-47, Pugh 9-13, Rich 1-5. Passing: Pugh 5-7-91-0, Kawasoe 0-1-0-0. Receiving: Card 2-56, Cook 1-15, Br.Johnson 1-12, Black 1-8.

Valley Catholic 32, Astoria 29

Astoria	0	7	0	22-29
Valley C.	7	6	6	13-32

First Quarter
 VC: Logan Howerton 63 run (Beck Blau kick) 6:08

Second Quarter
 VC: Will French 4 pass from Trey Eberhart (pass failed) 4:48
 AST: Michael Moore 1 run (Tristan Boyle kick) 1:15

Third Quarter
 VC: Eberhart 24 run (run failed)

Fourth Quarter
 VC: Eberhart 1 run (French from William Schultheis)
 AST: Ebin Hillard 3 run (pass failed)

VC: Eberhart 50 run (Blau kick)
 AST: Ryan Stenblom 65 run (Ryan Stutznegger from Stenblom)

AST: Boyle 30 pass from Stenblom (Stutznegger run)

Warrenton 56, Gaston 6

Warrenton	14	21	14	7-56
Gaston	0	0	0	6-6

First Quarter
 WAR: Hordie Bodden Bodden 12 run (Kenzie Ramsey kick)

WAR: Noah Miller 9 run (Ramsey kick)

Second Quarter
 WAR: Devin Jackson 7 run (Ramsey kick)

WAR: Jackson 40 run (Ramsey kick)
 WAR: Bodden Bodden 29 pass from Jake Morrow (Ramsey kick)

Third Quarter
 WAR: Bodden Bodden 8 run (Ramsey kick)

WAR: Ethan Green 3 run (Ramsey kick)

Fourth Quarter
 GAS: Elijah Muriel 57 run (run failed)

WAR: Dylan Atwood 51 run (Ramsey kick)

Warrenton Statistics
 Rushing: Jackson 6-138, Bodden Bodden 5-91, Green 7-60, Atwood 2-52, Miller 3-17, Morrow 3-12. Passing: Morrow 6-10-74-0, Case 1-7-7-0. Receiving: Little 2-39, Bodden Bodden 2-29, Jackson 2-6, Dolan 1-7.

PREP FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Astoria rally comes up short against Valiants

Valley Catholic and Astoria put on a high-scoring affair Friday night for the fans in Beaverton where the Valiants ultimately outscored the Fishermen 32-29 in a Cowapa League football finale.

Astoria rallied from a 32-13 deficit late in the game, but could not recover a second outside kick. The Fish finish 0-8 overall, while Valley Catholic improved to 3-5, and moved into a three-way tie for third place at 2-3 in the league standings.

Valley's Logan Howerton opened the scoring on the Valiants' first possession, scoring on a 63-yard run.

After another Valley Catholic touchdown, Astoria's Michael Moore plowed in from a yard out for the first Fishermen score with 1:15 left in the first half.

The Valiants gradually built a big lead, before Astoria's Ebin Hillard scored on a 3-yard run midway through the fourth quarter, but Valley's Trey Eberhart answered with a 50-yard touchdown sprint on the very next play, his third TD of the game.

The Fishermen still trailed 32-13 with just 1:17 left in the game, when Ryan Stenblom ran a quarterback keeper 65 yards for a touchdown.

Anthony Tumbarello's onside kick was recovered by Astoria, and three plays later, Stenblom connected with Tristan Boyle in the

end zone from 30 yards out.

Ryan Stutznegger converted his second straight two-point conversion, and the Fishermen were within three points with 36 seconds left.

The Valiants, however, recovered the ensuing onside kick to run out the clock.

Warrenton puts the crush on Gaston, 56-6

Warrenton racked up 444 yards in total offense, and held Gaston to just 14 in yet another Northwest League football blowout win for the Warriors, 56-6. In their four league victories, Warrenton has scored 63, 66, 41 and 56 points.

The Warriors host Nestucca to finish off the regular season Friday. The Bobcats are coming off a 66-28 loss to Knappa.

Warrenton ran for 370 yards and passed for 74 in Friday's game, while holding the Greyhounds to just seven rushing yards and seven passing.

Hordie Bodden Bodden scored three touchdowns and Devin Jackson had back-to-back TD runs of seven and 40 yards in the second quarter, as Warrenton had another game wrapped up by halftime, leading 35-0.

Jackson gained 138 yards rushing on just six carries.

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