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VOLLEYBALL

Warrenton falls to top-ranked Santiam Christian

By **GARY HENLEY**
The Astorian

The Warrenton Lady Warriors drew a tough first round opponent Saturday, in a first round match of the class 3A volleyball state playoffs.

Despite their second straight Coastal Range League championship, the Warriors — for the second year in a row — had to hit the road to face undefeated and defending state champion Santiam Christian out of the Mountain Valley Conference.

And the No. 1 seed Eagles never trailed in a quick three-game match, as they swept the No. 16 seed Warriors, 25-9, 25-11, 25-11.

“When you play a team that hasn’t lost more than five sets to 3A schools all year ... I’d say it’s a tough draw,” said Warrenton coach Staci Miethe.

“I told the girls if we could win this match David and Goliath style, then we would be hands down the most popular 3A school in the state, because there isn’t any team that wants to face them. If (the Eagles) don’t win it again this year I would be shocked.”

Warrenton still had early hopes against the Eagles in Game 1.

Santiam Christian scored the first four points, but serving runs by Mia McFadden and Nora Ayo helped the Warriors pull into a 5-5 tie.

The Eagles called time out, proceeded to score the next 10 points, and never looked back, outscoring Warrenton 20-4 the remainder of the set.

Santiam Christian led from start to finish in Game 2.

The Warriors took advantage of a kill by Leah Scheiwe to force a 3-3 tie in the third set, and Natalie Osegura’s ace serve had Warrenton within 10-7, but with their big front line, the Eagles pulled away from there to close out the match.

“Natalie Osegura had an incredible game,” Miethe said. “She led the team in kills and even came in to serve — which she didn’t do very often this season — and had an ace.”

“We played really good defense, Melia Kapua specifically, digging D1 level hitting, but Santiam’s main hitter (last year’s 3A Player of the Year) was able to adjust and keep the ball away from her most of the second and third games,” she said. “It’s a tough way to end the season, but I don’t want the girls or our fans to let that detract from the fact we had an amazing, historical season.”

Santiam Christian improved to 24-0 overall, while the Warriors end their season 13-13 overall.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY

Boys Soccer — 4A state playoff: Seaside at Phoenix, TBA

FRIDAY

Football — 4A state playoff: Seaside at Marist, 7 p.m.; 2A state playoffs: Culver at Knappa (CMH Field), 7 p.m.; Warrenton at Sheridan, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Cross-Country — OSAA state meet, Eugene (Lane Community College), 10 a.m.

FOOTBALL

	Warrenton	35	Nestucca	0	0-0
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Warrenton	7	7	14	7-35	

First Quarter
 WAR: Joshua Earls 30 fumble return (Kenzie Ramsey kick) 11:47

Second Quarter
 WAR: Jake Morrow 2 run (Ramsey kick) 5:46

Third Quarter
 WAR: Devin Jackson recovered fumble in end zone (Ramsey kick) 9:11

WAR: Morrow 7 run (Ramsey kick) 1:44

Fourth Quarter
 WAR: Austin Little 20 pass from Morrow (Ramsey kick) 5:05

Nestucca Statistics
 Rushing: Swirtz-Ferdig 3-12, #77 2-1, Mondragon 1-0, Richwine 5-(-5), Wallace 2-(-5), Hurliman 7-(-11). Passing: Hurliman 5-18-42-2, Richwine 0-1-0-1. Receiving: Richwine 3-24, Hagerty 1-12, Straesse 1-6.

Warrenton Statistics
 Rushing: Morrow 12-37, Jackson 10-34, Green 7-26, Bodden Bodden 6-23, D. Atwood 3-15, Miller 2-6. Passing: Morrow 9-17-215-0, Bodden Bodden 0-1-0-0, Jackson 0-1-0-0. Receiving: Bodden Bodden 4-100, Little 2-43, Jackson 2-25, Earls 1-47.

CROSS-COUNTRY

District 1/3A/2A/1A Girls: Catlin Gabel 47, St. Stephen’s 95, Yamhill-Carlton 107, Riverdale 120, Warrenton 131, Westside Christian 165, Southwest Christian 165, Rainier 166, Oregon Episcopal 189, Trinity Academy 207, Vernonia 208. District 1/2A/1A Boys: St. Stephen’s 23, Knappa 62, Southwest Christian 81, Trinity Academy 116, Vernonia 129, Faith Bible 144, Columbia Christian 169.

District 1/3A Boys: Catlin Gabel 29, Westside Christian 46, Riverdale 95, Oregon Episcopal 120, Warrenton 140, Rainier 149, Yamhill-Carlton 169, Horizon Christian 210, Portland Adventist 248.

KNAPPA POUNDS ROYALS TO FINISH 6-0 IN LEAGUE

By **GARY HENLEY**
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The Knappa Loggers were able to rest their starting quarterback and still defeated Portland Christian 62-19, Friday night at Knappa.

That’s life in Northwest League football, dominated this year by the Loggers.

While Knappa finishes league play 6-0, three of the seven lowest-ranked 2A teams in the state were from the Northwest League, including the Royals, ranked 31st out of 34 teams.

The No. 8-ranked Loggers advance to the state playoffs, where Knappa will host Culver in a first round contest at 7 p.m. Friday at CMH Field. The winner will play either Santiam or Coquille in the second round.

“Our boys came out firing,” said Knappa coach Aaron Barendse, as Kanai Phillip returned the opening kickoff 80 yards for a touchdown.

Phillip added another 80-yard return for a TD later in the game, and also played quarterback in place of Eli Takalo, who took the night off. Phillip completed 4-of-6 passes for 131 yards and three touchdowns.

Trevor Ogier (12 yards), Camo Miethe (35 yards) and Devin Hoover (55 yards) had the TD receptions.

Miethe also had 110 yards rushing on just four carries.

In addition, Phillip completed all



Krissy Barendse-Goodman

The Knappa Loggers turned the Portland Christian Royals upside down in Friday’s regular season finale, a 62-19 Logger win. Knappa players are Kaleb Roe, left, and Jaxson Goodman (66).

three passing attempts for two-point conversions and rushed for a touchdown, as the Loggers moved the ball at will.

“The line gave (Phillip) time, as it was his first true game experience at QB,” Barendse said. “Our line is really the heart and soul of this team. They work hard together and it shows in games.”

“Our seniors played outstanding and finished their last game at Logger Sta-

dium the right way,” he said. “They worked hard to bring back home the league title.”

Knappa has posted undefeated league records in 2019, 2017, 2016 and 2014.

Culver is a familiar playoff foe for the Loggers, who defeated the Bulldogs 54-16 in the first round of the 2014 state playoffs, and knocked off Culver 20-6 in the 2008 state championship game.

Henley girls soccer defeats Astoria in playoff

By **SIERRA WEBSTER**
Klamath Falls Herald & News

KLAMATH FALLS — The Henley Hornets started out the season slow, as they will attest.

Except for a season-opening non-conference 4-1 win against Lakeview, the Hornets’ early season was marked by three losses and two draws for a 1-3-2 record over their first six matches.

Their next win came almost a month later when they shut out Klamath Union at home.

“At the beginning of the year we weren’t doing so hot,” senior defender Raigan Loney said. “But during the end of the year we’re really picking it up.”

Now, the No. 11 Hornets are marked by possession, intensity and communication, highlighted in a 2-0 rout of the No. 19 Astoria Fishermen Saturday in a play-in match to advance to the first round of the Class 4A state playoffs.

“We’re peaking at the right time,” Henley head coach Michael Hedlund said. “We beat Hidden Valley last week and stepped up again and played good this week. I think we have



Chuck Albright

Astoria’s Tailigh Cole works with a ball during Saturday’s playoff game in Klamath Falls.

the potential to do some damage.”

The Hornets are no longer slow to start.

They established their dominance early Saturday — just three minutes into play.

Henley sophomore forward Ryane Mattox took a shot on goal inside the goal box. Astoria’s goalkeeper deflected the pass but couldn’t gain possession.

Sophomore midfielder Beth Hamilton found the loose ball and drilled it into Asto-

ria’s net to take a lead.

Mattox found the back of the net and a redemption goal 15 minutes later on an unassisted driving goal to give the Hornets a two-point margin.

Mattox said the two early goals allowed Henley to relax and have fun, which showed as the Hornets held possession, found good passing lanes and pressed the ball up the pitch.

Meanwhile, the Fishermen were anxious to find equalizing goals, forcing passes and giving up possession under pressure.

Astoria couldn’t capitalize on their offensive opportunities resulting in a shutout elimination.

“The team as a whole stepped up and played well,” Hedlund said. “We had good possession, finished our chances. It was nice to see them peaking when it matters.”

After halftime, Astoria put up an impressive defensive front and kept the Hornets scoreless for the remainder of the game, as goalkeeper Shelby Rasmussen successfully stopped every Henley shot on goal in the second half.

Astoria finishes the season 4-7-4 overall. Henley will play Tuesday at Philomath.

Knappa boys qualify for state

By **GARY HENLEY**
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For the first time since 2006, Knappa will send its entire boys cross-country team to the state meet.

The Loggers qualified for their trip to Eugene later this week by finishing second in the team standings of the Special District 1 3A/2A/1A cross-country meet, Friday at Tualatin High School.

St. Stephen’s won the 2A/1A boys’ team title with 23 points. Led by Robert Piña-Morton’s third-place finish, Knappa was second with 62 points, ahead of Southwest Christian (81).

St. Stephen’s junior Seth Bergeron won the 5,000-meter race in 16 minutes, 1.73 seconds, and the Archers had five runners in the top 10.

Aiden Smith of St. Stephen’s was second (16:06), with Piña-Morton third, shattering his own school record with a 16:17 finish.

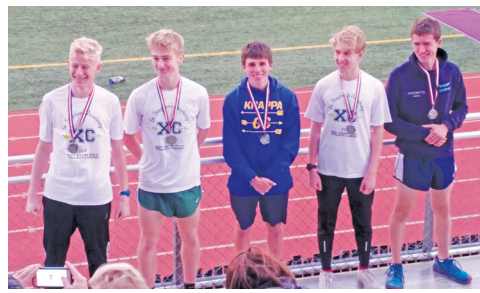
Piña-Morton had plenty of support, as freshman teammate Isaiah Rodriguez was 11th overall in 17:54. Not far behind was Knappa freshman Finn Corcoran (16th, 18:50), sophomore Shane McMahan (17th, 18:55) and freshman Clay Keyser (20th, 19:08). Freshman Ethan Smalley was 32nd (20:12), and freshman Moses Peitsch was 49th (21:22).

With the exception of Smalley, all Knappa times were personal records.

“McMahan really provided us with a boost,” said Knappa coach Stan Sporseen. “He was seeded 42nd going in. It was probably our best week of workouts, and it paid off.”

Knappa freshman Emily Larsen set a PR in the girls race, finishing 22nd in 22:34.

“Really impressive work today for a bunch



Stan Sporseen

The top five finishers in the District 1-2A/1A boys cross-country meet, including Knappa’s Robert Piña-Morton, center.

of 14- and 15-year-olds,” Sporseen said.

In the 2006 state meet, the Knappa boys finished 14th out of 14 scoring teams. Josh Fry was Knappa’s top finisher (41st in 18:25).

Fifth-place finishes for Warrenton

In the 3A/2A/1A girls’ race, Warrenton was fifth out of 11 scoring team.

Warrenton’s top runner was senior Kaisa Liljenwall (20th, 22:23), followed by sophomore teammate Abigail Miller (24th, 22:49), freshman Tori Rehnert (29th, 23:22), sophomore Hayleigh Anglim (40th, 24:25), Divine Godwin (53rd, 25:38) and Anna Schenbeck (73rd, 29:28).

In the 3A boys’ race, Warrenton was fifth out of nine teams.

Senior Kaleb Moss led the Warriors, placing 16th in 18:23. Teammate Forrest Cooley was close behind (18th, 18:26), followed by freshman Masyn McCulloch (32nd, 19:34), junior Julien Whitsett (33rd, 19:39), sophomore Erik Cooley (41st, 20:35), senior Darren Garnett (44th, 20:54) and sophomore Nathan Streibeck-Peterson (53rd, 22:16).

VOLLEYBALL

Astoria and North Marion go the distance

The Astorian

Seeking their first trip to the state tournament since 2012, the Astoria volleyball team came up just short in a Saturday night match at the Brick House.

North Marion bounced back from a lopsided loss in Game 1, and left town with a five-set win, 10-25, 25-15, 14-25, 25-18, 16-14.

The Huskies advance to the state tournament, where North Marion will face Junction City in a quarterfinal match, Friday at Forest Grove High School.

Cowapa League rivals Banks and Valley Catholic both scored sweeps Saturday and will face each other in a quarterfinal match.

“We played pretty well most of the night,” said Astoria coach Jessie Todd, whose team swept the Huskies earlier in the season, and won Saturday’s first set by 15 points. “I was not disappointed in any way with how we played. I think North Marion was a little dazed after the first game, but they’re a very good team.”

The Fishermen spread their offensive attack around, as Kelsey Fausett led Astoria with 12 kills, followed by Taja Tuimato (11), Kajsa Jackson (10) and Julia Norris (nine).

Fausett also had a team-high 11 digs, while Norris had 10 digs and Jackson led with six blocks. Tuimato had four ace serves.