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BOYS BASKETBALL

Warrenton wins one, loses one at Vernonia

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The Warrenton Warriors split a pair of games in the Vernonia Tournament over the weekend in nonleague boys basketball action. Austin Little poured in 20 points and Devin Jackson added 18 to go with 12 rebounds, leading Warrenton to a 66-34 win Friday over Gervais.

Little “was very assertive offensively,” said Warrenton coach Nate McBride. “He scored in a variety of ways, knocking down three’s and finishing at the rim.”

Defensively, Warrenton’s Hordie Bodden Bodden “really set the tone on ball, with five steals and never allowing Gervais to get into their offense,” he said.

In a Saturday game against Umatilla, the Vikings fought off a 19-14 halftime deficit to defeat the Warriors 42-35, helping Umatilla improve to 3-0.

“We came out and played well in the first half,” McBride said. “We struggled at times offensively, but the kids played lockdown defense to go into the break up 19-14.”

In the second half, “Umatilla did a better job adjusting than us,” he said. “They mixed up their defensive look and we didn’t respond well. We failed to hit a shot from the field in the third quarter, and seven or eight turnovers led to some easy offense” for the Vikings, who scored 20 points in the quarter, including a 3-pointer at the buzzer to take a 10-point lead going into the fourth.

Still, “we played hard enough to win and the kids competed, but we didn’t have the kids prepared enough for some of the things Umatilla did,” McBride said.

Andrew Earl scored 14 to lead the Vikings, while Jackson had 16 and Little scored 10 for the Warriors.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE	
TUESDAY	
Girls Basketball — Cascade at Astoria, 5 p.m.; Scappoose at Seaside, 7:30 p.m.	
Boys Basketball — Cascade at Astoria, 6:30 p.m.; Scappoose at Seaside, 6 p.m.; Clatskanie at Knappa, 7 p.m.	
WEDNESDAY	
Girls Basketball — Neah-Kah-Nie at Warrenton, 6 p.m.; Jewell at Knappa, 5:30 p.m.	
Boys Basketball — Neah-Kah-Nie at Warrenton, 7:30 p.m.	
GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Astoria 55, Madras 42	
AST (55): Hailey O’Brien 19, Norris 12, Hankwitz 9, Fausett 7, Jackson 4, Helmersen 2, Fisher 2, Long, Cole.	
MDR (42): Kathryn Danzuka 17, Francis 9, Davis 8, Johns 6, White 2.	
Astoria 18 18 13 6—55	
Madras 2 21 6 13—42	
Astoria 83, Hood River Valley 18	
HR (18): Grace Meyers 11, McNerney 3, Barajas 2, Soto 2.	
AST (83): Kajsa Jackson 15, Hankwitz 10, Helmersen 10, Cole 10, Fisher 10, O’Brien 9, Long 8, Fausett 8, Norris 3, Norman, Espelien, Mathews, Rasmussen.	
H.River 2 3 3 10—18	
Astoria 20 22 25 16—83	
Stayton 34, Seaside 33	
STA (33): K.J. Nyquist 15, Mitchell 8, Kay-Tyler 6, Kar-Tyler 4, Storey 3.	
SEA (34): Caleigh Peterson 14, Taylor 12, Blodgett 3, McFadden 2, Doney 2, Snyder, Douglas.	
Stayton 10 13 11 0—34	
Seaside 8 7 13 5—33	
Oakland 29, Warrenton 24	
WAR (24): Avyree Miethe 10, Kapua 5, Ramsey 5, Heyen 2, Dunaway 2, Kelly.	
OAK (29): Taylor Yard 11, Witten 7, Parnell 2, Oberman 3, Pfaff 3, Brownson 2, Bean 1.	
Warrenton 3 7 2 12—24	
Oakland 8 5 7 9—29	
BOYS BASKETBALL	
Seaside 57, Stayton 53	
STA (53): Ben Rash 12, Berning 11, Classen 9, Wigginton 7, Muhic 7, Whieldon 4, Daniels 3.	
SEA (57): Brayden Johnson 21, Snyder 17, Hague 9, Be-Johnson 5, Langmo 3, Sibony 2, Pugh, Rich.	
Stayton 7 12 16 18—53	
Seaside 13 11 21 12—57	
FOOTBALL	
1B State Championship (at Mt. Tahoma H.S.)	
Odessa 80, Naselle 26	
Naselle 0 6 14 6—26	
Odessa 32 22 16 10—80	

First Quarter				
ODS: Marcus King 16 run (King run)				
ODS: Josh Clark 1 run (King run)				
ODS: King 13 run (Clark run)				
ODS: King 65 run (King run)				
Second Quarter				
ODS: King 7 run (Brady Walter run)				
NAS: Jimmy Strange 26 run (run failed)				
ODS: Josh Clark 44 (King run)				
ODS: King 49 run (pass failed)				
Third Quarter				
NAS: JI.Strange 21 (Strange run)				
ODS: Pilot Weischaar 51 run (King run)				
ODS: King 10 run (Gage Starkel pass)				
NAS: Fa’aoso Tutu’u 52 run (run failed)				
Fourth Quarter				
ODS: King 33 run (Jett Nelson kick)				
ODS: Nelson 22 FG				
NAS: JI.Strange 62 run (run failed)				



Photos by Patrick Webb

Naselle junior Jimmy Strange prepares to fend off an Odessa defender as he carries the ball on a run during state championship game action. Strange scored three touchdowns and gained 144 yards in the game, which was dominated by Odessa’s running back Marcus King, who set a record for number of touchdowns (six) in a 1B championship game and individual yards gained (380).

RB KING CROWNS ODESSA’S SEASON AT NASELLE’S EXPENSE

Comets place second in state after losing championship game

By PATRICK WEBB
For The Astorian

TACOMA, Wash. — For Naselle’s football team, the only good news about the state’s top 1B running back is that he is a senior — and the Comets will never play against him again.

Marcus King led Odessa to the WIAA state championship Saturday with six touchdowns — a record in a 1B title game — as the Tigers retained the trophy they won last year with an 80-26 win.

The simple summary of the game was Odessa forging to a huge lead and Naselle trying to limit the damage.

King, last season’s 1B player of the year, wasn’t unstoppable. When Comet tacklers double teamed him and grabbed him early in his run, they could bring him down.

But the 6-0, 175-pound running back set the tone early with three touchdowns, one of 65 yards, that gave the Tigers a 32-point cushion when the first quarter ended. At halftime, a 54-6 lead was unlikely to be



Naselle quarterback Ethan Lindstrom is about to be turned upside down by an Odessa player as teammate Warren Wirkkala moves to assist during action at the WIAA 1B state championship game.

overturned, especially as Odessa scored three more touchdowns in the second half and only missed one 2-point conversion (thanks to a solid tackle from Naselle’s 6-0 sophomore Jason Harman).

PREP ROUNDUP

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Astoria scores tournament title at Madras

The Astoria girls basketball team scored the first of what will likely be many tournament victories over the weekend.

Following an 83-18 win Friday over Hood River Valley, the Lady Fishermen finished the White Buffalo Classic with a 55-42 win Saturday night over the host team from Madras.

For the second straight game, Astoria had the game basically wrapped up after just one quarter.

After outscoring Hood River 20-2 in Friday’s game, Astoria led Madras 18-2 after the first quarter in Saturday’s contest.

Hailey O’Brien poured in 19 points (all in the first three quarters) to lead Astoria, followed by Julia Norris with 12 and Brooklynn Hankwitz with nine.

The two teams combined for 53 turnovers (Madras 27, Astoria 26).

In Friday’s tournament opener, the Lady Fishermen had all the points they would need after just one quarter, as they cruised to an 83-18 win over class 5A Hood River Valley.

After the 20-2 first quarter, Astoria led 42-5 at halftime and 67-8 after three quarters.

While Hood River had 23 turnovers, the Lady Fishermen spread their scoring around, with eight players scoring eight or more points and five players in double figures.

Kajsa Jackson led all scorers with 15 points, followed by Halle Helmersen, Taileigh Cole, Kailee Fisher and Brooklynn Hankwitz with 10 points apiece.

The Fishermen return home to

host two games this week, Tuesday against Cascade (5 p.m.) and Scappoose (Friday, 6 p.m.).

Stayton edges Seaside

Stayton did not score a single point in the fourth quarter, and Seaside had chances to win it in the final minute, but Stayton managed to hold on for a 34-33 nonleague girls basketball win Friday night at the Gulls’ Nest.

The Eagles held a 34-28 lead after three quarters, went 0-for-5 from the free throw line in the final 21 seconds of the game, but a young Seaside team could not take advantage and lost for the second time in three days.

Stayton was coming off a 55-13 win over Estacada two days earlier, while the Gulls were trying to rebound from a 45-33 loss Wednesday at Cascade.

Stayton built a 19-10 lead in the first half, and increased the advantage to 34-23 late in the third quarter.

The Gulls rallied behind a 3-pointer from freshman Caleigh Peterson, a layup and two free throws by Lilli Taylor and cut Stayton’s lead to 34-32 early in the fourth.

And that’s where it stayed for much of the final period, as both teams struggled to score over the final seven minutes.

Seaside managed to hit one free throw with 7.2 seconds left, and came up one point short on the scoreboard.

Stayton senior K.J. Nyquist led all scorers with 15 points, followed by sophomore Miley Mitchell with eight.

Peterson hit four 3-pointers on her way to a team-high 14 points, while Taylor had 12 points and

seven rebounds before fouling out. The Gulls were 5-of-16 from the 3-point line, and 5-for-23 on two-point field goals.

“Things got better as we figure out who we are,” said Seaside coach Mike Hawes. “We’re not deep — we go with about six to seven kids right now — so they’re learning a ton as they get into game shape.”

In Friday’s loss, “we had lots of opportunities, but we let them get just a bit too big a lead,” Hawes said. “Lilli filled the stat sheet, and Caleigh Peterson hit some nice shots and scored some points for us.”

Warrenton drops two in Sutherlin tourney

Two games, two five-point losses for the Warrenton girls basketball team to open the 2019-20 season over the weekend.

For the second year in a row, the Lady Warriors took part in the Bill Spelgatti Invitational at Sutherlin.

Warrenton went 3-0 in last year’s tournament, scoring wins over South Umpqua, Sutherlin and Lakeview.

In the opener of this year’s invitational, Oakland defeated Warrenton 29-24 Friday afternoon.

Taylor Yard scored 11 points to go with five rebounds and two blocked shots for the Oakers, and teammate Ellie Witten added seven points.

Avyree Miethe led Warrenton with 10 points, followed by Melia Kapua and Kenzie Ramsey with five apiece.

Lakeview (which lost a 61-29 decision to Warrenton in last year’s tournament), scored a little payback with a 38-33 win over the Warriors in Saturday’s game.

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Seaside boys hold off Stayton

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Seaside bounced back from an opening night loss last Wednesday with a 57-53 win over Stayton in a nonleague boys basketball game Friday at Seaside.

The game wasn’t nearly as close as the final score, as the Gulls held a 39-25 lead midway through the third quarter, before the Eagles made a late run in the fourth.

Seaside’s Brayden Johnson scored 11 of his game-high 21 points in the first quarter, but the senior found himself on the bench with three fouls early in the second period.

And that kept the Eagles close for the remainder of the first half, which ended with the Gulls holding a slim 24-19 lead.

Stayton scored the first two points of the third quarter, but Johnson and Stephen Snyder went on a scoring rampage from there, outscoring the Eagles 15-4 in a decisive run.

While Johnson scored most of his points in the first eight minutes of the game, Snyder scored most of his in the final 16. Snyder finished with 17 points after scoring just two in the first half.

Back-to-back 3-point baskets by Stayton’s Logan Classen and Malachi Muhic helped the Eagles close to within 53-48 with 1:48 remaining, before Snyder put the game away at the free throw line.