

PREP ROUNDUP

Two wins in two days for Astoria girls basketball team

Two days, two games, two more wins for the Astoria girls basketball team over the weekend.

The Lady Fishermen used an early run to build a big lead in a 46-43 win Friday at Molalla, then a fourth quarter run by Astoria led to a 59-44 win Saturday over Corbett at the Brick House.

The results help the Fishermen improve to 12-2 overall, as Astoria (ranked second in the coaches poll) nears the league season.

Astoria opened the weekend in its usual fashion, stunning Molalla in the first quarter with a pressure defense that led to an 18-0 run for the Lady Fish.

“Against Molalla we came out aggressively, and did a great job the first quarter,” said Astoria coach Mike Jacobson. “The rest of the game we got complacent and lost our edge. The girls got tired in the second half. Brooklynn (Hankwitz) fouled out, but Kajsa (Jackson) did a good job in the second half.” Astoria held a 35-25 lead, but Molalla rallied and pulled to within 41-36 after three quarters.

Audri Greer banked in a 3-pointer to bring the Indians within 42-39 with 5:10 left, but Astoria held on for the win.

The Lady Fishermen had a balanced scoring effort, with Hankwitz leading the way with 14 points, followed by Kelsey Fausett (11) and Hailey O’Brien (eight).

In Saturday’s win over Corbett, “we came out at times aggressive on defense and ran our offense good at times,” Jacobson said. “We got stuck standing around offensively at times which hurt us. We made a run late in the fourth quarter and got up by 20, and we were able to finish out the game.

“Like I told the girls, we are going to get everybody’s best shot and they need to be mentally and physically ready every practice and game.”

Fausett led Astoria with 12 points, with 11 points from Julia Norris, followed by Hankwitz (10) and Halle Helmersen (nine).

Astoria boys beat Molalla, fall to Corbett

Two games in two days resulted in a win and a loss for the Astoria boys basketball team, which is slowly working its way back to health.

The Fishermen opened the weekend with a 64-57 win Friday night at Molalla.

Astoria was missing Xander Marincovich (out with the flu), but the Fishermen regained the services of Ryan Stenblom, who had 13 points and was one of four players in double figures.

Colton McMaster led the way with 20 points, while Dylan Junes added 11 and Isaac Brockman finished with 10.

Astoria had an early 11-0 run and led 16-7 after one quarter, before the Indians rallied and outscored the Fishermen 35-26 over the second and third quarters.

Still, Astoria overcame foul trouble and won the fourth quarter, 22-15.

The Fishermen had more foul trouble the next night, which ended up costing Astoria in a nonleague game against Corbett at the Brick House.

The Cardinals trailed 27-21 at halftime, but rallied and outscored Astoria 33-12 in the second half for a 54-39 win.

Stenblom had 15 points and McMaster added 11, while Corbett’s Joe Fundak led all scorers with 25.

Astoria has nonleague games remaining Tuesday at Estacada and Friday at home vs. Gladstone before opening Cowapa League play Jan. 21 vs. Seaside.

Seaside girls crush Estacada, 56-33

Lilli Taylor scored 26 points, and Seaside led from start to finish at winless Estacada in a nonleague girls basketball game Friday night.

The visiting Gulls went on a 15-1 run midway through the second half on their way to an easy 56-33 victory over the Rangers.

Seaside improved to 6-6, while Estacada — ranked 34th out of 34 teams — dropped to 0-11.

The Rangers had their moments, rallying from an early 10-1 deficit and pulling to within 17-15 with 4:40 left in the first half.

But sparked by consecutive scores from Taylor, Seaside finished the first half on an 8-0 run for a 25-15 lead at the break.

The teams traded hoops for the first half of the third quarter, before the Gulls started scoring off steals and turnovers to build an insurmountable lead.

Taylor and Jadah Doney both had baskets off steals, and Seaside built an eventual 25-point lead.

Taylor scored nine of her 26 in the final period. Ruby Douglas was Seaside’s only other player in double figures, with 10 points, while Tristyn McFadden added seven.

“All wins are good wins, someone said, and can’t say I’d argue with that,” said Seaside coach Mike Hawes. “Lilli and Ruby kind of saved the day for us, and Tristyn has played some nice floor games recently.”

Douglas had four assists and 12 of Seaside’s 30 rebounds, while the Gulls hauled in 12 offensive boards and finished with 13 steals. Seaside was 0-for-7 from the 3-point line and 8-for-20 on free throws, but shot 46% from the field (24-of-52).

Hawes added, “Again, it’s a process and hopefully we build on this and get ready for the last nonleague game,” Tuesday at home vs. Gladstone. “We did some good things, but we’re still learning how to compete for four quarters and what it means to play hard.”

Seaside boys snap two-game skid, pound Estacada 82-51

The Estacada Rangers were feeling pretty good in the opening minute of the third quarter Friday night, trailing Seaside by just one point, 35-34.

But after that, it was all Gulls, who went on a 47-12 run for an eventual 82-51 win at Estacada in a nonleague boys basketball game.

Seaside snapped a two-game losing skid by pounding the Rangers on the boards and at both ends of the floor in the second half.

Estacada had led 23-19 midway through the second quarter, but a pair of 3-pointers by Beau Johnson put Seaside in front to stay at 27-23.

After Estacada’s Nathan Hagel opened the third period with a 3-pointer, the Gulls went on a 15-0 run, highlighted by 3-point bombs from Ryan Hague and Johnson.

Seaside continued the onslaught into the fourth quarter, with three 3-pointers by Brayden Johnson as the Gulls scored 23 points or more in each of the final three quarters.

Hague led Seaside with 21 points, with Brayden Johnson scoring 19 and Beau Johnson adding 14. Stephen Snyder chipped in 11 for the Gulls, who play Tuesday at Gladstone.

Estacada (3-8) has lost three of its last four games, with the three losses coming to Tillamook, Valley Catholic and Seaside. The Rangers host Astoria Tuesday.

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Seattle Seahawks’ Shaquem Griffin and Shaquill Griffin embrace after an NFL divisional playoff football game against the Green Bay Packers on Sunday in Green Bay.

Seattle defense struggles in season-ending loss to Packers

By KEITH JENKINS
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GREEN BAY, Wis. — The Seattle Seahawks were routinely Super Bowl contenders just a few years ago thanks in large part to their dominant defense.

That’s no longer the case. Seattle’s defense bent and then broke Sunday, surrendering 344 total yards and committing costly penalties in a season-ending 28-23 loss to the Green Bay Packers in the NFC divisional round. It was yet another rough outing for a defensive unit that struggled to stop anyone all season.

“I would say, feel the loss,” linebacker Bobby Wagner said of his message to the younger players. “Feel what that feels like, and use that to motivate you in the off-season. Whether it’s your workouts, whether it’s the off-season training, studying, things of that nature. Because if we use it how we’re supposed to use it and we grow, next season should be a really good season. Kind of feels like 2012 again.”

The pieces that led the Seahawks to back-to-back Super Bowl appearances in 2014 and 2015 are mostly gone. Wagner and K.J. Wright are both still here. But Richard Sherman is with the 49ers, Earl Thomas is a member of the Ravens and Kam Chancellor is retired. Malcolm Smith, who was the Super Bowl MVP for the Seahawks in 2014, and Michael Bennett are both in Dallas.

Wright sat at his locker, which was next to Wagner’s, after the loss for several minutes with his head in his hands. The nine-year veteran, all with Seattle, had seven total tackles Sunday.

“Losing’s always hard,” he said. “Whenever the season ends you just know this is

the last time these 53 guys will be together, and it always hard for me to just move on. The older I get, the more challenging it gets.”

Wagner’s 137 postseason tackles are the most in the NFL since 2012. Wagner led the league with 159 tackles this regular season. But Wright, Wagner and the Seattle defense haven’t been the same without a shutdown secondary.

Davante Adams did whatever he wanted Sunday, torching the Seattle defense for a franchise playoff-record 160 yards and two touchdowns on eight catches.

“Of course, Davante was extraordinary tonight,” coach Pete Carroll said.

Aaron Jones added two scores, including one with Jadeveon Clowney on the sideline with an injury to his midsection. The Seahawks did manage two sacks on Aaron Rodgers, who passed Dan Marino for eighth on the all-time list of career post-season passing yards, but failed to force a single turnover and couldn’t get off the field when it needed to.

The Packers’ offense, which struggled to find consistency all season, was 9 of 14 on third down and 3 for 3 in the red zone.

“A-Rod did a good job of getting the ball out pretty fast,” Wagner said of Rodgers. “It was hard for us to get to him. When we did get to him, he was finding a way to get out of the pocket and kind of extend the play. So we definitely felt that was a big part of the game.”

The Seahawks finished 2019 with the 26th-ranked defense in the NFL. Seattle had the 27th-ranked passing defense and was 22nd against the run.

Seattle has now lost nine straight at Lambeau Field and is 1-9 all-time in the Packers’ home stadium.

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TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
30 29	30 29	43 34	44 40	49 41	51 41	51 40
A snow shower in spots	Snow, 1-2"	A little snow	Rain and drizzle	Rain	Cloudy, rain possible	Rain



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Astoria through Sunday

Temperatures

High/low	48/37
Normal high/low	50/38
Record high	61 in 1986
Record low	15 in 1909

Precipitation

Sunday	0.57"
Month to date	7.75"
Normal month to date	4.17"
Year to date	7.75"
Normal year to date	4.17"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight’s Sky: Saturn and Pluto at solar conjunction.

SUN AND MOON

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

Sunrise today	7:55 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:54 p.m.
Moonrise today	9:57 p.m.
Moonset today	10:41 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Jan 17	Jan 24	Feb 1	Feb 8

TODAY’S TIDES

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
4:06 a.m.	8.1	9:52 a.m.	2.6
3:29 p.m.	8.8	10:22 p.m.	-0.4

Cape Disappointment

3:42 a.m.	8.2	8:58 a.m.	3.0
3:03 p.m.	8.6	9:29 p.m.	-0.5

Hammond

4:43 a.m.	8.4	9:19 a.m.	2.8
3:16 p.m.	9.1	9:50 p.m.	-0.6

Warrenton

4:01 a.m.	8.6	9:36 a.m.	2.7
3:24 p.m.	9.2	10:06 p.m.	-0.3

Knappa

4:43 a.m.	8.4	10:53 a.m.	2.2
4:06 p.m.	9.0	11:23 p.m.	-0.3

Depoe Bay

2:56 a.m.	8.2	8:27 a.m.	3.0
2:14 p.m.	8.9	9:00 p.m.	-0.7

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	71/63/t	72/59/t
Boston	45/42/c	52/37/pc
Chicago	44/24/pc	39/19/c
Dallas	67/59/pc	73/52/t
Denver	52/25/pc	49/22/s
Honolulu	82/73/c	81/71/r
Houston	78/68/c	80/66/t
Los Angeles	63/44/pc	65/47/s
Miami	81/68/s	81/68/s
New York City	48/42/c	54/42/pc
Phoenix	70/45/s	73/51/s
San Francisco	55/42/pc	54/47/pc
Wash., DC	54/43/sh	60/48/c

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

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REGIONAL FORECAST

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Seattle	27/25	28/24	Wenatchee	20/10	
Aberdeen	29/26		Moses Lake	25/14	
Olympia	27/24		Yakima	32/15	
Longview	30/26		Kennewick	31/20	
Portland	35/27		Walla Walla	29/20	
The Dalles	36/21		Lewiston	34/21	
Salem	32/28		Enterprise	30/12	
Albany	34/27		Hermiston	34/22	
Corvallis	34/27		Pendleton	31/18	
Eugene	35/30		La Grande	32/15	
Bend	33/15		John Day	32/13	
Burns	31/7		Ontario	37/23	
Medford	42/29		Caldwell	38/24	
Klamath Falls	34/20				