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Athletes of the Week



While teammate Lilli Taylor scores most of the points, Douglas does her work on the boards, which she did last week in consecutive wins over Warrenton and Estacada. Douglas hauled in eight rebounds (including five offensive boards) to go with 10 points in the victory at Warrenton, then had 12 rebounds with 10 points and four assists in a 56-33 win over Estacada. She made 9-of-19 shots from the field for double figures in points in both games.

Since placing second at districts in 2019, the senior is on a mission. He won another title in a major tournament last weekend, taking first in the 220-pound division of Seaside's Pac Rim Invitational. Nelson opened with 10-2 major decision over Jackson Contreras of Tillamook, then pinned his next three opponents: Raymond Helm of Scappoose (1:34), Dylan McInnis of Yamhill-Carlton (4:53) and Nico Winsor of Estacada in the championship in 3:40.

Estacada rallies to beat Astoria boys, 63-56

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Astoria and Estacada played the momentum game Thursday night, in a nonleague boys basketball contest.

The Fishermen held a double-digit lead in the first half, before the Rangers rallied with a 19-9 run in the third quarter on their way to a 63-56 win over Astoria.

“We had a 14- or 15-point lead in the first half, then (the Rangers) came out hot in the third quarter and made a bunch of threes,” said Astoria coach Kevin Goin.

To be exact, Estacada made seven 3-pointers on the night and finished with three players in double figures.

Nathan Hagel and Elijah Crombie scored 12 points apiece and Isaiah Schaffer added 11 for the Rangers, who trailed 15-7 deficit after one quarter.

Astoria’s Colton McMaster topped 20 points for the second time in three games, pouring in a game-high 24 in Thursday’s loss.

Ryan Stenblom scored 11 and Isaac Brockman added 10 for the Fishermen, who held a 29-23 lead at halftime.

Estacada’s 19-9 run in the third period gave the Rangers a 42-38 advantage going to the fourth. Astoria kept it close, giving up more points but then rallying to within 55-52 with three minutes left.

But, “again, they hit some three’s and made some free throws,” Goin said.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE	
TUESDAY	
Boys Basketball — Seaside at Astoria, 6 p.m.; Rainier at Warrenton, 6 p.m.; Perrydale at Jewell, 5:30 p.m.	
Girls Basketball — Seaside at Astoria, 7:45 p.m.; Rainier at Warrenton, 7:30 p.m.; Perrydale at Jewell, 7 p.m.	
BOYS BASKETBALL	
Thursdays: Estacada 63, Astoria 56	
AST (56): Colton McMaster 24, Stenblom 11, Brockman 10, Marincovich 4, Jones 3, Williams 2, Altheide-Nielson 2, Matthews.	
EST (63): Nathan Hagel 12, Elijah Crombie 12, Schaffer 11, NaCoste 9, Haefs 8, Snyder 6, Tellis 5.	
Astoria 15 14 9 18—56	
Estacada 7 16 19 21—63	



The Seaside Riptide basketball team. Bottom row, from left: Kylie Keranen, Carly Corder, Mya Feeney. Top row: Kimberly Cristobal, Ella Brenden, Sophia Bucher, Kenzie Starr, Lily Miller, McKenna White, Moriah Johnson.

SEASIDE YOUTH TEAM OFF TO STATE

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The Seaside girls sixth grade basketball team has qualified for the upcoming state tournament.

Seaside split a pair of games with Knappa the weekend of Jan. 11-12, and took second place at a tournament in Clatskanie.

Knappa defeated Seaside 24-14 Saturday, but the Riptide of Seaside bounced back with a 38-13 win over Knappa on Sunday.

White River knocked off Seaside 35-21

in the championship game in the Clatskanie tournament.

Coached by Chris Corder and assistant coach Scott White, team members include Ella Brenden, Sophia Bucher, Carly Corder, Kimberly Cristobal, Mya Feeney, Moriah Johnson, Kylie Keranen, Lily Miller, Kenzie Starr and McKenna White.

The team plays Saturday at Warrenton Grade School, with games against Napavine at 10 a.m. and Sherwood at 3 p.m.

Weaver sisters lead Knappa

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Knappa bounced back from a narrow loss Monday at Mannahouse Christian with a 35-24 win Wednesday over Columbia Christian, in Northwest League girls basketball action.

Katelynn Weaver led Knappa with 14 points, followed by older sister Madelynn with 12. Madelynn Weaver had team highs of eight steals and eight rebounds, while Katelynn finished with six steals. Sophia Carlson added seven points.

“Madelynn started the game very strong, hitting some great outside looks, but it was really the second half where the girls picked up their energy and defensive intensity,” said Knappa coach Tracie Brockey. “Initially, we were struggling to get the ball inside with their two taller post players (24 — Hartwich and 14 — Baker), but found ways in the second half to create more offense through our defense.”

The Lady Loggers went on an 11-2 run to start the third quarter, “and played with more confidence and more composure from that point on,” Brockey said. “They converted on turnovers and moved the ball better in our half-court offense to get more open looks.

“It’s fun to play when all five players are on the same page, and I know it’s more fun to watch.”

Katelynn Weaver had eight of her points in the third quarter, mostly off turnovers created by Knappa’s high pressure defense.

“We are still working on finding ways to get to the free throw line, as we shot two free throws to their 29,” Brockey said. “I’m happy with the girls’ effort. We will have to be focused on every game, one at a time, and not get too far ahead of ourselves if we want to reach the playoffs this season, which sounds crazy given our current league record (2-5), but once again, I believe we are capable of competing with any team in our league and we get a second run at each of them starting Thursday.”

Knappa beats Columbia Christian on buzzer-beater

By GARY HENLEY
The Astorian

The unbeaten Knappa Loggers cleared one of the last remaining hurdles between themselves and a perfect regular season Wednesday night.

Hosting their longtime nemesis from Columbia Christian, Knappa knocked off the Knights 52-49, in a Northwest League boys basketball showdown that could go a long ways in determining the No. 1 seed at the state tournament.

And the Loggers did it in the most dramatic fashion, as Kanai Phillip banked in a 3-pointer from two feet behind the arc as time expired to snap a 49-49 tie.

With the victory, the Loggers

improve to 15-0 overall, 7-0 in league, and should vault Knappa right back into the No. 1 spot in the state rankings. The Loggers came into the game ranked third, while No. 8 Columbia Christian falls to 10-4 overall.

Knappa coach Paul Isom called it a “hard fought win.”

He added, “We got off to a great start and really controlled the game for the most part in the first half.”

The Loggers built an early 7-0 lead, and held a 19-13 advantage after one quarter.

But, Isom said, “we gave up a 5-0 run in the last 30 seconds of the half to give them some momentum,” as Knappa’s halftime lead was trimmed to 28-23.

The Loggers held a slim advantage for most of the third quarter, before the Knights rallied to tie the game at 43-43 heading into the fourth.

“The second half was tight most of the time, but we led nearly the whole game until the last few minutes,” Isom said. “But we held our composure and executed down the stretch. We really played great defense.”

The contest was tied 49-49 with 1:32 remaining, and it was still 49-49 after Columbia Christian missed two free throws with three seconds left.

After the missed free throws, “we were able to get Kanai the ball and he hit the shot, a bank three as the time expired,” Isom said. “Just

a great effort by all of our guys.”

Devin Hoover led Knappa with 14 points, followed by Mason Westerholm with 12 (on four 3-pointers), and Phillip finished with 11 points.

The Knights held Eli Takalo to just nine points, and Joe Ramvick added six.

Westerholm “was a monster on defense,” Isom said, “defending their 7-foot post (junior Moritz Hartwich). Camo (Miethe) again came in and gave us a spark, and locked down their best perimeter player. Devin and Eli both hit some big shots. And Joe was his usual disruptive self on defense.”

The Loggers’ lone remaining challenge will be Feb. 10 at Columbia Christian.