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CLATSKANIE, WARRENTON SPLIT DOUBLEHEADER

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The Warrenton boys basketball team bounced back from a home loss to Rainier with a road win at Clatskanie Friday night, 54-40.

A 9-0 run to start the second half keyed the victory, which keeps the Warriors in the top three in the Coastal Range League standings.

Rainier is currently in first at 4-0, followed by Warrenton and Willamina at 2-1. Taft and Clatskanie are both 0-3.

After starting the game on an 8-2 run, Warrenton coach Nate McBride said, “we went flat for the last nine or 10 minutes of the half.”

A buzzer beater by Hordie Bodden-Bodden helped the Warriors finish the second quarter on a 5-0 run for a 21-20 lead, and setting Warrenton’s momentum for the third quarter.

“The kids came out and played one of our best quarters of the year,” McBride said of the third, as the 9-0 run helped Warrenton outscore the Tigers 20-7 in the period.

Austin Little scored 16 points, Devin Jackson added 10 and Dawson Little finished with nine to spread the scoring around for the Warriors.

“We had a real balanced scoring effort, and Hordie played a real complete game with eight assists, seven points and seven rebounds,” McBride said. “It was good to win on the road, and sets up a big game (vs. Willamina, Tuesday at Warrenton).”

Clatskanie 76, Warrenton 31

In the girls’ game, No. 1-ranked Clatskanie defeated Warrenton 76-31, keeping the Tigers (2-1) within one game of first-place Willamina (3-0).

Warrenton falls to 0-3, and hosts Willamina Tuesday at 7:45 p.m.



Jalen Maddox, right, drives on a Clatskanie defender in Warrenton’s win Friday over the Tigers.



LEFT: Warrenton’s Kenzie Ramsey works the ball up the floor in Friday night’s loss at Clatskanie. RIGHT: Avyree Miethe of Warrenton plays defense against Clatskanie in Friday’s loss.



Photos by Danika Cooley

Seaside boys dominate in win over Valiants

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The Gulls were back to playing like the Gulls Friday night at home, where Seaside destroyed Valley Catholic 77-25 in Cowapa League boys basketball action.

Two teams that met in the state championship game two of the last three years were set to battle, but the Valiants never quite showed up Friday, as Seaside held a 40-7 lead midway through the second quarter.

Brayden Johnson scored 27 of his game-high 29 points in the first half, while Beau Johnson added 14 as the only two Seaside players to score in double figures.

Seaside has a week off before hosting Tillamook next Friday.



Valiants slip past Lady Gulls

Valley Catholic held a slim three-point lead going into the final quarter, then finished strong for a 51-37 win Friday over Seaside in a Cowapa League girls basketball game at the Gulls’ Nest.

Junior Josie Napoli scored 25 points for the Valiants, who were playing their league opener.

Held under 40 points for the fifth time in their last six games, the Gulls fall to 0-2 in league, 6-9 overall.

Caleigh Peterson was Seaside’s leading scorer with nine points. She scored four in the first quarter to help give the Gulls an 8-6 lead after one period.

“It was back and forth until about a minute or so left in the third,” said Seaside coach Mike Hawes. “We had three sequences of losing players or not getting back, and now we’re down six or seven going into the fourth.”

The Valiants have “got a pretty good kid (Napoli) that could just make us chase. We’re still just trying to see if we can learn to win some of these games.”

The Gulls struggled from the field, hitting 14-of-48 shots, 3-for-22 from the 3-point line.

Ruby Douglas and Lilli Taylor each had seven points, while Douglas hauled in 13 rebounds, and Taylor had six boards and five assists.

Big second quarter lifts Banks past Astoria boys

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Banks outscored Astoria in the first, third and fourth quarters by a slim 41-36 margin Friday night.

But it was an 18-7 run in the second quarter that ultimately helped the Braves post a 59-43 win over the Fishermen in a Cowapa League boys basketball game at the Brick House.

Astoria coach Kevin Goin called it a “very similar game” to a loss against Seaside three nights earlier.

“We just have stretches or lapses where we’re not doing the things we need to do,” he said. “But I’m still pleased with how we’re playing. We still played hard and made some progress. I can see the positives that we’re making.”

Specifically, it was another big night at the offensive end for Astoria sophomore Colton McMaster, who led all scorers with 24 points,



Melissa Linder-Cho
Dylan Junes of Astoria drives the baseline against a Banks defender in Friday’s game.

three days after scoring 35 against Seaside.

Astoria’s next highest scorers were Ryan Stenblom and Xander Marincovich with six points apiece.

Banks countered with Jarred Evans (20 points) and Jacob Slifka (18), and the Braves knocked down seven 3-pointers.

Astoria girls beat Banks, 46-37

Playing short-handed and facing the No. 2-ranked Astoria girls basketball team on the Fishermen’s home court, the Banks Braves still managed to make the Lady Fish work hard for a win Friday night at the Brick House.

Missing a player of their own, Astoria had three players score in double figures in a 46-37 win over the Braves.

It was only the fifth time in 17 games that the Fishermen have

been held under 50 points.

Still, Astoria built a 26-13 half-time lead over the 14th-ranked Braves. Kajsa Jackson scored all 10 of her points in the first half, as the Fishermen posted another big first half lead.

Playing without sophomore post Nya Johnson (concussion from the previous game) and with starting point guard Camila Narvaez likely done for the season with a broken finger, the Braves did not have enough depth to stay with Astoria.

Hailey O’Brien scored 13 points and Brooklynn Hankwitz added 12 for the Lady Fish, who were outscored 16-7 in the third quarter and saw their lead slip to 33-29. But Astoria won the fourth quarter, 13-8, to lock up its 15th win of the season, with just one loss against Oregon 4A competition (Philomath).

NBA legend Bryant, daughter killed in copter crash

Seven others dead

By STEFANIE DAZIO
Associated Press

CALABASAS, Calif. — NBA legend Kobe Bryant, his daughter and seven others were killed Sunday when their helicopter plunged into a steep hillside in dense morning fog in southern California, his sudden death at age 41 touching off an outpouring of grief for a star whose celebrity transcended basketball.

The chopper went down in Calabasas, about 30 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles. Authorities said nine people were aboard and presumed dead. Bryant, an all-time basketball great who spent his entire 20-year career with the Los Angeles Lakers, was among the victims, a person familiar with the situation told the Associated Press.

Bryant’s 13-year-old daughter, Gianna, also was killed, a different person familiar with the case said.

Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva would not confirm the identities of the victims Sunday pending official word



Keith Birmingham/AP Photo
Fans mourn the loss of Kobe Bryant in front of L.A. Live across from Staples Center, home of the Los Angeles Lakers in Los Angeles on Sunday.

from the coroner.

“God bless their souls,” Villanueva said at a news conference.

The cause of the crash was unknown.

News of the charismatic superstar’s death rocketed around the sports and entertainment worlds, with many taking to Twitter to register their shock, disbelief and anguish.

“Words can’t describe the pain

I am feeling. I loved Kobe — he was like a little brother to me,” retired NBA great Michael Jordan said. “We used to talk often, and I will miss those conversations very much. He was a fierce competitor, one of the greats of the game and a creative force.”

NBA players were in tears during pregame warm-ups as crowds chanted “Kobe! Kobe!” Tiger Woods was unaware of the

news during his final round at Torrey Pines in San Diego when he started hearing the gallery yell “Do it for Mamba,” referring to Bryant by his nickname.

The medical examiner’s office said specialists were working at the scene to recover the bodies, and investigators were trying to confirm identities. Federal transportation safety investigators were en route.

Bryant’s helicopter left Santa Ana shortly after 9 a.m. and circled for a time just east of Interstate 5, near Glendale. Air traffic controllers noted poor visibility around Burbank, just to the north, and Van Nuys, to the northwest.

After holding up the helicopter for other aircraft, they cleared the Sikorsky S-76 to proceed north along Interstate 5 through Burbank before turning west to follow U.S. Route 101, the Ventura Highway.

Shortly after 9:40 a.m., the helicopter turned again, toward the southeast, and climbed to more than 2,000 feet above sea level. It then descended and crashed into the hillside at about 1,400 feet, according to data from FlightRadar24.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

Boys Basketball — Astoria at Tillamook, 6 p.m.; Willamina at Warrenton, 6 p.m.; Oregon School for the Deaf at Jewell, 7 p.m.

Girls Basketball — Astoria at Tillamook, 7:45 p.m.; Willamina at Warrenton, 7:45 p.m.; Oregon School for the Deaf at Jewell, 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Girls Basketball — Knappa at Portland Christian, 6 p.m.; Jewell at Livingstone Adventist, 5:30 p.m.

Boys Basketball — Knappa at Portland Christian, 7:45 p.m.; Jewell at Livingstone Adventist, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Astoria 46, Banks 37

BAN (37): Kate Hailey 13, Saunders 12, Walker 7, Belden 3, Minervini 2, Streblow, Merritt, Shook, Evans.

AST (46): Hailey O'Brien 13, Hankwitz 12, Jackson 10, Long 4, Espelien 3, Cole 2, Helmersen 2, Norris, Matthews.

Banks	8	5	16	8—37
Astoria	15	11	7	13—46

Valley Catholic 51, Seaside 37

VC (51): Josie Napoli 25, Snook 10, Kinder 6, Gunther 4, Trecker 4, Goodno 2.

SEA (37): Caleigh Peterson 9, Douglas 7, Taylor 7, Doney 6, McFadden 3, Blodgett 3, LaPlante 2, Nofield, Owsley, Klemp.

Valley C	6	14	13	18—51
Seaside	8	11	11	7—37

BOYS BASKETBALL

Banks 59, Astoria 43

BAN (59): Jarred Evans 20, Slifka 18, Taylor 6, Buliga 4, Walker 3, Gobel 3, Exline 3, Voss 2, White, Buchanan.

AST (43): Colton McMaster 24, Stenblom 6, Marincovich 6, Brockman 4, Jones 3, Williams, Altheide-Nielson, Matthews, Boudreau.

Banks	11	18	14	16—59
Astoria	8	7	13	15—43

Seaside 77, Valley Catholic 25

VC (25): James Baglaj 8, Elijah Laureles 8, Eberhart 4, Schultheis 4, Hussein 3, Cheung 2.

SEA (77): Brayden Johnson 29, Beau Johnson 14, Bartel 7, Snyder 5, Sibony 5, Hague 4, Corder 3, Rich 2, Bennett 2, Pugh 2.

Valley C	5	6	4	10—25
Seaside	20	23	12	22—77