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Late shot sends Rainier past Warrenton boys

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Just seconds away from their third win in five days, the Warrenton Warriors came up just short Saturday night in McMinnville, where the Rainier boys basketball team rallied from a 50-46 deficit with under a minute remaining to stun the Warriors, 53-50.

A 3-pointer with five seconds left by Rainier's Brennan Tompkins provided the winning points for the Columbians, who earned the Coastal Range League's No. 1 seed to the state playoffs.

The No. 2 seed Warriors will have a week off before traveling to No. 2-ranked Dayton for a state playoff game Saturday at 7 p.m. Warrenton is the only team in the Sweet 16 field with a losing record (11-12).

Rainier won the league's regular season league title with an 8-0 record to Warrenton's 4-4, but as the common phrase goes, "it's tough to beat a team three times in one season."

That proved to be true for the Columbians, who found themselves missing layups and free throws in the second half of Saturday's game.

Tied 21-21 at halftime, the Warriors fought off a 36-29 deficit midway through the third quarter with an 8-0 run to close out the period, highlighted by a 3-pointer from freshman Dawson Little and a three-point play by Devin Jackson in the final seconds of the quarter for a 37-36 Warrenton lead.

In the fourth, a 3-pointer by Tomkins put the Columbians back in front 44-43 with 4:14 left, but the Warriors responded with a score from Jackson and a three-point play by Little that gave Warrenton a 48-44 lead with 1:39 remaining.

With just over a minute left, an inside score by Little had the Warriors in front with a seemingly safe 50-46 lead.

But a few key defensive plays by the Columbians, coupled with four straight made free throws from Easton Crape and Eli Parmley, tied the game at 50-50 with 44 seconds left.

The Warriors had a good look and a chance to take the lead with 10 seconds remaining, but a missed shot gave the Columbians one last possession, and Tompkins took advantage by drilling a 3-pointer from the left baseline corner.

Warrenton missed a desperation 3-pointer at the buzzer.

It was "a great high school basketball game," said Warrenton coach Nate McBride. "There were definitely moments both teams thought they were going to win."

He added, "Dawson Little was unbelievable for us. He set the single game freshman scoring record with 27, breaking the mark of 22 points, set by McBride himself vs. Oregon Episcopal in 2001.

"Hordie (Bodden-Bodden) held league MVP Conner Rea to a league-low 14 points before fouling out with about a minute left," McBride said.

Jake Morrow had 12 rebounds and seven points, and Devin Jackson shut down Easton Crape inside, despite the big size difference.

"It was a game we could have won," McBride said.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE				
TUESDAY				
Boys Basketball — Cowapa League play-off: Banks vs. Seaside, 6 p.m. (at Tillamook High School)				
FRIDAY				
Girls Basketball — State Playoff: (1B) Naselle vs. Muckleshoot Tribal School, 6 p.m. (at Auburn Mountainview)				
SATURDAY				
Girls Basketball — Milwaukie at Astoria, 3 p.m.; State Playoffs: (2B) Ilwaco vs. Toledo, 10 a.m. (at Mark Morris High School)				
Boys Basketball — State Playoffs: (3A) Warrenton at Dayton, 7 p.m.; (2A) Jefferson at Knappa, TBA; (1B) Naselle vs. Riverside Christian, 4 p.m. (at Eisenhower)				
GIRLS BASKETBALL				
Banks 49, Seaside 37				
BAN (49): Camila Narvaez 16, Walker 10, Streblow 8, Hailey 5, Minervini 5, Maller 3, Evans 2.				
SEA (37): Lilli Taylor 15, Doney 6, McFadden 6, Blodgett 5, Douglas 4, Peterson 1, LaPlante, Klomp.				
Banks	10	14	14	11—49
Seaside	8	13	11	5—37



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Seaside junior Tristyn McFadden goes up for a shot in last week's win over Banks.

BANKS GETS REVENGE IN SEASIDE GIRLS' DEFEAT

By GARY HENLEY
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The Banks Braves turned the tables on the Seaside Lady Gulls, and then some, in the last high school girls basketball game ever at Seaside High School.

In a three-day span, the Braves went from a 25-point loss on Thursday to a 12-point victory Saturday night, 49-37, in a Cowapa League seeding game at the Gulls' Nest.

The 37-point swing in favor of the Braves sends Banks to another league playoff, Tuesday at Valley Catholic for the Cowapa's No. 2 seed.

Seaside will still take part in the play-in round, scheduled for later this week.

"I think Banks was a bit motivated from Thursday," said Seaside coach Mike Hawes. "They played hard, no fooling around, manned and were aggressive from the get go. I knew they would be."

Just two nights earlier, the Braves trailed 18-3 after one quarter. But Banks held a 10-8 advantage after eight minutes in Saturday's game.

Three-pointers by Maggie Streblow, Sydney Maller and Betta Minervini had the Braves in front 19-14, before a three-point play by Seaside's Lilli Taylor pulled the Gulls into a 19-19 tie.

But Banks freshman Madison Walker answered with a quick two points, and the Braves never trailed again.

Banks junior guard Camila Narvaez, making her first start of the year against the Gulls, keyed the second half for the Braves, scoring inside and outside, with her 3-pointer giving Banks a 35-30 lead, just seconds after a 3-pointer by Seaside's Tristyn McFadden.

Another trey from McFadden had the Gulls within 41-35 in the opening minute of the fourth quarter, but Banks closed it out at the free throw line, making six straight in the final 2:21.



Seaside's Ruby Douglas, left, and Ellisa Blodgett converge on Banks sophomore Maggie Streblow in last week's game.

Narvaez scored 16 points to lead all players, while Taylor had 15 for the Gulls.

Coach "Brandon (Begley) and Banks are a proud bunch," Hawes said. "So my hat's off to them. A couple different starters played very well for them, with Walker dragging Rudy (Douglas) out high to cover pick 'n' rolls.

"We matched that pretty well the first half with our own pick 'n' roll game," he said. "But (the Braves) got the breaks, the banked shots and played competitively. It was kind of fun, except for the losing."

After hitting 6-of-15 shots from the 3-point line in Thursday's win, the Gulls were 2-for-18 Saturday, in addition to some missed shots inside.

"We left too many points at the rim to win," Hawes said. "Lost our people a little too much, especially Narvaez. But we played to exhaustion. The girls gave us everything, now we have to dig even deeper. I think we've done enough to sneak in to a play-in game."

Knappa boys pound the 'house, 61-48

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It's been 11 years since their last state title, but all the pieces finally seem to be falling into place for the Knappa Loggers.

It started Thursday with a Mannhouse Christian upset at league champion Columbia Christian, and the Loggers took advantage of their good fortune to score an easy win over Mannahouse on Saturday night in Vernonia, where Knappa earned the Northwest League boys basketball No. 1 seed to state with a 61-48 win.

It was a mismatch from the start, with Knappa (24-2 overall)

against the Lions, who finished 8-8 in league play.

The Loggers were heavy favorites coming in, and they wasted no time in proving to be the better team, building early leads of 13-2 and 16-5, before Mannahouse made a brief run and closed to within 27-22 at halftime.

But the Lions quickly lost whatever momentum they had in the second half, as Knappa rebuilt the lead to 49-31 early in the fourth.

Devin Hoover led the Loggers with 38 points, with Mason Westerholm adding 11 and Kanai Phillip with nine.

In addition, "Camo (Miethe) was huge for us as well," said Knappa coach Paul Isom. "He completely shut down Mannahouse's point guard, holding him to five points. Now on to the state playoffs."

The Loggers will be big favorites again later this week, when they host Jefferson Saturday, time TBA, in a first round state playoff.

Knappa has never lost a state playoff game at home, and in first round state playoff games at home since 2006-07, the Loggers are 6-0, winning by an average of 35.3 points per game.

The Loggers will be seeking their third straight trip to Pendleton, and the fourth in the last six years.

Faith Bible tops Knappa girls, 59-52

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The Knappa girls basketball team fell seven points short Saturday afternoon, as Faith Bible hung on for a 59-52 win over the Lady Loggers in a Northwest League playoff game at Vernonia High School.

The game was tied 25-25 at halftime, but "our foul trouble in the third quarter (to Vicki Ramvick and Katelynn Weaver) hurt us and we gave up some easy baskets in what was otherwise a competitive matchup and a winnable game," said Knappa coach Tracie Brockey.

'OUR FOUL TROUBLE IN THE THIRD QUARTER HURT US.'

Tracie Brockey | Knappa coach

The Falcons outscored Knappa 21-8 in the third quarter, before the Loggers outscored Faith Bible 19-13 in the fourth.

"The seniors got to finish out the game," Brockey said. "Even a win wouldn't have boosted us high enough in the RPI scores to reach a state playoff. Only a win against PC (last Thursday) would have done that, but I think the girls were physically and emotionally drained after our win at Nestucca."

Madelynn Weaver led Knappa with 12 points and seven rebounds, while Katelynn Weaver added 12 points and six boards. Bayle McCall had six points, all in fourth quarter.

Faith Bible's Kenya Bolton and Taylor Masterson had 11 points each. The Falcons were 18-of-24 at the free throw line.

All in all, a successful season for the Lady Loggers.

"At the beginning of the season, the coaches and I asked the girls to buy in, to trust the process, and put in the work to better the program," said Brockey, the first-year coach. "We set a bar that they had to reach for, and there was certainly an adjustment period and some growing pains along the way, but the progress they made has been impressive."

Knappa finished 12-15 overall, and in a three-way tie for fourth in the league standings at 7-9.

"It was enjoyable basketball to be a part of," Brockey said. "They doubled their wins from last season, and leading up to their league playoff win against Nestucca won six of nine games against league opponents. The blueprint for our success is out there. It's not flashy, but if we commit to being a defense-first program, if we can make other teams uncomfortable, we will win a lot more ball games."

The Loggers lose some key seniors, including Sophia Carlson, Aiko Miller and Madelynn Weaver, along with Katie Denny and McCall.

"I want the seniors to feel that they are a part of whatever successes the program experiences in the future; that they can sit in the stands and see the continuation of what they were working toward," Brockey said. "They are a really fabulous group of kids with talents far beyond the basketball court."

"I would love for them and for our community to see a Knappa Lady Logger team in Pendleton someday — that's an ultimate goal, but we are going to have a lot of little victories, some basketball related, some not, trying to get there."

She added, "I'm grateful to have been given the opportunity to coach at my alma mater this season. It's very special to me and I owe my coaching staff a huge thank you for their wisdom and guidance this season. It's been a good year."