

SPORTS

OBITUARIES

Comets score 76 points in football win

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Naselle running back Jimmy Strange, left, was king of the field Saturday with four touchdowns in a 76-0 win over Northwest Christian 76-0. He was crowned homecoming king at halftime. Also pictured are fellow seniors Warren Wirkkala (21) and Daniel Holt (13).

NASELLE, Wash. — Senior football captain Jimmy Strange had a busy Saturday night. The Comets running back scored four of Naselle's 10 touchdowns — and was crowned homecoming king at halftime.

Strange had 144 yards on five carries in a 76-0 win over Northwest Christian. It was Naselle's largest winning margin of the shortened season and the second game in which the Comets (now 4-0) have held the opposition scoreless.

Brother Joey Strange, a junior, made his mark, too. He added two touchdowns and led the tackle count with nine plus a fumble recovery.

Senior quarterback Warren Wirkkala controlled the action, gaining 98 yards on four successful passes and carrying the ball himself for

48 yards on four runs.

Just about everyone got on the scoreboard. Junior center George Wilson rolled around defenders on the crowded goal line to run in extra points to make the half-time margin 44-0 then ran through a gap to add two more later in the game.

Junior wide receiver Jason Harman caught a kickoff, ran sideways toward the grandstand but found his path

blocked. He turned around and ran a 50-yard loop in the other direction, neatly sidestepping the final tackler to score.

Two senior linemen made their presence felt. Daniel Holt made seven tackles and put himself on a score-sheet with a 40-yard carry in which he outpaced defenders. And Jordan Lopez, who made six tackles, was alert when the Wolverines fumbled a high snap. He raced forward, scooped up the ball and ran it in.

To complete senior night celebrations, an alert Trevor Johnson was in exactly the right place when a deflected 2-point conversion toss was tipped into his hands for the final score.

Next up for the Comets is a road trip to Taholah on Friday, followed by a season finale March 19.

Banks tops Astoria football in opener

By GARY HENLEY
The Astorian

The Astoria Fishermen brought out their throwback uniforms Friday night, the same uniforms they wore in their 2008 state championship win over Banks.

Meanwhile, the Braves came to CMH Field with the same tough team they seem to have every year.

With a Gobel (Cooper) at quarterback, and talent at every position, Banks opened the shortened spring football season with a 49-18 win over the Fishermen.

The Senior Night game for both teams was originally scheduled to be played at Banks — the only home game the Braves had on their

schedule.

No matter what field the Braves are playing on, Banks is one of the toughest teams at the 4A level, having played in the state championship game in its previous two seasons.

In Friday's win, Gobel threw for 267 yards and five touchdowns on 20-of-24 passing.

Junior running back Jamar Flippen had 14 carries for 101 yards and two scores, and Charles White had seven catches for 119 yards, as the Braves racked up 399 yards in total offense.

Astoria had a few bright spots, as senior Bo Williams threw a 26-yard touchdown pass to Colton McMaster with 29 seconds left in the first quarter, then hit the junior

tight end for an 18-yard score with eight seconds left in the second period.

Michael Moore capped the Fishermen scoring with a 1-yard run in the fourth.

Astoria hosts Tillamook on Friday.

Gulls 49, Valiants 0

Seaside built a 35-0 half-time lead on its way to an easy 49-0 win at Valley Catholic on Friday night in Cowapa League football action.

Andrew Teubner rushed for three touchdowns and Aedyn Cook ran for two (all in the first half), while Tanner Kraushaar (39-yard interception return) and Lawson Talamantez (34-yard catch from Carson Kawasoe) had second half scores for the Gulls, who

host Milwaukie on Friday.

Warriors crush the Cards

Warrenton had the lead just 14 seconds into the game Saturday afternoon, and the Warriors put it in cruise control from there in a season-opening 46-12 win over Corbett at John Mattila Field.

Warrenton's Hordie Bodden returned the opening kickoff 80 yards for a touchdown, the first of three rushing touchdowns by the junior quarterback, who added four touchdown passes to Ethan Caldwell (two), Dawson Little and Joshua Earls.

Warrenton plays at Rainier on Friday.

Warrenton defeats Seaside volleyball

The Astorian

Warrenton outlasted Seaside in a lengthy nonleague volleyball match Saturday at Warrenton, 23-25, 25-19, 25-20, 19-25, 15-8.

The Warriors held a 2-to-1 lead in sets before the Gulls won Game 4 to force a fifth set.

After losses to Seaside every year since 2016, Warrenton won Game 5, 15-8, improving to 2-0 in the first of seven home matches in the shortened season.

In their first victory over the Gulls since 2015, Warrenton's Avyree Miethe pounded out 16 kills to go with 29 digs and five

saves.

Teammate Mia McFadden added nine kills and four ace serves to lead the offense while Brenna Bemus had a team-high five of Warrenton's 13 aces.

Jaime Annat had 18 assists and Bemus finished with 10 assists and nine digs.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY
Volleyball — Astoria at Valley Catholic, 5:30 p.m.; Tillamook at Seaside, 5:30 p.m.; Clatskanie at Warrenton, 5:30 p.m.; Nestucca at Knappa, 6:30 p.m.; Falls City at Jewell, 6 p.m.
Girls Soccer — Astoria at Rainier/Clatskanie, 4:15 p.m.; Banks at Seaside, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Volleyball — Neah-Kah-Nie at Jewell, 6 p.m.; Boys Soccer — Seaside at Banks, 4:15 p.m.
THURSDAY
Volleyball — Rainier at Astoria, 5:30 p.m.; Seaside at Banks, 5:30 p.m.; Warrenton at Willamina, 5:30 p.m.; Jewell at Perrydale, 7 p.m.
Girls Soccer — Seaside at Astoria, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY
Football — Tillamook at Astoria, 7 p.m.; Milwaukie at Seaside, 7 p.m.; Warrenton at Rainier, 7 p.m.; Siletz Valley at Jewell, 7 p.m.
Volleyball — Willamette Valley at Jewell, 6 p.m.
SATURDAY
Volleyball — Warrenton at Knappa, 1:30 p.m.

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
50 36	50 37	48 36	51 38	53 39	48 39	49 38
Brief p.m. showers	Partly sunny	Areas of low clouds	Partly sunny	Showers possible	Rain possible	Cloudy

ALMANAC

Astoria through Sunday

Temperatures

High/low 49/38

Normal high/low 53/38

Record high 74 in 1905

Record low 25 in 1974

Precipitation

Sunday 0.59"

Month to date 1.45"

Normal month to date 1.79"

Year to date 29.40"

Normal year to date 19.18"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Ursa Major is nearly overhead before midnight.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 6:40 a.m.

Sunset tonight 6:13 p.m.

Moonrise today 5:17 a.m.

Moonset today 2:10 p.m.

New
First
Full
Last

Mar 13 Mar 21 Mar 28 Apr 4

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
9:47 a.m.	8.0	3:59 a.m.	3.5	
11:27 p.m.	7.2	5:08 p.m.	-0.1	
Cape Disappointment				
9:29 a.m.	8.1	3:23 a.m.	4.0	
11:19 p.m.	7.1	4:24 p.m.	0.0	
Hammond				
9:40 a.m.	8.3	3:41 a.m.	3.5	
11:25 p.m.	7.3	4:37 p.m.	-0.3	
Warrenton				
9:42 a.m.	8.4	3:43 a.m.	3.6	
11:22 p.m.	7.6	4:52 p.m.	0.0	
Knappa				
10:24 a.m.	8.3	5:00 a.m.	3.0	
none		6:09 p.m.	-0.1	
Depoe Bay				
8:44 a.m.	8.2	2:52 a.m.	4.0	
10:34 p.m.	7.1	3:51 p.m.	-0.2	

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	70/44/pc	71/51/pc
Boston	55/35/s	63/43/s
Chicago	67/55/pc	64/57/sh
Dallas	71/60/pc	74/64/c
Denver	66/34/pc	54/25/pc
Honolulu	78/69/sh	80/68/sh
Houston	73/61/pc	77/66/c
Los Angeles	62/49/pc	58/44/sh
Miami	74/66/pc	76/69/pc
New York City	60/41/s	56/46/s
Phoenix	77/48/pc	67/47/pc
San Francisco	58/47/r	57/44/r
Wash., DC	68/45/s	71/51/pc

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	Wed.	City	Today	Wed.
Baker City	46/26/pc	47/26/sf	North Bend	50/39/sh	52/40/pc
Brookings	47/39/sh	51/37/pc	Roseburg	52/33/sh	56/37/sf
Ilwaco	50/38/c	50/39/pc	Seaside	51/36/sh	51/35/pc
Newberg	50/34/c	55/31/pc	Springfield	55/32/pc	56/34/pc
Newport	47/35/sh	50/38/pc	Vancouver	52/36/c	56/34/pc

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