

SPORTS

PREP ROUNDUP

Astoria girls soccer blanks Rainier/Clatskanie, 5-0

Even without their leading scorer, the Astoria girls soccer team had no trouble in getting past winless Rainier/Clatskanie at CMH Field Thursday night, 5-0.

The Lady Fishermen pounded the net with 11 shots on goal in the first half, scoring three, then tacked on two goals in the first 1:40 of the second half before turning the game over to the second unit.

Astoria senior Elle Espelien missed the game after suffering a knee injury earlier in the week at Valley Catholic, but Astoria moved Maddie Sisley to a midfield spot, and the junior responded with three goals.

After her first attempt was saved, her second shot on goal hit the right post, and teammate Karen Jimenez scored off the rebound for a 1-0 lead in the fifth minute.

Three minutes later, freshman Pele Starr-Hollow delivered a pass to Sisley on the right side, and she scored from 10 yards out near the right post.

At 15:40, Starr-Hollow dropped a short pass to Jimenez, who scored from close range for a 3-nil lead at the break.

Sisley had her second goal just 19 seconds into the second half, then gathered in a pass from freshman Avery Biederman at the 1:40 mark, and tapped the ball past the Rainier goalkeeper for the final goal.

Astoria improves to 6-2 overall, while Rainier/Clatskanie drops to 0-7, having been outscored 34-0 through seven games.

In other girls soccer action Thursday, Banks defeated Seaside 3-0.

Valiant volleyball still perfect with win over Astoria

The Valley Catholic Valiants are pitching volleyball’s version of a perfect game.

The Valiants are 8-0 in matches in the shortened season, and every match has come by way of a three-game sweep.

Their latest victory came Wednesday night in Astoria, where the Valiants spoiled Astoria’s Senior Night celebration with a three-set win over the Lady Fishermen, 25-7, 25-12, 25-20.

Valley Catholic never trailed in the first set, in which it built an 18-3 lead.

A back row kill by Kelsey Fausett had Astoria within 10-8 in Game 2, but the Valiants responded with a 15-4 run to close out the set.

The Fishermen led for much of Game 3, with an early serving string by Tenley Matteucci giving Astoria an 11-7 advantage.

Trailing 18-16, the Valiants caught fire and reeled off five straight points, capped by a kill from Maddie Klopce, and Valley Catholic closed the match with a 9-2 run.

Astoria had not played since March 16 after a person associated with the team tested positive for the coronavirus. The Fishermen end the season with road matches at Rainier and Seaside.

In addition to Fausett, Astoria honored seniors Halle Helmersen, Skylar Sturtz, Taja Tuimato, Delaney Phillips and Leila Brown.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Gary Henley/The Astorian

The sophomore has been Astoria’s top runner in two cross-country races this season. Zilli finished fourth overall (21:45, ninth-best sophomore time in school history) in the Ultimook Invitational out of 38 4A runners. In last week’s North Coast 3K, she was second behind Tillamook’s Sarah Pullen (sixth in the 2019 state meet). Zilli is currently rated as the No. 3 runner in the Cowapa League.



Melissa Linder-Cho

The Astoria football team literally handed the ball game to Michael Moore last Friday at Milwaukie, where the senior running back rushed for 129 yards on 12 carries (10.7 yards per carry) in the final two quarters to break open a close game. He finished with 174 yards and scored four rushing touchdowns in Astoria’s 36-7 win.

Warrenton volleyball team outlasts Clatskanie

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Vengeance was Warrenton’s Thursday night at Clatskanie, where the Warriors showed that they’re still the best in Coastal Range League volleyball with a four-set win, 25-23, 25-17, 31-33, 25-16.

Warrenton got a little pay-back for its only league defeat this season, a five-set loss to Clatskanie on the Warriors’ home floor on March 9.

The Warriors can clinch their third straight league title with a win at home on Tuesday vs. Willamina, a team Warrenton swept earlier this month.

Warrenton and Clatskanie played the momentum game in Thursday’s first set. Clatskanie held a 9-2 lead, the Warriors rallied for an 11-9 advantage, and the Tigers reeled off seven straight points for a 16-11 lead.

But following a Warrior

timeout, Warrenton rallied and eventually caught the Tigers at 23-23, and Warrior senior Brenna Bemus served out the set with an ace at game point.

Game 2 had nine ties, the last at 12-12, when Warrenton closed with a 13-5 run for a two-set lead.

The Tigers had to overcome four match-point serves for Warrenton to finally win the fourth set, 33-31.

But the Warriors controlled the fourth set from start to finish, building a 14-10 lead midway through the set, then relied on a block by Hailey Bentley on a hit by Shelby Blodgett, followed by an off-speed kill from Avyree Miethe and a service ace by Bentley to make it 23-14.

Clatskanie had 10 missed serves to Warrenton’s five. Bemus and Marlie Annat were a combined 36-for-36 at the service line.

“The girls played with a

ton of heart and intensity after getting off to a slow start in Game 1,” said Warrenton coach Staci Miethe. “Game 3 was a back-and-forth battle that was so fun.

“The difference in tonight’s match between the last time was our serving,” she said. “We missed 17 serves in the last match vs. five tonight. Also we kept their offense in check with our big front line.”

The Tigers “tipped a lot and we were able to pick up most of them,” Miethe said, as Warrenton had a combined 82 digs, led by Avyree Miethe with 19 and Aaliyah Watson with 18. “Clatskanie has a good block with Shelby (Blodgett, who had nine block

kills), but we made adjustments, hit smarter and took advantage when she wasn’t at the net.”

Avyree Miethe also led the offensive attack with 19 kills, followed by Mia McFadden with 12.

One night earlier, Warrenton played three close matches, but outlasted the Banks Braves in each one to defeat the visiting Braves 25-22, 25-18, 25-19.

The league is in discussions to possibly have a district tournament at the end of the season, hosted by Warrenton.

Warrenton improves to 5-2, with home matches next week against Willamina and Rainier.

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Former Astorians (1948 - 1968), moved from PA to Astoria after WWII along with other family.

Ken and Willie raised 5 amazing kids among wonderful neighbors on 8th Street (1861 8th St.): Willie (Janie), Marge, Donna, Phyllis, and Kenny.

Ken was a Navy vet & civilian electrician for the Coast Guard

In Joyful Remembrance

Kenneth Edward Varner's
March 26, 2021 100th Birthday
(Born 3/26/1921 - Died 2/14/2014)

at Tongue Point. Willie worked as a Safeway checker to help fund college. Education was very important to our family. We were blessed with wonderful parents for whom family was paramount. We love them very, very much & they remain role models for us, our spouses, grand to great, great grandchildren. Happy 95th & 100th Birthdays, Mom & Dad!