

Knappa boys basketball edges Warrenton, 48-45

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The Warrenton and Knappa boys basketball teams put on an old-fashioned Warrior-Logger battle Thursday night, with the Loggers prevailing 48-45 in a down-to-the-wire thriller.

A missed 3-pointer by the Warriors at the buzzer was the only thing that separated the two teams — that, and Knappa's front line of 6-foot-8, 6-7 and 6-4.

Very few teams at the 2A level will be able to challenge the Loggers this season — or next — as Knappa dominated the inside with easy scores, blocked shots and offensive rebounds.

Doing most of the damage was 6-8 junior Logan Morrill, who blocked a shot by Warrenton's Dawson Little with 30 seconds remaining, with the Loggers leading 46-45.

Morrill's 6-7 brother, Carter Morrill, scored at the other end to put Knappa in front, 48-45.

Meanwhile, the Warriors put up a good challenge, and led for the better part of the first half.

Three-point baskets by Hordie Bodden Bodden, Little, Josh Earls and Hunter Xochipiltecatl had Warrenton in front 25-19 midway through the second quarter.

Knappa countered with a layup from Logan Morrill, a 3-pointer by Shane McMahan and steal and score by Tanner Jackson for a 37-34 lead after three quarters.

The first part of the fourth quarter was a scoring battle between Bodden Bodden and Knappa's Brandon Gale, as both scored six points apiece in a five-minute span.

Little hit a 3-pointer to give the Warriors a brief 45-44 lead with 2:10 remaining, before Logan Morrill scored from close range at the 1:25 mark to give the Loggers the lead for good.

The Loggers "got some good minutes and energy off

the bench from Tanner Jackson and Drew Miller, and Logan Morrill controlled the paint for most of the night," said Knappa coach Paul Isom. "Hats off to Warrenton. Bodden and Little gave our defense fits all game."

On the other end, he added, the Warriors "were outsized down low and just battled all night and made everything difficult. A lot of that is a reflection of their coach. Nate (McBride) does a heck of a job getting everything out of his guys."

Knappa has three opponents in upcoming league play (Gaston, Neah-Kah-Nie and Nestucca), and won their recent battle of Clatsop County teams, defeating Astoria and Warrenton, with a loss to Seaside.

Seaside 55, Pioneers 39

All five Cowapa League boys basketball teams were in action Thursday.

With five straight road games on the horizon, Seaside warmed up with an easy 55-39 nonleague win at Western Christian.

Banks defeated Valley Catholic, 62-44, and Tillamook scored a 52-47 win over visiting Astoria.

Astoria 51, Ilwaco 44

Astoria was coming off a 51-44 victory Wednesday over Ilwaco, with Astoria in the middle of a five games-in-five days stretch.

The game had several big lead swings, from Ilwaco's early 11-2 lead, to Astoria (21-16), Ilwaco (27-21), and finally Astoria (36-29).

Ilwaco closed to within 42-39 in the opening minute of the fourth quarter before Astoria clinched the win with inside scores from Colton McMaster and Xander Marincovich.

McMaster scored 19 points and Marincovich had 18 for Astoria while Jaden Turner had 18 for Ilwaco.

Junior varsity: Astoria 54, Ilwaco 32

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



GRETCHEN HOEKSTRE
Brigham Young University

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In her freshman year at Brigham Young, Hoekstre is already No. 2 on the all-time school list for best marks (outdoor) in the shot put. In the school's recent invitational, Hoekstre, from Seaside, finished first with a personal best 53-4½. In doing so, she qualified for the NCAA West prelims in Texas (the Cougars have qualified 29 entries, most in NCAA Division I). The former Gull is seeded 28th in the shot put, 38th in the discus. Hoekstre is a sophomore, academically, after the 2020 season was canceled.



COLTON McMASTER
Astoria

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The junior capped his track season with a pair of state titles. McMaster won the discus and shot put in the 4A final meet at Siuslaw High School. His mark in the discus (166 feet, 7 inches) was well below his best of 192-10, but still nearly 30 feet further than the second place mark. On the second day of the meet, McMaster had a personal best toss in the shot put, 58-9¾, as he inches his way toward the Astoria school record (Jason Thiel, 58-10). He scored a team-high 19 points in a basketball win Wednesday over Ilwaco.

Dietrichs paces Knappa girls hoops in win over Warriors

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A big 20-5 run midway through the first half was all the Knappa Lady Loggers needed Thursday night at home as they cruised to a 44-31 nonleague girls basketball win over visiting Warrenton.

Knappa turned an early 7-4 advantage into a 27-9 lead late in the second quarter with a run highlighted by a pair of 3-pointers from Hannah Dietrichs. Synnove Brown, Vicki Ramvick and Gabriella Morrill also scored during Knappa's hot streak.

The Warriors had scores from Jamie Annat and Emma Smith during a 14-8 run in the fourth quarter as Warrenton finished with a

season-high in points.

"Strong play from lots of girls tonight," said Knappa coach Tracie Brockey. "Hannah Dietrichs had 15 points and Gabriella Morrill had 11 points to go with a strong rebounding night."

Astoria 44, Tillamook 24

The Astoria girls basketball team bounced back from a Tuesday loss at Banks with an easy 44-24 win Thursday at home against Tillamook.

The Lady Fishermen stayed out of foul trouble, and jumped out to a 16-1 lead after one quarter, and had things locked up by halftime, 25-7. Halle Helmersen led Astoria with 14

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY
Boys Basketball — Astoria at Valley Catholic, 6 p.m.; Tillamook at Seaside, 6 p.m.; Clatskanie at Warrenton, 7 p.m.
Girls Basketball — Valley Catholic at Astoria, 6 p.m.; Seaside at Tillamook, 6 p.m.; Warrenton at Clatskanie, 7 p.m.

league standings with wins over the Valiants and Braves.

Western Christian 49, Seaside 30

Western Christian built a 32-9 halftime lead on its way to a 49-30 nonleague win Wednesday night at Seaside.

Sydney Fahndrich had 18 points and teammate Makennan Hopper added 16 for the Pioneers, who outscored Seaside 26-3 in the second quarter.

Tristyn McFadden led the Lady Gulls with 10 points.

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