

SPORTS

Valiants outlast Seaside girls hoops, 59-46

The Astorian

Valley Catholic senior Josie Napoli scored 28 points but the Valiants needed help off the bench to hold off a big second half rally by Seaside in a Cowapa League girls game on the Gulls' home floor.

The Valiants ultimately won, 59-46, in a game much closer than the score.

Trailing 32-16 at halftime, the Gulls played their best quarter of the season in the third, as they outscored Valley Catholic 11-1 to start the period to close within 33-27.

A 3-pointer by Tristyn McFadden, coupled with baskets by Lilli Taylor and Landri Mickle sparked Seaside, which continued the comeback in the fourth quarter.

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

Boys Basketball — Warrenton at Taft, 6 p.m.; Gaston at Knappa, 6 p.m.

Girls Basketball — Taft at Warrenton, 6 p.m. (at Clatsop Community College)

FRIDAY

Boys Basketball — Seaside at Astoria, 5 p.m.

Girls Basketball — Seaside at Astoria, 6:30 p.m.; Knappa at Gaston, 6 p.m.

Free throws by Caleigh Peterson trimmed the Valiant lead to 44-39 with over five minutes remaining.

That's as close as the Gulls would get, as Valley Catholic answered with a three-point play by Napoli and a score by Mariella Gunther.

The Valiants closed with an 8-3 run, but Seaside coach Marla Olstedt was proud of her team, 2-2 over their last four games, following a 1-3 start.

"These girls are playing so hard," she said. "We talked at halftime about chipping away, and they did just that. With our halftime adjustments, we were able to slow (the Valiants') scoring and push the ball to get some easy scores. We controlled the momentum and things were going our way."

The Gulls "played one of their best quarters of the season," she said. "Now if we can put four of those great quarters together, I'd say watch out."

"For such a short season, these girls have really stepped into their positions well," she added. "From our post play, primarily being Lilli (18 points) and Caleigh (15 points) to our guard play, we're playing well together. I told them I was proud of their ability to learn what we often do in a five-month season. These girls are relentless and resilient. I'm proud of their effort."

The Gulls were playing without Abby Nofield and Erin Owsley, and Aubrie Taylor went down with an injury, but should return Friday at Astoria.



Warrenton Warriors Livestream
Knappa's Carter Morrill, left, sets up defensively against Warrenton's Hunter Xochipiltecatl in Tuesday night's nonleague contest.

Knappa boys rally beats Warrenton basketball, 48-36

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A solid start by Warrenton turned into an eventual win for Knappa in a nonleague boys basketball Clatsop Clash Tuesday night at Warrenton.

Trailing 18-10 midway through the second quarter, the Loggers rallied, got hot from the field in the second half, and won it going away, 48-36.

Warrenton — which missed 19 3-pointers in a Saturday loss to Seaside — was 8-of-31 from the 3-point line in Tuesday's loss.

Ethan Green made four treys on his way to 16 points, with Dawson Little adding 10 points for the Warriors.

Knappa junior Nicolai Ogier made three 3-pointers, all in the second half, to lead the Knappa comeback.

But the key was Logan Morrill, the Loggers' 6-foot-8 post player, who was unstoppable around the basket, finishing with 23 points, following a 24-point performance one night earlier in a 53-25

win over Neah-Kah-Nie.

Morrill had 15 of his 23 points in the second half of Tuesday's win.

Knappa "overcame a slow start, and a big night from Green (16 points)," to beat the Warriors, said Logger coach Paul Isom.

"Warrenton, per usual, came out and played hard and jumped on us early for the second straight game," he said. "We were able to settle in in the second, and Tanner Jackson and Logan Morrill had six apiece in the quarter."

The Loggers still trailed 20-19 at halftime, but "came out and had a big third quarter, led by two Nicolai Ogier 3s," Isom said.

Ogier had two triples in the third quarter, his second at the buzzer, then opened the fourth quarter with his third 3-pointer.

Jackson scored 10 points and Ogier finished with nine for Knappa, which hosts Gaston on Thursday, and finishes the regular season with three straight road games.

Banks girls top Astoria basketball, 58-46

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Astoria lost three players to fouls and another to injury, and it was Banks' night at the Brick House Monday, as the Braves won a free throw fest for a 58-46 Cowapa League girls basketball victory.

Banks swept the season series with the Lady Fish and pulled into a first place tie in the league standings with Valley Catholic, both at 4-1. Astoria drops to 2-2 in league, and has three of its next four games on the road.

The teams were a combined 32-for-51 at the free throw line (Banks 16-of-30, Astoria 16-of-21). The Braves made 8-of-17 in the fourth quarter, to Astoria's 8-for-9.

The Fishermen led 13-9 after one quarter, before the Braves went on a 13-5

run for a 22-18 halftime advantage.

And Banks continued to build the lead in the third quarter, highlighted by a pair of scores from Kate Hailey off two Astoria backcourt turnovers.

A three-point play from Alex Saunders in the fourth quarter gave the Braves their largest lead at 54-34.

Eight players scored for Astoria, with Halle Helmersen leading the way with 17. Sophie Long and Shelby Rasmussen added seven apiece.

Banks also had eight players in the scoring column, led by Saunders with 13, and Camila Narvaez with 11.

Astoria's Kelsey Fausett, Helmersen and Mollie Matthews fouled out, while Rasmussen suffered an ankle injury in the fourth quarter.

Braves boys defeat Astoria basketball, 66-38

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The Astoria boys basketball team trimmed a 19-8 deficit to just 19-14 late in the second quarter, but Banks pulled away from there for an eventual 66-38 win Monday night.

The defending state champion Braves closed the first half with an 8-0 run then used a 13-2 run to start the second half to build a 40-16 lead.

Colton McMaster scored 14 points and Xander Marincovich added 13 for the Fishermen, who have upcoming home games against Tillamook, Seaside and Valley Catholic.

Banks had four players in double figures, led by Co-

per Gobel with 15 points, to go with 14 apiece for Joseph Buliga and Tyler Exline, and Ben Mayo's 11 points.

Seaside 58, Valiants 48

Seaside won for the fifth time in six games with a 58-48 victory Monday at Valley Catholic.

The Gulls are in the midst of five straight road games, which continues Friday at Astoria.

Seaside is hoping to catch Banks, which holds first place in the Cowapa League standings at 5-0. The Gulls (3-1 in league, 6-2 overall), close out the regular season with games at Tillamook on June 14 and home games vs. Banks on June 16 and Astoria on June 17.

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