Warrenton volleyball tops Taft in four sets

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Warrenton volleyball completed a three road matches-in-three days tour with a victory Thursday at Taft, 25-17, 25-18, 23-25, 25-19.

Some long serving runs by Hailey Bentley and Jamie Annat, and consistent hitting from Avyree Miethe, keyed the victory.

Taft held leads in each of the first three sets, before Warrenton jumped out to a 10-1 lead and led from start to finish in the fourth set.

The Warriors have a fourth match scheduled for Saturday at home against Naselle.

After a three-game sweep Wednesday at Clatskanie, Warrenton coach Staci Miethe said four matches in five days is "not ideal, and not something I would do again." Warrenton opened the week with a loss at Vernonia, which swept the Warriors, 25-16, 25-17, 25-15.

On Wednesday, the Warriors swept Clatskanie, 25-22, 25-14, 28-26, in a Coastal Range League match.

Warrenton (5-1 in league) is closing in on another league title, which may come down to the final league match, Thursday at Willamina.

"Our defense was better than our offense, which kept us ahead but allowed rallies to be extended when we should have terminated earlier," Miethe said after Wednesday's win.

"We played really lackluster against Vernonia, and that is just not something that can be done with good teams," she said. "(The Loggers) are well-rounded with several dif-

OBITUARIES

Vaino Vanni Koskela Astoria Feb. 17, 1924 — Oct. 6, 2021

Vaino Vanni Koskela, beloved husband, father and pappa, was born in Kurikka, Finland, on Feb. 17, 1924. His parents were Matti and Reetta Liisa (Saapunki) Koskela.

He was one of nine children. His father died when he was young, and his mother raised him and his siblings. He proudly served in the Finnish Army during the Finnish Russian War. He was on the front during the continuation Winter War. He was awarded two Purple Hearts.

Throughout the years he was honored with several certificates

and medals of honor from the Finnish government and, in 2017, when Finland celebrated their 100 years of independence, he was an honored veteran at celebrations in Astoria and Portland.

After the war, he worked in his eldest brother's tailoring shop, and eventually opened his own tailoring shop.

He married Lempi Airitsalo on Aug. 21, 1949, in Finland. They welcomed their son, George, in 1951. Vaino moved to the U.S. in 1955. Lempi and their son, George, joined him in 1956.

They originally settled in Duluth, Minnesota. During their time in Duluth, he worked as a tailor for several different clothing stores. In 1962, while in Duluth, they had a daughter, Leila.

In the mid-1960s they moved to Hibbing, Minnesota, and opened Koskela's Tailoring Shop. In 1977, they moved to Astoria, where he owned a share in the Astoria Plywood Mill, and worked there until he retired.

Vaino loved to fish, read, work on cars, perform in drama productions, keep his



Vaino Koskela

house and yard up, read the Bible and travel. He was a past member of the United Finnish Kaleva Brothers and Sisters, Peace First

> Lutheran Church and several other Lutheran churches from Astoria to Portland. He was always ready to go and pick berries, clean churches and do yard work/maintenance at the churches.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lempi (Airitsalo) Koskela; his parents, Matti and Reetta Koskela; his siblings, Leevi Koskela, Matti Koskela, Pauli Koskela, Varma Jarvenpaa, Lilja Aho, Lahja Koskela, Antti Koskela

and Viljo Koskela; and his in-laws, Matti and Ida Airitsalo, Maria Niemiaho, Helmi Innanen, Eino Airitsalo and Eila Suvisalmi.

He will be deeply missed by his son, George Koskela, and his wife, Sherry, and their children, John Koskela, Cathy Koskela, Tom and Shawnae Coddington and Niki and Kevin Gould; his daughter, Leila Collier, and her husband, Michael, and their children, Kristofer and Laura Collier, Emmi Collier and Tyler Lane; and great-grandchildren, Heidi, Faith, Bailey, Grace, Kaelin, Griffin, Greysen, Maci and Eveliina.

He is also survived by numerous sistersin-law, nieces, nephews, godchildren and great-nieces and great-nephews all around the world.

He will be interred at Greenwood Cemetery with a private family service on Saturday.

In lieu of flowers, please give a memorial contribution in his honor to the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 34, Astoria, OR., 97103. ferent offensive threats. We just didn't rise to the challenge."

She added, "if we are going to beat Willamina next week we are going to have to step it up several levels."

Valiants sweep Astoria

The Astoria volleyball team faced a tall task Wednesday night in Beaverton, where the Fishermen were facing No. 3-ranked Valley Catholic.

The Valiants ran away with the first set, 25-9, then did enough to hold off Astoria in games two and three, 25-17, 25-18, for a sweep over the Lady Fish.

Astoria trailed 11-4 in the second set, but a serving run by Landri Mickle brought the Fishermen back within 14-10, before the Valiants closed the set on a 7-3 run.

SOCCER ROUNDUP

Tillamook boys hold off Astoria, 3-2

The Astoria boys soccer program continues to make improvements, but their first win of 2021 also continues to elude the Fishermen.

Astoria scored a season-high two goals, but it was not enough Wednesday night in Tillamook, where the Cheesemakers held off a late charge by the Fishermen for a 3-2 victory.

Tillamook — which defeated Astoria 8-0 Sept. 28 at CMH Field — held another large advantage in shots on goal, but had trouble in pushing any shots past Astoria goalkeeper Salvador Wienecke.

The game "was a good chance to see how our very young team is growing in ability and game understanding, and we were quite happy with the results," said Astoria coach Lee Cain.

"After having lost last time by eight goals, to nearly tie it was a significant improvement. The boys learned that they can be competitive in an older league. We have been working on both defense and rapid attack and it paid off."

The Cheesemakers had a 3-1 lead after scoring on a scramble in front of the Astoria net in the 60th minute, but the Fishermen came back with a goal off a free kick with 14:34 remaining.

Astoria's first goal took place early in the first half, a long shot by sophomore Owen Williams.

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

Football — Crow at Jewell, 7 p.m. Cross-Country — Lewis & Clark College Invitational, 10:30 a.m.

TUESDAY

Volleyball — Seaside at Banks, 6:30 p.m.; Clatskanie at Warrenton, 5:30 p.m.; Livingstone Adventist at Jewell, 6 p.m. Boys Soccer — Astoria at Oregon Episcopal, 6 p.m.; Seaside at Banks, 4:15 p.m.

Girls Soccer — Astoria at Rainier/Clatskanie, 4:15 p.m.; Banks at Seaside, 7:15 p.m.

The Fishermen had ace serves from Tenley Matteucci and Aspen Braaten to keep themselves close in Game 3, trailing just 15-13, but the Valiants pulled away again, outscoring Astoria 10-5 to close out the match.

Astoria (1-6, 2-12 overall) will tune up for the post-season with one more league match next Thursday vs. Seaside.

Williams also scored in the second half, finishing on a free kick sent into the six-yard box by Walker Steele.

"Salvador had over 15 solid saves, but may have assisted on the third Tillamook goal with a bouncing ball in front of the goal," Cain said. "Cameron Schauermann also had a great game, leading the defense on the back line and making three saves when Salvador wasn't quite back in time."

Tillamook, Astoria girls squads settle for 1-1 tie

The Tillamook and Astoria girls soccer teams played evenly over the first 75 minutes Wednesday night in Tillamook. And they proved it by playing evenly over the final five minutes, as each scored a goal late in the game for a 1-1 tie.

Ranked 31st out of 34 teams, the Mooks had hopes of a big upset when they scored with five minutes remaining.

But a minute after giving up a goal, Astoria answered when Maddie Sisley made a run down the right side, carried the ball past a defender and scored the tying goal from close range.

Astoria coach Tim Fastabend called it a "very challenging, physical game."

Tillamook's lone goal resulted from an Astoria tackle in the box, with the Cheese-makers converting the penalty kick.

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Dave was born Feb. 14, 1939, in Astoria, to William and Edith Urell. He attended Capt. Robert Gray School and Astoria High School.

He went on to the University of Oregon, and played football for coach Len Casanova from 1957 to 1961. Dave was a graduate of the University of Oregon, and received his architectural and business degrees.

He started his construction company designing custom residences and condominiums, and designing navigational charts for the Bering Sea. There were no current charts, so he designed and produced them.

Dave was a member of Phi Delta Theta.

He was a sportsman, and enjoyed football, hunting, cruising, being a pilot and commercial fishing for 31 years in the Bering

Sea. The best catch was when he met, fell in love with and married Jackie, his wife of 44 years, whom he loved dearly. Every day he told Jackie how much he loved her.

He was the best friend you could have, always helping others, kind-hearted and generous.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Dave is survived by his wife, Jackie Urell; daughters, Lori, and her husband, Mike, JoAnne

and Diana; grandchildren, Chad, Craig, Jodi and Jaxyn; and a sister, Ardi, and her husband, Ken.

You are loved and missed beyond measure. Life will never be the same without you.

A celebration of life will be in the spring.

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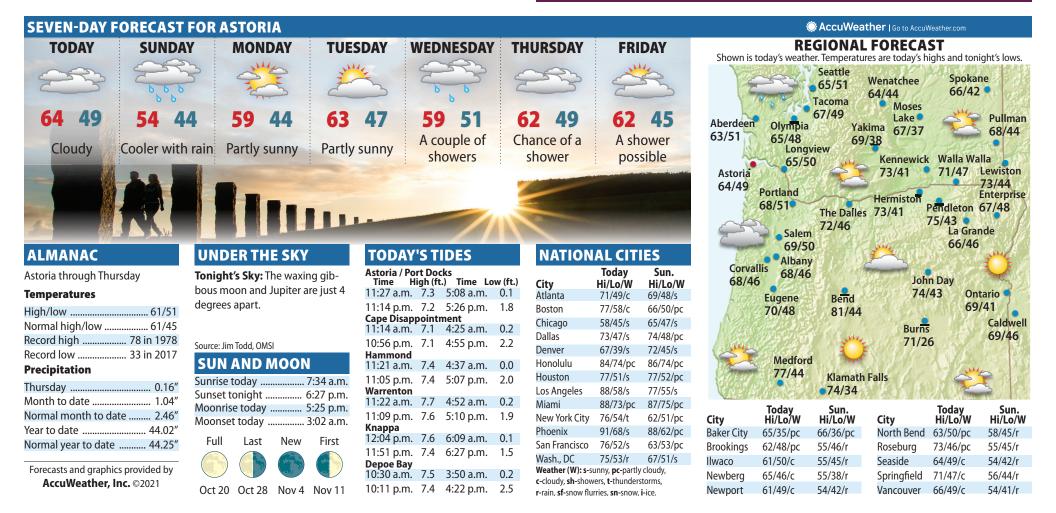
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