

SPORTS

OBITUARIES

Comets come up short in state semifinal

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MOSES LAKE, Wash. — An eastern Washington powerhouse football program ended Naselle's season Saturday.

The Comets lost a 1B semifinal to Almira-Coulee-Hartline 68-32, defeated by a bigger and faster team.

The unbeaten Warriors advance to the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association championship game in Tacoma on Saturday against Quilcene, which won the other semifinal against defending 1B champions Odessa 36-12.

At a chilly and occasionally rainy stadium, Almira-Coulee-Hartline had three strong, fast players who scored just about all their points, many on snaking runs through the center of the field.

But Naselle had some bright moments. Junior Kolten Lindstrom scored three touchdowns, the first to tie the scores early in the game



Patrick Webb/Chinook Observer

Naselle senior running back Jason Harman shows his ability to swerve past opponents in close quarters against Almira-Coulee-Hartline Saturday. The eastern Washington team won 68-32 to advance to the championship game.

and the last demonstrating the Comets would compete to the final whistle.

Quarterback Joey Strange and running back Jason Harman, playing their last football game in Naselle colors, each scored one. Strange's came on the third of three consecutive plays when he kept the ball and pushed toward the goal line; on the third attempt, he was not stopped.

Harman, who had scored six touchdowns in the quarterfinal, caught a high pass from freshman quarterback Jacob Lindstrom for his score.

It was the third consecutive semifinal for Naselle, which was ranked No. 5 by the WIAA. In 2018, the Comets lost to Almira-Coulee-Hartline. In 2019, they beat them and advanced to the championship game, fall-

ing to Odessa. There was no final in 2020 because of COVID-19. Teams played a series of six games against regional opponents in early spring 2021.

The Comets' season ended at 9-2. The two losses were Saturday's semifinal loss and an earlier defeat against Lummi of Bellingham, which did not advance to the playoffs.

After the lopsided defeat, first-year head coach Kevin McNulty commended his players and urged the underclassmen to begin working on next season right away — by participating in other sports and spending time in the high school weight room.

Later, he reflected on the loss. "It was not for lack of heart," he said, repeating his admiration for the players' efforts against the No. 1-ranked Warriors' considerable speed. "They were the better football team today. They were very aggressive on defense and shut down some of our stuff."

Mary June Mathews

Buhl, Idaho

Feb. 2, 1953 — Nov. 22, 2021

Mary June Mathews was born in Astoria to Palmer and June Hennigsen.

After attending Olney School and Astoria High School, she went on to get her nursing license from Emanuel Lutheran Hospital in Portland.

She then packed her car and headed east, and found herself in Emmett, Idaho, where she acquired her first nursing job before she could finish filling out the application. She went to work, and never stopped.

This is where she met the love of her life, and after some time in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at St. Luke's Boise Medical Center in Boise, Idaho, she married Don Mathews in 1977.

The two settled in Buhl, Idaho, to build an amazing life that would end up being a 44-year career in nursing for St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and St. Luke's Twin Falls that she never wanted to leave.

There is still some debate on the exact number, but the amount of babies she's delivered in the Magic Valley is upwards of 15,000. The amount of lives touched can't be measured.

In the few hours she wasn't at the hospital, she was always busy on

the family farm, growing everything under the sun, canning, working cows or finding time to run a concession stand at the many ballparks, where she never missed a game, even with her busy schedule.

In lieu of flowers, Mary would prefer you take a flower to a friend, share a hug or spread some love to your neighbor.

Donations can also be made to any Farmers Bank location for the Buhl American Legion Baseball Program or in her memory to the Maternal Child — OB Education Fund through the St. Luke's Health Foundation online at stlukeonline.org, by mail at P.O. Box AK, Twin Falls, ID., 83303, or by phone at 208-814-0038.

Mary was survived by her husband of 44 years, Don; son, Seth, and his wife, Amber, and their three kids, Lauren, Patrick and Lydia; as well as her two sisters, Bonnie (Don) Fisher and Judy (Ed) Fisher.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the 7th Street Gym, 215 Seventh Ave N., in Buhl, followed by an open house at the farm.

Memories and condolences may be shared with the family on Mary's memorial website at farmerfuneralchapel.com



Mary Mathews



Turkey Bowl VI ends in overtime

The Astorian

Fifty years ago, the Dallas Cowboys won Super Bowl VI.

On Thursday at Astoria High School, Frank Tuimato's 49ers (with some 29ers and 39ers) won Turkey Bowl VI, the annual Thanksgiving Day touch football game.

After missing last year's game, the two teams staged an epic overtime contest, won by Tuimato's team, over his friend Norm Stutznegger's squad.

The two team captains line up for battle, as Norm Stutznegger prepares to put a pass rush on Frank Tuimato in Thursday's Turkey Bowl.

Gary Henley/The Astorian



PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY

Girls Basketball — Seaside at Warrenton, 6 p.m.; Jewell at Neah-Kah-Nie, 5:30 p.m.
Boys Basketball — Seaside at Warrenton, 7:45 p.m.; Jewell at Neah-Kah-Nie, 7:15 p.m.

FRIDAY

Basketball — Warrenton at Vernonia Tournament, TBA
Girls Basketball — Astoria at Milwaukie, 7:15 p.m.; Stayton at Seaside, 6 p.m.; Western Christian vs. Knappa, 6:30 p.m.; Grandview Christian at Jewell, 5:30 p.m.
Boys Basketball — Western Christian at Knappa, 8:15 p.m.; Stayton at Seaside, 7:30 p.m.; Grandview Christian at Jewell, 7 p.m.

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TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
54 49	57 45	52 37	50 39	51 38	48 41	50 44
Cloudy, showers around	Cloudy, a little rain	Low clouds may break	Periods of sun	A shower possible	Showers possible	Rain possible

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Astoria through Sunday

Temperatures

High/low	59/53
Normal high/low	51/39
Record high	68 in 1907
Record low	22 in 1896

Precipitation

Sunday	0.21"
Month to date	13.78"
Normal month to date	10.27"
Year to date	64.09"
Normal year to date	58.80"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: After sunset, Venus, Saturn and Jupiter are low above the western horizon.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:36 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:32 p.m.
Moonrise today	2:48 a.m.
Moonsset today	2:38 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
Dec 3	Dec 10	Dec 18	Dec 26

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks			
Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
9:33 a.m.	8.3	3:14 a.m.	1.6
10:15 p.m.	6.8	4:17 p.m.	1.0
Cape Disappointment			
9:12 a.m.	8.3	2:28 a.m.	1.8
9:53 p.m.	6.6	3:36 p.m.	1.1
Hammond			
9:24 a.m.	8.7	2:49 a.m.	1.7
10:10 a.m.	7.1	3:52 p.m.	1.1
Warrenton			
9:28 a.m.	8.7	2:58 a.m.	1.7
10:10 p.m.	7.2	4:01 p.m.	1.1
Knappa			
10:10 a.m.	8.5	4:15 a.m.	1.4
10:52 p.m.	7.0	5:18 p.m.	0.9
Depoe Bay			
8:27 a.m.	8.5	1:53 a.m.	1.8
9:06 p.m.	6.7	3:04 p.m.	1.2

REGIONAL FORECAST

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	54/49	56/48	Medford	57/39	54/28
Baker City	48/34/c	53/32/pc	Newport	54/45/c	56/46/pc
Brookings	62/49/pc	64/48/s	North Bend	59/46/c	60/46/pc
Ilwaco	53/52/sh	54/47/r	Roseburg	58/43/c	62/45/pc
Newberg	55/45/c	54/45/c	Seaside	54/48/c	56/45/r
Newport	54/45/c	56/46/pc	Springfield	60/42/pc	62/45/pc
			Vancouver	53/46/c	57/46/c