

PREP ROUNDUP

BOYS BASKETBALL

Big second half leads Banks past Astoria

Trailing by just seven points at halftime, Astoria had hopes of a big upset Wednesday night at Banks, before the Braves pulled away in the third quarter for an eventual 66-40 win over the Fishermen in a Cowapa League boys basketball opener.

Banks held a 33-26 lead at halftime, before the Braves went on a big second half scoring run.

Leading 41-31 midway through the third quarter, Cooper Gobel of Banks converted a three-point play, and teammate Ben Mayo scored off a pair of turnovers to help give the Braves a 51-31 advantage early in the fourth.

"It was a real physical game, and we got into some foul trouble early," said Astoria coach Kevin Goin. "Thomas (Faulkner) got hurt, and Connelly (Fromwiller) may miss the rest of the season, which makes it tough for us defensively."

"And we struggled to stay with Gobel — we just didn't have anybody who could guard him," he said, as Gobel finished with 27 points. Colton McMaster led Astoria with 21.

Gulls 78, Valiants 47

Valley Catholic had the toughest assignment in Cowapa League boys basketball Wednesday night, as the Valiants hosted the Cowapa's top team in a league opener in Beaverton.

With a 78-47 win, the No. 6-ranked Seaside Gulls made it look easy, building a big lead right from the start against the Valiants, who fall to 3-10 overall.

Seaside has bounced back from a 10-point loss to Marshfield last week with consecutive wins over North Marion and Valley Catholic.

Loggers 76, Pirates 42

In one of the Northwest League's most one-sided rivalries, the Knappa Loggers defeated the Neah-Kah-Nie Pirates for the 32nd straight meeting — and last time as league rivals — by a 76-42 score Thursday night at Knappa.

Going back to 2004, the Loggers have a 32-0 record against the Pirates, whose last win against Knappa came in the 2002-03 season.

Twenty-one of the 32 wins have come by 20 or more points.

Neah-Kah-Nie will not have to face Knappa in league for at least the next four years, as the Pirates are moving up to the 3A level in the 2022-23 season.

With their second victory (both by 34 points) over the Pirates in four days, the Loggers are the only unbeaten team (5-0) in league play in the Northwest League. At 11-1 overall, Knappa is ranked second in the latest 2A boys basketball coaches poll, with five first place votes.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Banks wins showdown with Astoria, 60-47

After three ties and three lead changes in the first quarter, the Banks Braves used an 8-0 run in the second period, and never trailed after that on their way to a 60-47 win over Astoria in a Cowapa League girls basketball opener Wednesday night.

In their last league game at Banks, the Lady Fishermen found themselves in first half foul trouble and could never make up a 30-20 halftime deficit.

Astoria trailed by six points with just over four minutes remaining in regulation, but the Braves outscored the Lady Fish 12-5 from

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

MONDAY

Boys Basketball — Knappa at Columbia Christian, 7:30 p.m.; Jewell at Livingstone Adventist, 7 p.m.
Girls Basketball — Jewell at Livingstone Adventist, 5:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Boys Basketball — Valley Catholic at Astoria, 6 p.m.; Seaside at Tillamook, 6 p.m.; Rainier at Warrenton, 6 p.m.; Falls City at Jewell, 7 p.m.
Girls Basketball — Valley Catholic at Astoria, 7:45 p.m.; Seaside at Tillamook, 7:45 p.m.; Rainier at Warrenton, 7:45 p.m.; Falls City at Jewell, 5:30 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

BANKS 66, ASTORIA 40

AST (40): Colton McMaster 21, Field 6, Williams 6, Boudreau 5, Woodrich 2.
BAN (66): Cooper Gobel 27, Vereen 10, White 9, Mayo 6, Selleck 5, Carlson 5, Vidmantas 2, Bodine 2.

Astoria	7	19	5	9—40
Banks	10	23	13	20—66

GIRLS BASKETBALL

BANKS 60, ASTORIA 47

AST (47): Avery Biederman 12, Peterson 11, Matthews 7, Bruney 5, Dundas 4, Birdeno 4, Meadows 2, Holmstedt 2.
BAN (60): Madison Walker 21, Saunders 12, Janeczek 8, Streblov 6, Evans 6, Bigsby 3, Johnson 2, Rose 2.

Astoria	11	9	13	14—47
Banks	16	14	13	17—60

KNAPPA 61, GASTON 24

GST (24): Lexi Fern 12, Derby 6, Smith 4, Bellar 2.
KNA (61): Arianna Miller 18, Dietrichs 14, Jones 2, Larsen 2, Barendse 7, McDorman, Pass 2, Jackson 6, Lebo 2, Regier 2, Brown 4, Piña 2, Lauderbaugh, Maher.

Gaston	2	3	9	10—24
Knappa	19	16	22	4—61

there. The two teams shot a combined 22 free throws in the final eight minutes (Banks 9-of-12, Astoria 8-for-10).

Astoria's Shelby Bruney fouled out in the fourth quarter, and teammate Mollie Matthews picked up her fourth early in the third quarter and missed much of the second half.

Banks junior Madison Walker scored 14 of her game-high 21 points in the first half, while Avery Biederman led Astoria with 12 points, followed by Caleigh Peterson with 11.

In a key third quarter stretch, sophomore Jocelyn Janeczek hit back-to-back 3-pointers for the Braves, giving Banks a 37-26 lead.

The Braves, who have won three straight over the Fishermen going back to the 2021 spring season, will move down to the 3A level in the 2022-23 season.

Elsewhere in Cowapa League play Wednesday, Seaside's game at Valley Catholic was postponed to Jan. 29 due to coronavirus precautions.

Lady Loggers win one, lose one

Two teams looking for their first league win of the season met Tuesday night at Knappa, where the home Loggers scored a 61-24 win over the Gaston Greyhounds.

Knappa came up short Thursday night at home, as Neah-Kah-Nie posted a 44-38 win over the Loggers.

Against Gaston, Knappa sophomore Arianna Miller scored 18 points and teammate Hannah Dietrichs added 14, as the Loggers led 19-2 after one quarter, 35-5 at halftime.

"Throughout the JV and varsity games, there was high energy on and off the court, and it was great to see," said Knappa coach Tracie Brockey. "Girls were enthusiastic on the bench, diving for loose balls, communicating on defense and sprinting the lanes for fast breaks — doing all the little things that matter and lead to success."

Eleven players finished in the scoring column for the Lady Loggers, while only four players scored for Gaston.

"If we bring that same energy to all our games and continue to play as a team, we can compete with any team in this league," Brockey said. "I was really proud of them."

—The Astorian

Astoria gymnasts score big in meet

By GARY HENLEY
The Astorian

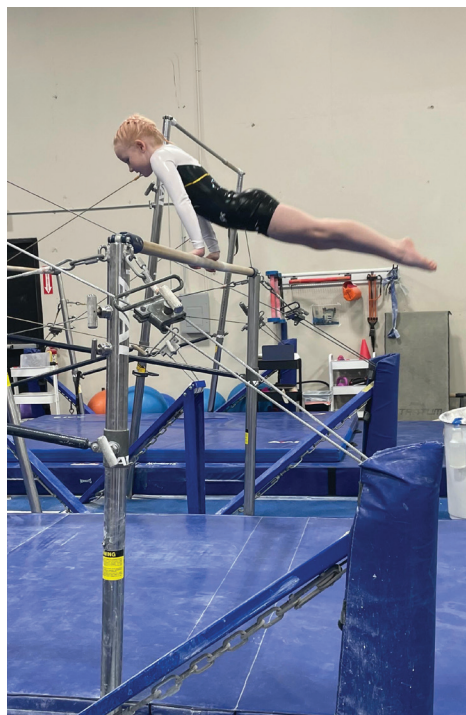


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Members of Infinity Gymnastics' Silver and Gold teams.



The Xcel Bronze team for Infinity Gymnastics.



Ila Stunkard competes on the uneven bars.

Astoria's Infinity Gymnastics team sent a number of athletes to Gresham Jan. 7 and Jan. 8, as Infinity's Xcel Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum squads all competed in the Winter Wonderland Invitational, held at the Northwest Gymnastics training center.

And the Infinity gymnasts scored well. Some very well, as Infinity's Sloane Oman (Silver, child division) took first in combined scoring in the Session 2 all-around, with a 36.400.

She did it by placing second on the vault (9.2), bars (9.3) and beam (9.2) and third in the floor exercise (8.7). She was first in all events in her division, and in all sessions combined, Oman had the second-best all-around score.

Teammate Clara Moore was first in all her events in her division (Silver, senior), and was second in the combined scoring for Session 2 with a 35.900 all-around, just behind Oman. Moore was first in combined scoring on the vault (9.250).

In team scoring, Infinity's Bronze team finished second in the combined all-around team score, just behind Umpqua Valley Gymnastics.

The Infinity Gold and Silver teams finished first in the all-around in their division, and third overall in combined team scoring.

In Session 1, Infinity's Gia Davis (Bronze, senior division), finished tied for third in combined scoring with a 36.100 all-around, first in her division.

Davis took first in combined vault with a 9.800, and teammate Irene Nemlowill (Bronze, senior division) was second in combined scoring on the vault (9.6), behind Davis.

Also in Session 1, teammate Ila Stunkard (Bronze, junior division) was second in combined scoring on the bars (9.500), and third in combined scoring (8.900) on the floor exercise. She was first in her division in the all-around (35.85).

Elsewhere, Summer Starley (Bronze, child division) took first place across the board in her division, with scores of 9.2 (vault), 9.25 (bars), 8.7 (beam), floor (8.2) and 35.35 in the all-around.

Finn Vaughn Hume had a similar accomplishment, taking first in all her events in the Silver junior division, with a 34.55 all-around score.

Maisie DeSart (Silver, child division) was third on the vault (9.1), combined scoring; Kalista Giles was first in the all-around in her division (Gold, junior), and Julia Dornblueth was first in the Platinum, senior division in the vault, beam and all-around.

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
53 37	52 39	50 38	50 37	51 38	50 39	49 39
Partly sunny	Partly sunny	Partly sunny	Low clouds may break	Partly sunny	Mostly cloudy	A shower possible

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REGIONAL FORECAST

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

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Baker City	34/14/s	33/16/pc	North Bend	59/42/pc	59/41/s
Brookings	65/46/s	58/42/s	Roseburg	51/34/pc	55/35/s
Ilwaco	52/40/pc	52/43/pc	Seaside	54/39/pc	55/41/pc
Newberg	49/32/pc	50/34/s	Springfield	49/32/pc	55/36/s
Newport	54/40/pc	56/39/s	Vancouver	49/32/pc	50/35/pc

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Astoria through Thursday

Temperatures

High/low 54/44
 Normal high/low 50/38
 Record high 65 in 1961
 Record low 15 in 1930

Precipitation

Thursday 0.48"
 Month to date 13.47"
 Normal month to date 7.10"
 Year to date 13.47"
 Normal year to date 7.10"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: An hour before sunrise, the stars that appear during early evening in summer also appear just before dawn in winter.
 Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:49 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 5:06 p.m.
 Moonrise today 10:21 p.m.
 Moonset today 10:27 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Jan 25	Jan 31	Feb 8	Feb 16

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
4:10 a.m.	7.8	10:04 a.m.	2.6
3:38 p.m.	7.7	10:15 p.m.	0.5

Cape Disappointment

3:52 a.m.	7.6	9:18 a.m.	3.0
3:17 p.m.	7.5	9:34 p.m.	0.6

Hammond

4:03 a.m.	8.0	9:38 a.m.	2.9
3:30 p.m.	8.0	9:53 p.m.	0.5

Warrenton

4:05 a.m.	8.2	9:48 a.m.	2.7
3:33 p.m.	8.1	9:59 p.m.	0.6

Knappa

4:47 a.m.	8.0	11:05 a.m.	2.3
4:15 p.m.	8.0	11:16 p.m.	0.4

Depoe Bay

3:07 a.m.	7.8	8:46 a.m.	3.2
2:27 p.m.	7.8	9:02 p.m.	0.5

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	46/28/pc	48/33/s
Boston	27/21/s	34/17/c
Chicago	30/16/c	24/15/sn
Dallas	51/30/s	63/41/s
Denver	43/26/s	52/29/s
Honolulu	80/69/s	79/64/s
Houston	53/31/s	57/42/pc
Los Angeles	72/54/s	74/50/s
Miami	78/63/sh	73/53/c
New York City	28/25/s	34/23/c
Phoenix	67/52/c	68/45/pc
San Francisco	62/46/s	60/46/s
Wash., DC	33/23/pc	39/26/pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.