

SPORTS



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Seaside senior Ever Sibony (4) and teammates celebrate after Sibony's game-winning 3-pointer in Friday's game.

Gulls work overtime to beat Valiants

The Astorian

In the most unexpected overtime game of the night, Seaside held off Valley Catholic in five quarters Friday night at Seaside, 58-55.

Both teams had opportunities to win it earlier, but it came down to a buzzer-beating 3-pointer from Seaside's Ever Sibony as time expired, with his bank shot off the glass going in for the lone field goal of the overtime session.

The Valiants — winless in league play — had to overcome deficits of 19-8 in the first quarter, 44-30 in the third and 47-37 early in the fourth before the Valiants reeled off an 18-6 run to send the game to overtime.

Seaside had a chance to close it out at the free throw line, but the Gulls made just 3-of-10 attempts in the final minute of regulation, into overtime.

Valley Catholic's Benjamin Cheung scored a game-high 21 points, and made two free throws with 53 seconds left in the extra frame to tie the game at 55-55, setting up the game-winning shot by Sibony.

The Gulls are 5-0 in league play, a one-game lead over Banks and a three-game lead over Astoria with three games remaining.

Less than 24 hours after Friday's win, Seaside traveled to West Linn for a non-league game against the No. 3-ranked 5A Lions, who

defeated the Gulls 69-39.

Banks 67, Astoria 41

In the late, late game Friday at the Brick House, Banks led from start to finish in a 67-41 win over Astoria in Cowapa League boys basketball action.

In their last visit to Astoria as a member of the Cowapa League, the Braves knocked down 10 3-pointers on the night, improving to 4-1 in league play.

Colton McMaster led Astoria with 13 points, but Banks countered with big nights from Ben Mayo (24 points) and Cooper Gobel (16 points), as the Braves built a 27-10 lead in the second quarter, and extended it to 45-18 early in the third.

Astoria girls top Banks, 45-40

The Astorian

Lots of jump balls, fouls, turnovers and players diving on the floor, but Astoria finally outlasted Banks 45-40 in a physical Cowapa League girls basketball game Friday night at the Brick House.

Mark it down: Feb. 4, 2022, the day the Lady Fishermen pulled into a first place tie with the Braves in the league standings. With Banks checking out of the Cowapa League after this school year, Astoria could have a permanent lock on first place in the Cowapa for at least the next three years.

For now, the two teams that will likely represent the Cowapa League in this year's state tournament are tied at 4-1 in league play, with three games remaining.

The Lady Fishermen trailed just once in Friday's game at 5-4, when Astoria's Caleigh Peterson hit a jump

shot to spark a 13-0 run. The Braves still managed to rally, and closed to within three points late in the game.

Astoria made just one field goal in the fourth quarter, but hit 3-of-9 free throws over the final five minutes, enough to hold off a turnover-plagued Banks team.

Peterson — who spent the last two years as a starter at Seaside — had one of her best games in an Astoria uniform, scoring 10 points behind Shelby Bruney's 12 points.

Valiants edge Gulls in overtime

In their last three home games vs. the top three teams in the Cowapa League (Banks, Astoria and Valley Catholic), the Seaside Lady Gulls allowed just 31, 34 and 26 points to all three teams.

Unfortunately for the Gulls, Seaside scored 26, 16 and 24 in the same three

games, the latest a 26-24 overtime loss to the Valiants, Friday night at Seaside.

A layup by Seaside's Alissa Betts gave the Gulls a 12-5 lead late in the second quarter, before the Valiants' Maggie McKeen hit a 3-pointer to pull Valley Catholic to within 12-8 at halftime.

Seaside still had an 18-15 lead after three quarters, but a 3-pointer from Valley Catholic freshman Julia Rosebrook helped the Valiants rally to tie the game, 22-22 at the end of regulation.

Valley Catholic built a big four-point lead in overtime before a score from Seaside's Abby Nofield brought the Gulls to within two points with 31 seconds left. A final possession for the Gulls came up empty.

Seaside has a home game Friday vs. Tillamook before finishing the regular season with road games at Banks and Astoria.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY
Girls Basketball — Taft at Warrenton, 6 p.m.; Vernonia at Knappa, 7 p.m.; Crosshill Christian at Jewell, 5:30 p.m.
Boys Basketball — Taft at Warrenton, 7:30 p.m.; Crosshill Christian at Jewell, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Girls Basketball — Astoria at Tillamook, 6 p.m.; Mannahouse Christian at Knappa, 6 p.m.; St. Stephen's at Jewell, 5:30 p.m.
Boys Basketball — Astoria at Tillamook, 7:45 p.m.; Mannahouse Christian at Knappa, 7:45 p.m.; St. Stephen's at Jewell, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY
Girls Basketball — Astoria at Valley Catholic, 6 p.m.; Tillamook at Seaside, 6 p.m.; Warrenton at Rainier, 6 p.m.; Knappa at Gaston, 6 p.m.; Jewell at C.S. Lewis, 5:30 p.m.
Boys Basketball — Astoria at Valley Catholic, 7:45 p.m.; Tillamook at Seaside, 7:45 p.m.; Warrenton at Rainier, 7:45 p.m.; Knappa at Gaston, 7:45 p.m.; Jewell at C.S. Lewis, 7 p.m.
Swimming — District 1, at Astoria Aquatic Center, TBA

GIRLS BASKETBALL
ASTORIA 45, BANKS 40
BAN (40): Hailey Evans 16, Saunders 9, Bigsby 4, Johnson 3, Walker 3, Rose 2, Grossnickle 2, King 1.
AST (45): Shelby Bruney 12, Peterson 10, Matthews 7, Biederman 7, Huber 4, Holmstedt 2, Birdeno 2, Dundas 1.
Banks 8 12 9 11—40
Astoria 17 9 12 7—45

VALLEY CATHOLIC 26, SEASIDE 24
VC (26): Ella Trecker 8, McKeen 5, J. Rosebrook 5, Kinder 4, Kojima 2, M. Rosebrook 1.
SEA (24): Lilli Taylor 10, Abby Nofield 10, Betts 4.
Valley C. 3 5 7 7 4—26
Seaside 10 2 6 4 2—24

BOYS BASKETBALL
BANKS 67, ASTORIA 41
BAN (67): Ben Mayo 24, Gobel 16, Vidmantas 9, Petersen 5, Vereen 4, Selleck 3, Voss 2, White 2, Bodine 2.
AST (41): Colton McMaster 13, Williams 7, Benesch 5, Boudreau 5, Faulkner 4, Field 4, Woodrich 3, Olson, Moore, Wintersteen.
Banks 17 15 26 9—67
Astoria 10 8 11 12—41

SEASIDE 58, VALLEY CATHOLIC 55
VC (55): Benjamin Cheung 21, Holub 14, Heyworth 6, Tortorelli 5, Han 5, Lane 2, Merz 2.
SEA (58): Cash Corder 19, Sibony 14, Langmo 14, White 5, Kawasoe 4, Kraushaar 2.
Valley C. 9 15 11 18 2—55
Seaside 19 18 10 6 5—58

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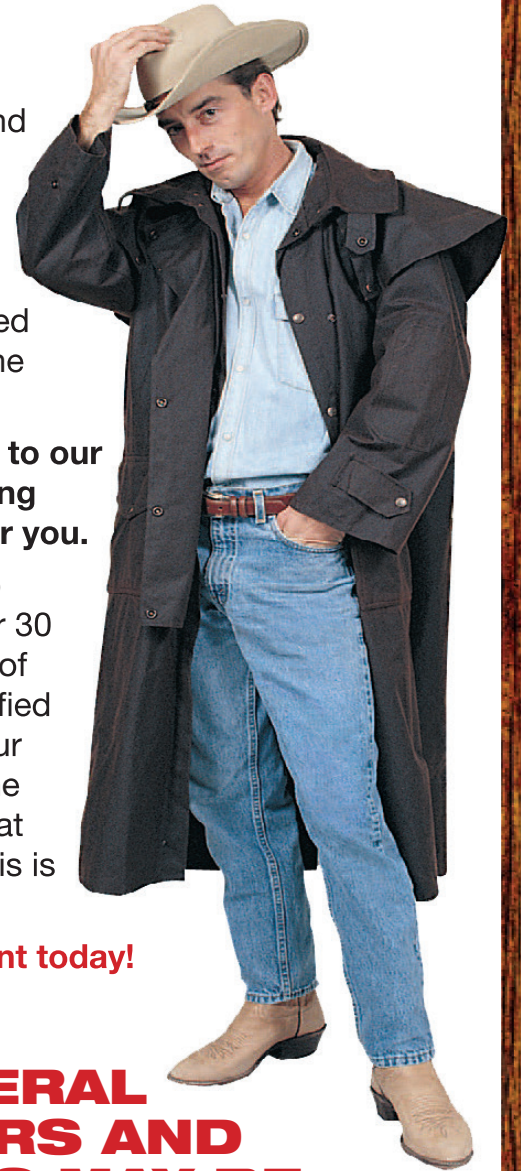
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Knappa boys close in on league title

The Astorian

Three games in three days was no problem for the No. 2-ranked Knappa boys basketball team last week, as the Loggers went 3-0 in league play to take over first place in the Northwest League.

After a forfeit win over Gaston on Wednesday, Knappa followed with easy victories Thursday, Friday and Saturday over Portland Christian (85-29), Vernonia (57-39) and Faith Bible (70-52).

The Knappa girls lost three straight, falling to the Royals (48-46), Vernonia (47-23) and Faith Bible (58-20).