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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Mollie Matthews

Astoria
Sports: Volleyball (all-league), basketball, softball
Guard / No. 3

Favorite sports moment: When our team got to go to Alaska and play in a tournament.

Where you see yourself in five years: I'm not sure where I see myself in five years, but hopefully I'm doing something that makes me happy!

Favorite road trips: Some of my favorite road trips have been going down to Marshfield and playing in their tournament.

Favorite pregame music: My favorite pregame music is pretty much anything that will get me pumped up.

Most influential coach or teacher: Coach Alex (Eterno) and Coach Mike (Jacobson) have both made a big impact on my basketball career.

Any advice for young teammates?: My advice to younger teammates would be to stick with it, because it is worth it in the end.

Astoria girls pound the Valiants, 53-20

Lady Mooks edge Seaside

The Astorian

Astoria had three players in double figures, and the Lady Fishermen completed their season sweep over Valley Catholic with a 53-20 victory on the Valiants' home floor Friday night in Cowapa League girls basketball.

Shelby Bruney overcame a scoreless first half to finish with 16 points, with teammate Caleigh Peterson adding 12 points and Mollie Matthews chipping in 10, helping Astoria improve to 6-1 in league play.

The Lady Fishermen close out the regular season Thursday at home vs. Seaside.

Tillamook 31, Gulls 27

No team in Cowapa League girls basketball has given up fewer points than Seaside, but the Gulls are also the lowest scoring team in the league.

In another tight, low-scoring contest Friday night on the Gulls' home floor, Tillamook outlasted Seaside 31-27.

The two teams played the momentum game in the first half, as Seaside turned a 7-6 deficit into a 17-10 lead early in the third quarter, following multiple scores from Abby Nofield and Madi Olson.

Tillamook answered with a 8-0 run for a brief 18-17 lead, before Nofield scored three straight buckets to help Seaside build a 25-21 lead early in the fourth quarter.

From there, a 3-pointer by Tillamook's Gabriella Garcia sparked a 10-2 run for the Cheesemakers — who still had trouble closing out the game, missing three free throws and committing lane violations on two other attempts in the final minutes.

Abby Nofield led Seaside with 12 points, while Lexie Braxing scored 14 for Tillamook.

The Gulls close out the regular season with road games at Banks and Astoria this week, before league playoffs begin.

Knappa boys on a roll as playoffs begin

The Astorian

The No.1-ranked Knappa boys basketball team showcased its dominance this season over the rest of the Northwest League, with wins Friday and Saturday over Gaston (65-19) and Mannahouse Christian (54-33), respectively.

Winners of 23 in a row, Knappa will be the favorite at the 2A level when the state playoffs begin next week. The Loggers will host a league playoff game Saturday at 3 p.m. at Vernonia vs. an opponent to be determined for the Northwest League's No. 1 seed.

The Loggers finished 16-0 in league play

(with one forfeit win), defeating league opponents by an average of 32.7 points per game.

Knappa girls close season with wins

The 2021-2022 campaign is over for the Knappa girls basketball team, but with just three seniors — and one of the few teams in the Northwest League with a junior varsity program — the Lady Loggers will be a major factor in next year's league race.

Knappa closed out the season with three straight victories, including a 52-20 win Friday at Gaston, followed by a 50-28 decision Saturday at Mannahouse Christian.

Warriors win one, lose one at Rainier

The Astorian

Warrenton wrapped up the Coastal Range League regular season with a 55-46 boys basketball win Friday night at Rainier.

The Warriors (6-2) will host a league playoff Thursday, time and opponent to be announced.

Rainier held a 28-21 halftime lead in Friday's game, and still led by seven in the fourth quarter, before the Warriors got hot and scored 21 points in the final period.

Rainier 47, Warriors 24

In the girls' game, Rainier topped Warrenton 47-24.

The Lady Warriors finish the regular season with a 2-17 overall record, and were set to open the post-season with a league playoff Monday at Taft.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

Girls Basketball — Seaside at Banks, 6 p.m.; Willamette Valley Christian at Jewell, 5:30 p.m.; TBA at Knappa, TBA

Boys Basketball — Seaside at Banks, 7:40 p.m.; Willamette Valley Christian at Jewell, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Girls Basketball — Oregon School for the Deaf at Jewell, 5:30 p.m.

Boys Basketball — Oregon School for the Deaf at Jewell, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

Girls Basketball — Seaside at Astoria, 6 p.m.

Boys Basketball — Seaside at Astoria, 7:40 p.m.; TBA at Warrenton

BASKETBALL COACHES POLLS

4A Girls

- (First place votes in parentheses)
- 1. Philomath Warriors (11) 110
- 2. Cascade Cougars 95
- 3. Junction City Tigers 89
- 4. Baker Bulldogs 62
- 5. Gladstone Gladiators (1) 61
- 6. Madras White Buffaloes 39
- 7. Banks Braves 33
- 8. Corbett Cardinals 32
- 9. Astoria Fishermen 29
- 10. Marist Catholic Spartans 20

Others: Stayton 17.

4A Boys

- 1. Junction City Tigers (14) 149
- 2. Cascade Cougars 117
- 3. Marshfield Pirates 110
- 4. Philomath Warriors 99
- 5. Seaside Seagulls 74
- 6. Stayton Eagles 68
- 7. Baker Bulldogs 42
- 8. Banks Braves 39
- 9. Henley Hornets 34
- 10. Corbett Cardinals 8

Others: La Grande 7, Cottage Grove 6.

2A Boys

- 1. Knappa Loggers (5) 94
- 2. Salem Academy (4) 92

- 3. Western Christian 81
 - 4. Jefferson Lions (1) 70
 - 5. Kennedy Trojans 57
 - 6. Illinois Valley Cougars 52
 - 7. Regis Rams 32
 - 8. Bandon Tigers 26
 - 9. Heppner Mustangs 17
 - 10. Oakland Oakers 11
- Others:** East Linn Christian 11.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

ASTORIA 53, VALLEY CATHOLIC 20

AST (53): Shelby Bruney 16, Peterson 12, Matthews 10, Huber 7, Biederman 2, Palmberg 2, Holmstedt 2.

Astoria 10 14 20

9—53

TILLAMOOK 31, SEASIDE 27

TIL (31): Lexie Braxling 14, Garcia 6, Haertel 5, Werner 1.

SEA (27): Abby Nofield 12, A.Taylor 5, L.Taylor 4, Olson 4, Bowles 2, Joli, Martinez, Klumper, Betts.

Tillamook 3 7 11 10—31

Seaside 2 13 8 4—27

BOYS BASKETBALL

ASTORIA 80, VALLEY CATHOLIC 59

AST (80): Colton McMaster 23, Williams 19, Benesch 15, Faulkner 7, Field 7, Woodrich 5, Boudreau 4, Moore, Wintersteen, Olson.

VC (59): Ryoma Lane 15, Holub 11, Heyworth 10, Tortorelli 9, Cheung 9, DeBartoli 5, Han 2.

Astoria 23 23 19 15—80

Valley C 18 12 14 15—59

SEASIDE 69, TILLAMOOK 38

TIL (38): Marshall Allen 17, Hoskins 12, Johnson 9, White 3, Hurliman 2.

SEA (69): Connor Langmo 20, Corder 17, Sibony 13, Wunderlich 4, White 4, Jantes 3, Palmer 3, Thompson 2, Kawasoe 2.

Tillamook 14 5 11 8—38

Seaside 20 18 18 13—69

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