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Astoria shuts out Seaside in classic Clatsop Clash, 8-0

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ven with the lack of offense and points, the Astoria and Seaside football teams managed to put on a thriller to close out the football season, with the Fishermen winning 8-0 over the

Along the way, the Fishermen and Gulls scored a few firsts, in their first Clatsop Clash meeting since 2019.

First off, it was probably the only Clatsop Clash football game played on April 2.

It's also likely the first time in the series' history that backto-back meetings ended with 8-0 scores.

The Gulls won 8-0 in 2019 (by way of a safety and a touchdown), and the Fishermen returned the favor last Friday night at Broadway Field.

The Fishermen won the game with a safety in the first quarter and a long touchdown run in the third.

It was the third Clatsop Clash shutout in the last four meetings, as the Fishermen and Gulls battled through a game that included 11 punts and five turnovers.

Offensively, Astoria's Michael Moore had the most touches (25 carries, 141 yards rushing). But his biggest play came on defense.

With the Gulls at the Astoria 12-yard line and 33 seconds remaining, Moore inter-



Hailey Hoffman/The Astorian

Seaside's Jeremiah Stanley takes down Astoria's Michael Moore.

cepted Seaside's last pass attempt of the night, and closed out his high school football career and Astoria's season with a victory.

Meanwhile, Moore's backfield teammate Luke Cummings had just seven carries but made the most of his chances.

On Astoria's second possession of the third quarter, Cummings ran left, turned it up the sideline and sprinted 75 yards for a touchdown.

From there, the Fishermen handed the game to their defense, which held the Gulls to just 75 yards rushing and 76

"I thought there would be a little more scoring, for both teams," said Astoria coach Howard Rub. "Estacada kept us out of the end zone the week before, and to Seaside's credit, they tightened up whenever we got in the red zone."

The first points of the game came via a safety, when Astoria's Dylan Junes blocked a Seaside punt out the back of the end zone.

Meanwhile, a recovered fumble gave Seaside is first possession in Astoria territory midway through the second quarter.

But the Gulls gave it right

back on the next play, as Rocky Rub picked off a Carson Kawasoe pass.

Seaside's Kaleb Bartel later intercepted an Astoria pass, but the Gulls were plagued by dropped passes and negative yardage plays on offense.

"I was happy for our guys to turn things around (from an 0-8 season in 2019), and to have a successful league season," coach Rub said. "But mostly for just getting a chance to play. It was a great way for our seniors to go out as winners, and help us get back to where we want the program to be."

The second foul came in

the penalty box, and resulted

in a penalty kick for teammate

Karen Jimenez, whose goal gave Astoria a two-nil lead

with 1:57 left in the first half.

goals in the second half (one

assisted by Darby McCleary)

for her second straight hat

trick, and the Gulls added a

late goal to avoid the shutout.

bigger scoring role next fall.

bring her up or leave her in the

back," Fastabend said. "We

have a strong group of fresh-

men coming in, and Maddie is

six seniors, including Espe-

lien, Emma Biederman, Haley

Kelley, Erin Mullins, Lilly

Randall and keeper Shelby

Rasmussen, who recorded

five shutouts in goal in the last

The Lady Fishermen lose

doing really well."

seven games.

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Astoria girls top Seaside in the Clash into it when it's Seaside," said Astoria coach Tim Fastabend.

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Clatsop Clash week opened last Wednesday night at Broadway Field, where the Astoria girls soccer team posted a 4-1 win over Seaside in the final regular season game of the shortened season for both teams.

Astoria finishes 7-2, while the Gulls (3-5-1) honored three players (Dawnielle Fenton, Yaritza Martinez and Emily Philbrook) on Senior Night.

As for the game, the Lady Fishermen had all they would need just one minute, 19 seconds in.

Astoria junior Maddie Sisley gained control of a ball in the penalty area, carried it left towards the end line, and placed a shot to the far post for the game's first score.

Ten minutes later, another shot on goal by Sisley deflected off the cross bar, and



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Astoria's Avery Biederman, left, battles for a ball with Seaside's **Dawnielle Fenton.**

a free kick attempt was wide

A physical first half saw several players leave the field with injuries, while Sisley was

a yellow card and a red card on the Gulls.

"The kids tend to get a little

knocked down twice, drawing

more physical and put more

ball, as well as the Warrenton Warriors, whose last official

Astoria and Knappa softball will be league favorites on the diamond. On the links, Seaside boys golf will challenge for the 4A state title, should there be a state cham-

game was the 2019 class 3A

state championship game in

pionship event. In track, look for Astoria's Colton McMaster and Triston Scott of Warrenton to set school records in the throwing events for their respective teams.

Across the river in Washington state, Naselle baseball

High school spring sports on tap

By GARY HENLEY Seaside Signal

The games are on for both players and fans.

The Oregon School Activities Association is moving into its "Season 3" phase of the school year, featuring spring sports.

Baseball games, softball games, golf meets and track meets begin on Monday, with action running into mid-May for all sports.

Local baseball teams for Astoria, Seaside, Warrenton and Knappa have scheduled opening days on Tuesday, weather permitting.

The first pitch for the Astoria and Seaside baseball teams will come Tuesday, when the Fishermen and Gulls open the season with a



The view of the new sports field in Seaside.

Clatsop Clash at Broadway Field.

The two teams will then play a mostly Cowapa League schedule that lasts through May 13.

Warrenton opens a threegame series with Willamina Tuesday at Willamina, followed by a home doubleheader with the Bulldogs

gle game Tuesday at Gaston, followed by a twin bill three days later at Gaston.

To keep in-person attendance numbers down, high school track teams and golf teams have scheduled a series of dual meets.

Local teams to watchAstoria and Knappa base-

April 16. Knappa has a sin-

for the Lady Fishermen.

is always a state contender. Ilwaco softball should be a new state power, led by eighth grader Maddie Wilkin in her first year as a starting pitcher