

Naselle squad masks up: But you'll hear the cheers

School spirit will overcome covid protocols

By PATRICK WEBB
For the Observer

NASELLE — Sports quiz question. Covid related.

Which high school squad has had the biggest challenges to overcome in preparing for this season?

If you answered “cheerleaders,” you may be correct.

Comet coaches Blair Gray and Herlet Padilla have been faced with a quandary. How do their eight squad members observe all the necessary safety regulations while their assignment is yelling cheers inches away from players and fans?

“These girls are resilient,” said Gray, praising her athletes for adapting to change and uncertainty. “I am so happy with this cheer squad.”

Stunts

This year’s squad features three seniors, three-year veteran Beonna Vivlemore, and two who made their debut last year, Emma Colombo, who just concluded a stellar track season, and Kylee Tarabochia, who just completed softball with sophomore sister Brynn Tarabochia.

Their softball teammate, junior Mia Watson, is beginning her third year in cheer, as is sophomore Ella Oldham. Two sophomores have joined the squad for the first time. Kaylin Shrives, who has just completed track, and Bella Dunagan. Unusually, Shrives will also play basketball during the Covid-shortened final season.

Practice has meant coaches recording everyone’s temperatures before they can participate, squad members always wearing masks, and making sure dance routines are “socially distanced” where possible.

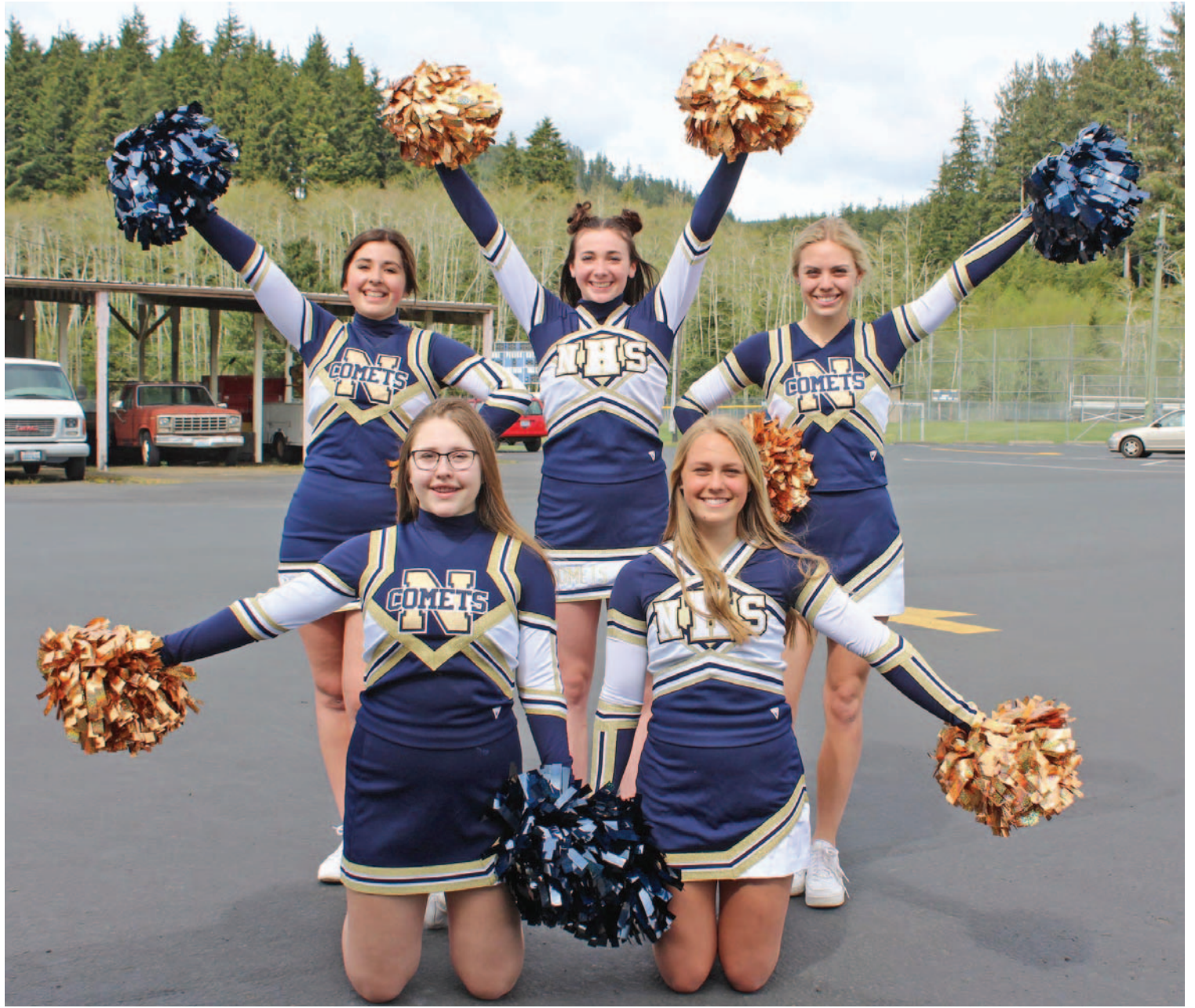
But there was no statewide summer camp to learn new routines and the squad only recently learned that stunts — human pyramids during halftime — will be allowed.

“The girls are excited to be able to stunt,” said Padilla, who is Watson’s mother. “It’s going to be different when you don’t have the same number of spectators.”

Brynn Tarabochia is the team’s primary “flyer” — the girl who climbs the highest when they form a pyramid. With experience from last year, she doesn’t feel pressure. “It’s relaxing,” she said. “We work hard and love to show our dances.”

Confident

Naselle’s school spirit pervades the Lyle



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Inside the gym they will be masked, but here are some outdoor smiles from the Naselle cheerleading squad. Back row, left to right, are Emma Colombo, Kaylin Shrives and Kylee Tarabochia. Front row, Ella Oldham, left, and Brynn Tarabochia. Not pictured are Beonna Vivlemore, Mia Watson and Bella Dunagan.

Patterson Gym as it does the Reuben Penttila Field. The cheerleaders simply harness it.

Ella Oldham typifies that. She is a sophomore — but this will be her third season coaxing noise from fans and encouraging the basketball teams to victory.

“I try to put myself out there and maybe be a role model in the community,” she said, having clearly anticipated being asked why she works so hard supporting her classmates. “I think a lot of other girls feel the same way.”

Oldham began cheering as an eighth grader. She is the first to concede she was a different person when she first put on a cheerleader uniform. “It’s a confidence

builder,” she said. “I was shy and reserved, I became confident ... like a butterfly.”

‘Fired up’

Players appreciate the vocal support. Shrives, who also plays volleyball, has just completed a track season which ended with top-five finishes in all her four events at the District meet. She is joining the cheer squad for the first time — but will only cheer the boys. When the Naselle girls team plays, she’ll be on the court.

“When you are a player, hearing the cheers, it gets me fired up,” Shrives said. “When it’s quiet, I can’t play.”

Her coach agrees, but with a caveat.

Rose Nisbet is entering the Covid-delayed 2021 season amid uncertainty about schedules and expectations. But the one thing she knows her Comet girls basketball team can count on is support from their classmates on the cheer squad.

Experienced cheerleaders like Vivlemore have spoken previously about attuning themselves to the pace and progression of the game. As captain last year, she taught the others how timing is crucial.

Nisbet agrees that is the key to being able to lift players at important moments. “When they can identify momentum in a game, when they align, it’s 100 percent,” the coach said.

Eaton earns statewide recognition

Observer staff report

NASELLE — Accolades continue for Jeff Eaton, who retired this spring after more than 30 years coaching the Comets football team.

He was named IB football coach of the year by the Seattle Seahawks.

The covid restrictions pushed high school football to the early spring. Naselle won all six of its games and Eaton retired with the District championship.

The report noted that the Seahawks usually single out one coach for recognition but expanded this year’s selections to all WIAA levels because



‘I am pretty laid back, but football does bring out some stuff.’ — Jeff Eaton Retiring Naselle football coach

of the extra effort coaches and teams have made during the pandemic disruption.

Southwest Washington was well represented in the selections described by web page contributor Jordan Duncan.

He highlighted the achievements of 2B coach of the year Eric Hansen, who led Wahkiakum to a 5-0 record. Other regional winners were John Lambert at La Center (1A), and Rick Steele at Hockinson (2A).

The bigger schools were represented by Cameron Robak at Spanaway (3A) and Tom Tri at Lake Stevens (4A).

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Daniel Quintana had a huge cause to smile crossing the finish line at the WIAA 2B state championship race in Pasco Saturday. The senior won the individual title to retain the championship he won as a sophomore. Covid prevented an in-person race in 2020, but he had the fastest time in the state 2A in his junior year.

Feds weigh
in on quake
response,
preparation

By JEFF CLEMENS
For the Observer

PACIFIC COUNTY — Officials with the U.S. Navy's Third Fleet visited Pacific County on Nov. 4 to meet with local officials, including the Pacific County Emergency Management Agency (PCEMA), to survey potential landing sites for natural disaster responses.

The survey looked at local beaches for options for the Navy to land amphibious vehicles on, such as hovercraft — particularly after a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake — to deliver emergency supplies, according to PCEMA Director Scott McDougall.

"The fleet that is hosted off the Pacific Coast is the U.S. Third Fleet," McDougall said. "They have a variety of assets that they can make available to do Joint Logistics Over the Shore (JLOTS), and they have these — which are pretty amazing — what are called landing craft air-cushions or LCACs."

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Quintana's fleet feet
create fine feat

IHS senior repeats as state cross country champion

By PATRICK WEBB
For the Observer

PASCO — Just call him "champ." Daniel Quintana of Ilwaco successfully defended his WIAA state cross country title Saturday.

But the manner of the race wasn't what anyone expected.

When he won the 2B title in 2019, his strategy was to stay with the front pack, positioning himself for a kick down the hill to the finish.

State of the race

But after the 112 boys packed along this year's start line settled into a somewhat slower rhythm, it was just Quintana and sophomore Will Halpin of Liberty Bell out in front.

"I like to stick with a group of kids," Quintana said. "I had to make a new strategy."

He was ahead of Halpin as they took an early turn on the winding



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Daniel Quintana of Ilwaco is atop the podium of the WIAA 2B cross country championships for the second time. Left to right are Devin Van Zanten of Mount Vernon Christian (fifth), Asher Ingram of NW Christian Lacey (third), Quintana (first), Will Halpin of Liberty Bell (second) and Ciaran St. Hilaire of Tri-Cities Prep (fourth).

course. Completing a second loop, Halpin was just ahead with Quintana on his shoulder.

Runners behind them included junior Asher Ingram of NW Christian Lacey who had defeated him at the League meet and was just five seconds behind him at District.

"If I slow down, they are going to catch me," said Quintana, recalling his thoughts. "They made me get out of my comfort zone."

The Sun Willows Golf Course has a hill to climb then a steep slope down to the finish line archway, thronged by fans and photographers.

"I came up the hill and he wasn't making any moves," said Quintana. "I looked back at him. He wasn't going to catch me."

As he crossed the finish line at a sprint — four seconds ahead — a smiling Quintana gave a wide-armed

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Major work
OK'd for
three Pacific
County ports

Industry, recreation to benefit from \$3.2M project

NAHCOTTA and TOKELAND — Port of Willapa Harbor and Port of Peninsula have been awarded \$3.2 million for dredging by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from the Federal Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund.

The award to both ports was announced by John Hicks, the corps' head of navigation.

The funds will pay for dredging access to three marina basins in Willapa Bay:

- Access to the Tokeland Marina on the Tokeland peninsula at the north end of the bay;
- Access to the Bay Center Marina at Bay Center, near the geographic center of the bay;

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Adventure or ordeal? Ilwaco
woman recalls Cold War stunt

Deprivations at the forefront of 1961 memories

By PATRICK WEBB
For the Observer

ILWACO — Ask Sharon Petersen what she was doing exactly 60 years ago, and you'll get a knowing smile. And then the memories flow.

As a young mother of two, she was taking part in an unusual radio station stunt that reflected the tense history of the era. November 1961 was a key moment in the Cold War, which pitted the world's two superpowers, the United States and the Soviet Union, in standoffs which could have led to nuclear annihilation.



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Sharon Petersen shows her delight as she looks over mementos of the two weeks in 1961 she and her family spent in a bomb shelter to simulate survival after a nuclear war. Among her prized possessions are giant reel-to-reel tapes of the broadcast on her husband's Spokane radio station. She had them converted to CDs so she can listen any time.

Earlier that year, Cuban exiles backed by the U.S. government had failed in an armed invasion of the island in a fiasco which became known as the Bay of Pigs. In August, the Soviets had erected the Berlin Wall, a

literal version of what British leader Winston Churchill had earlier called an "iron curtain" between Eastern European Communist nations and the free West.

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County recovery
far outpaces state

Main street retail 39% above pre-pandemic record

LONG BEACH — Compared to the depths of despair suffered by many Pacific County business owners during the societal shutdown in the spring of 2020, this year has surged to record heights on the strength of factors including robust tourism, new residents and federal economic stimulus.

While Washington state as a whole enjoyed a 33.6% rebound in business in the second quarter of 2021, Pacific County was up 50.5%, climbing from \$74 million in taxable sales in the dismal spring of 2020 to an all-time high of \$111.2 million this spring. This was the third best recovery among the state's 39 counties, trailing only

San Juan's 64.4% and Klickitat's astonishing 123%.

Washington residents may often resent sales taxes, but when counted up by the Department of Revenue they present a front-row view of exactly how well businesses of all kinds were doing, typically about three months after each quarter ends. Looking behind instead of ahead, these Quarterly Business Reviews are what are known as a "trailing indicator," but are a sign of what direction the economy is heading.

Pacific County's previous record spring was in 2019, when the total was \$81.7 million. In the pre-Great Recession year of 2008 — sometimes remembered as a high-water mark for our economy — spring sales came to \$59 million.

Results for the crucial summer season won't be available until

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Comets pulverize Crescent 54-0, advance to state

By **LUKE WHITTAKER**
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NASELLE — The Naselle football team continued their postseason march by pulverizing Crescent 54-0 in the 1B District match-up Nov. 6 at Rueben Pentilla Field.

The Comets (7-1) scored early and often in opening a 30-0 halftime lead, led by Kolten Lindstrom, Trent Stephens and Joey Strange.

Naselle junior linebacker Kolten Lindstrom recovered a Logger fumble on the opening possession and cashed in the turnover with a touchdown run for an 8-0 Comet lead at the 9:54 mark first quarter.

Hardnose running by Lindstrom and a spectacular defensive play by Strange prevented Crescent from gaining any momentum on defense or offense early on.

A second Lindstrom fumble recovery led to a 16-0 Naselle lead after a touchdown by Jason Harman, midway through the first quarter.

Naselle continued to pressure on defense with junior defensive end Elmer Toftemark disrupting several plays in the backfield along with defensive lineman George Wilson, leading to several quick three-and-outs for the Loggers.

A Jacob Lindstrom keeper extended the Naselle lead to 22-0 early in the 2nd. Less than five minutes later, Naselle added their final touchdown of the half after receiver Trent Stephens hauled in a deep pass from Lindstrom, giving the Comets a 30-0 lead before cruising to a 54-0 victory.

Naselle (7-1) will next play Waterfield/Mansfield (5-3) in the first round of state playoffs Saturday, Nov. 13, at a 1 p.m. at South Bend High School.



The Naselle defense swarms a Crescent ballcarrier.

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Naselle senior receiver Trent Stephens (20) hauls in a touchdown pass from Jacob Lindstrom.

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Naselle junior Jason Harmon (7) breaks off a long run against Crescent.

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Naselle running back Kolten Lindstrom (14) turns the corner against Crescent. Hard-nose running by the junior back helped lead the Comets to a convincing 54-0 victory.

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Ilwaco High girls place well amid state competition

Seniors conclude cross country careers

By **PATRICK WEBB**
For the Observer

PASCO — Two Ilwaco senior girls concluded their cross country careers with satisfying races Saturday at the 2B state championships.

Emma Brundage placed 17th in a time of 21:31.

“I was hoping for a top-20 finish,” she said. Early on she was in 25th, then moved up to 20th after two miles. “I was just looking at each person in front,” she said, recalling how she overtook three runners in the last phase. “I had good luck at the end.”

Her senior season included the joy of winning her home Black Lake meet, placing well in every race, and hitting her target — fifth at district — to book a slot at Pasco. “I am really happy we were able to do state this year,” said Brundage, who had run at the Sun Willows Golf Course course



LEFT: Senior Emma Brundage rounds the turn en route to a 17th-place finish in the 2021 WIAA 2B state cross country championships in Pasco. Brundage was in 20th when she found extra energy to pass three girls on the way to the finish line. RIGHT: Sabrina Lessenden of Ilwaco placed 24th in the WIAA 2B state cross country championships.

twice before.

Teammate Sabrina Lessenden, who was sixth at District, was 24th in 21:46, overtaking two runners in the final part of the race.



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It was her first race on the Pasco course. As she caught her breath afterward, she was all smiles. “It was challenging, but it’s such a good course,” she said. “I just feel comfort-

able — I am content with how I finished.”

Coach Sarah Taylor praised the pair. “I couldn’t be happier. They both ran really well and smart races. They didn’t go out too fast,” she said. “They picked girls off — which is awesome. The rolling hills are deceptively challenging.”

The girls 2B race was won by Chloe Overberg of Asotin in 18:36. The senior was a whopping 1 minute 4 seconds ahead of the next finisher; her school team placed fifth. Pope John Paul II of Lacey retained the team title, which its students won in 2019. The manner in which covid delayed and cut back the 2020 season meant there was no team trophy awarded for that year.

Madison Ingram, the freshman from Northwest Christian at Lacey who won Ilwaco’s league and district meets, placed third at state.

Two other Pacific County high school students participated Saturday. Freshman Jasmine Solso of Willapa Valley finished 39th with 22:42.40. Raymond junior Genevieve Sarich was 51st in 24:15.

Quintana

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double fist pump. The same trademark image (from his 2019 win) appeared on the cover of the WIAA program for this year’s event with photos of athletes from four other schools.

Halpin was second and Ingram third. Runners poured into the chutes as Halpin made his way through the crowd to shake Quintana’s hand. His second-place points helped secure the team trophy for his Winthrop school.

Crowd of fans

Well-wishers included other runners and coaches, patting Quintana’s shoulder and giving fist bumps. Several runners asked to have their photo taken with him. His accomplishment was big news — he had to work his way through at least three media interviews before the track announcer paged him to hurry over to the podium because it was time to receive his medal.

“I am ‘back to back.’ That’s what I wanted to do,” he said. “It was a really tough race with all that pressure — people asking about whether I was going to be getting first again.”

Quintana’s success is almost a “three-peat.” He will appear in WIAA record books as the winner in 2019 and 2021. Covid shut-



The leaders of the Ilwaco High School cross country team were all smiles after a successful WIAA state meet in Pasco. Left to right are head coach Sarah Taylor, state 2B individual champion Daniel Quintana, seniors Logan Simonson, Sabrina Lessenden, Emma Brundage and Tazlina Thomas (who did not race at state, but was a valuable support) and assistant coach Crystal Bell.

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downs delayed the 2020 season to a curtailed schedule, concluding with a district

meet in spring 2021.

There was no in-person state meet.

Instead the top runners raced on their home tracks and their coaches submitted times; Quintana’s was the fastest.

Proud coach

Coach Sarah Taylor was beaming afterward.

“It wasn’t as fast as two years ago,” she said, noting that there was no pack of serious contenders. “It was clear in the first mile it was just the second-place kid and him.”

“It was a very good strategic race. He knew what he had to do. Once I saw them running right next to each other, I was not really worried because his kick is unstoppable.”

Quintana started running in seventh grade. He was eager to praise Taylor for her support over the years. “There were days when I really didn’t want to run and she was there for me,” he said. “She’s the best coach. She’s always there keeping me on the right path, with my grades, and making sure I am healthy.”

Ilwaco’s other competitor, Logan Simonson, placed 81st with a time of 19:14.60. He had a strong senior season and had been praised by his coach after his seventh-place success at District for his improvement.

He passed two runners in the last mile and had a strong downhill finish. “This is one of the best moments of my life for cross country,” he said.

Sweat and prayers: Naselle fifth at state

Volleyball team powers through tournament

By PATRICK WEBB
For the Observer

YAKIMA — Volleyball is about skill, will and momentum.

Naselle demonstrated all three at the WIAA state tournament.

The Comets came home with the fifth-place trophy after three wins and one loss. Their only defeat was to eventual 1B champions Oakesdale.

It was a tournament defined by two “moments.”

Win, loss

The story of state was determined by a bracket that positioned the Comets as the eighth seed after a successful season and one loss to Mossyrock at District.

In the first match against Pomeroy, Naselle won 25-20, 25-16, 25-12. The Pirates have been 1B champions multiple times, but this year only qualified for state by placing fourth in their district.

One play stood out. At 17-12 in the second set, a Pomeroy return looked to be soaring into paydirt in the back court. Somehow libero Brynn Tarabochia dug it up and senior Echo Cenci cleverly found time to shape her body to return it skillfully over the net.

The three-set sweep advanced Naselle to play Oakesdale.

The Nighthawks took the first set 25-16, after a tussle that saw junior Kaylin Shrives serve an ace to tie the scores at 14-14, junior Delaney Kragerud had a kill, and on one play three Naselle players ended flat on the floor trying for a dig.

Naselle evened the score with a 26-24 win amid a tense end to the set which saw Cenci serve an ace and Shrives nail two kills.

Six points

Shouts of “Comet Power!” reverberated through the SunDome as the Nighthawks fumbled to put Naselle one point from winning the set.

It was the first “moment.”

But perennial champions Oakesdale won SIX consecutive points to bring the score to 24-24. On one play, Shrives hit the ball onto the top of the net — only to watch it roll back into her court. Oakesdale prevailed 29-27.

The eastern Washington team then powered through the fourth to advance 25-15.

“That should have been a semifinal,” said head coach Rebekah Wirkkala, unhappy at the bracket.

She and assistant coaches Hanna Higginbotham and Kayti Updike continued to encourage the team, crucially looking for improvement in serving. “We just need to execute better — but we played really hard,” Wirkkala said as she walked off the court late Thursday. “The girls were still hungry ... but whoever won that third set was going to win.”

Control of the action

Friday, the Comets earned their trophy. They won the next two matches — both by five sets and both after going behind. “It was a mental hurdle,” Wirkkala said, describing how her players regrouped. “At state, all bets are off. It’s will and mental toughness — it’s who can put it away.”

Against Neah Bay, Naselle won 25-17, 15-25, 17-25, 25-17, 15-11, coming from 1-2 behind to level the score. “I could tell the shift change against Neah Bay,” Wirkkala said. “It was just controlling what we could control.”

The second tournament “moment” was pure Naselle.

The first set saw the Comets win 25-17, thanks to an ace from captain Peyton Dalton and good blocking from Kragerud. The second saw the Red Devils go on an 11-point run then race to a 25-15 win. The third saw them extend their lead with a 25-17 score, thanks to their talented senior Oceana Aquirre. She was such a commanding presence she even took over from her coach to direct the time-out talks.

Senior Mia Watson, who brought fresh energy off the bench, did win a point with a clever tip-over, a move which Kragerud duplicated twice, but it wasn’t enough.

Look up

It was time for help.

In the break between sets, the players left the bench and trooped over to a metal barrier in front of the NHS fans. There, Brandi Tarabochia, mother of Brynn, led them in a prayer.

Backs to the court, they stood close, motionless, heads bowed.

Fortified, they returned. They went two



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The bench erupts as Naselle players celebrate on court at the conclusion of the fifth-place trophy game against Mary Walker School. The Comets won their first game, lost against the eventual champions then won two 5-set contests to earn the trophy, coming back from nail-biting 2-1 set deficits in both those last two games.



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Naselle earned the fifth-place trophy at the 2021 WIAA 1B state volleyball championship in Yakima. Back row, left to right, Head coach Rebekah Wirkkala, assistant coach Kayti Updike, Amera Larson, Kayli Wirkkala, Nicole Steenerson, Lauren Katryniuk, Delaney Kragerud, Kaylin Shrives, Brynn Tarabochia, Bella Colombo and assistant coach Hanna Higginbotham. Front, left to right, manager Mylinh Schell, Gladys Wilson, captain Peyton Dalton, Morgan Reitz, Mia Watson, Echo Cenci, Haley Eastham and manager Anii Laine.



LEFT: Echo Cenci points the way to success for the Comet volleyball program. RIGHT: Junior Kaylin Shrives was not alone in making spectacular dives to try and save a point during the state tournament. Behind her is another junior, libero Brynn Tarabochia.



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points down. But then junior Lauren Katryniuk served back-to-back aces, Kragerud performed well at the net, and Cenci, Shrives and senior Morgan Reitz scored points.

Shrives hit an unstoppable serve and soon the set was won 25-17.

For the finale, Cenci made a diving dig and Shrives tipped the ball over the net. Dalton served well and after a couple of slips, two crafty consecutive tip-over plays by Reitz got them to match point.

Katryniuk served and the Red Devils’ reply soared back. Dalton screamed to her team mates let it go out. They obeyed.

Afterward, Wirkkala just grinned beneath her mask. “The girls asked if they could go pray with them and I said, ‘Yes, of course!’”

Brandi Tarabochia, who led the Comet cheers, beamed, too. “I tried to pray with them before the game, but I didn’t get a chance,” she explained.

Hardware

In the game for fifth and sixth place. Naselle faced Mary Walker School, from Springdale just north of Spokane.

The pattern of sets was identical to the Neah Bay game. As Naselle charged to a 25-20 win, Cenci, Dalton and Shrives combined for a dig, set and kill that would make any highlight reel. In the next, Katryniuk scored a point with an overhead return facing away from the net. But the Chargers won the set 25-21 to tie the scores. In the third, Shrives replicated Katryniuk’s clever shot and Kragerud started to take charge at the net, but the Red Devils won 25-20. Next, Reitz stepped up with some big plays to power Naselle to 25-21.

In the last set, momentum took over. Shrives had an ace, Cenci a good return, and Reitz a kill so close to the line that it had everyone looking at the official’s flag.

Reitz made a block and Kragerud rolled

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There is no hiding the excitement or the commanding presence of Comets captain Peyton Dalton, left, as she and Kaylin Shrives conclude celebrations and set up for the next point.

the ball over the net. A kill from Shrives set up match point. When their opponents couldn’t return the ball, it was 15-11.

Naselle’s season was over with a whoop and a smile.

Seniors

After the trophy presentation photos came reflections. “We are all exhausted, but we worked together as a team,” junior Tarabochia said.

Wirkkala reflected on the contribution of her four seniors.

Reitz slotted into the front line and was an imposing presence at 5-10. “She is why we are able to do so well in defense” Wirkkala said. Her serving at the end was consistent and she had good timing for the blocks.”

An ACL injury to junior Bella Colombo — who cheered mightily on crutches from the bench — meant Cenci stepped into a starting role. She has demonstrated speed on the NHS track team; at Yakima she was jumping high for kills, diving for digs. “We pushed her,” Wirkkala said. “We knew that she was *this* player — she can be a little spark plug.”

Watson contributed greatly, said the coach. “Mia, she’s very positive all the time. She’s very powerful, serving and hitting.”

Dalton has served the program since eighth grade. “Her consistency, her work ethic, her focus,” the coach said, numbering off her contributions. “She will do whatever is best for the team.”

But the captain wanted to share the credit. “I am really grateful — we overcame so much,” Dalton said. “I couldn’t ask for a better team.”



LEFT: There was no trophy for the loudest and most enthusiastic fans, but Naselle fans made their presence felt at the 1B state volleyball championship in Yakima. RIGHT: A trio of coaches led the Naselle Comets. Assistant Kayti Updike, left, was a valued addition to the established team of assistant Hanna Higginbotham and head coach Rebekah Wirkkala, right.



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Naselle's smallest player has the biggest heart

Injured volleyball player plays every shot from the bench

By **PATRICK WEBB**
For the Observer

YAKIMA — Naselle brought a secret weapon to the WIAA state volleyball tournament.

Her name was Bella Colombo.

The feisty junior injured her ACL in a tournament against Pe Ell late in the season.

But that didn't stop No. 6 for suiting up — on crutches — and "playing" every game from the bench.

As the younger kids lined the school corridor for the traditional "On to state!" clapping send-off this past week, there was Colombo on crutches, almost racing to the bus.

Team introductions before the first game at the Sun Dome included her, and rightly so.

And as Morgan Reitz made the first serve in the first game against Pomeroy, it was if Colombo was on the court with her.

Every time inspirational leader Peyton Dalton leaped up two-handed to set the ball — as she did all season — Colombo was there.

Every time strong net player Kaylin Shives leaped for a spike — as she did all season — Colombo was there.

And every time libero Brynn Tarabochia stooped for a dig in the back court — as she did all season — Colombo was there.

Comet Power was in full voice from the spectators' gallery.

But it was a toss-up whether the throng of blue and yellow clad adults (from Naselle, Rosburg and beyond) was as loud as one 5-4 teenager on the bench.

In the time-out huddle, coaches Rebekah Wirkkala and Hanna Higginbotham calmed nerves and shaped plays to help their Comets soar. Newly appointed colleague Kayti Updike, a 2014 NHS graduate, provided fresh eyes and enthusiasm to their coaching strategy.

And amid them all, as if her crutches were a simple extension of her personality, Colombo played her role.

It helped Wirkkala's squad that speedy NHS track athlete Echo Cenci (a giant 5-6) has

developed into a skillful volleyball enthusiast.

"It's hard not being in there," Colombo said. "But it's great seeing how good Echo is right now. I have 100% confidence in her."

And her cheerleading clinic? "I'm glad that I can help keep spirits up," she grinned.

Coach Wirkkala gets misty eyed thinking about Colombo.

"Her heart is 100% on the court," she said. "I get so emotional thinking about it. She should be on the court!"

The first-game bracket pitted Naselle against eastern Washington powerhouse Pomeroy. The Pirates had had a disappointing season and qualified for state as fourth in their district.

But Naselle didn't take anything for granted.

Eventually, after a few slips along the way, the Comets won 25-20, 25-16, 25-12 to advance to the next round.

As Shives, Dalton and co. embraced in a circle, Colombo, forgetting her crutches, hopped into the melee and joined the joyous hug. The winning team was complete.

'HER HEART IS 100% ON THE COURT. I GET SO EMOTIONAL THINKING ABOUT IT. SHE SHOULD BE ON THE COURT!'

Coach Rebekah Wirkkala

Bella Colombo was on crutches at the WIAA state volleyball tournament in Yakima last week. But that didn't stop the enthusiastic junior from playing a key role in the Comets' success.

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State Supreme Court puts check on Inslee's veto pen

By **DON JENKINS**
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OLYMPIA — The Washington Supreme Court ruled 7-2 Nov. 10 that Gov. Jay Inslee overstepped his powers by partially vetoing a transportation budget in 2019.

Although Washington governors can veto individual expenditures, they can't cut all strings lawmakers attach to the spending, the majority ruled.

Inslee went too far by vetoing provisions that barred the Department of Transportation from considering "fuel type" in funding public transit, the court ruled. While Inslee could have vetoed the spending, he couldn't alter the conditions set by lawmakers, Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud wrote.

"Those 'strings' allow the Legislature to fulfill its constitutional role and to check the power of the executive," she wrote.

In a dissent, Justice Mary Yu said the decision weakens the governor. "I believe the majority shifts the balance of power too far in favor of the Legislature," she wrote.

Spokeswoman Tara Lee said the governor's office was reviewing the decision.

Washington governors



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have broader veto powers than presidents. The governor can veto sections of bills and trim budgets with line-item vetoes.

Inslee has tested the limits of those powers. This year, he signed cap-and-trade and low-carbon fuel bills, but vetoed conditioning the climate laws on a transportation package.

The veto upset a bargain between lawmakers who advocated climate action and legislators who wanted to increase funding for highways and other transportation projects.

The ruling stemmed from a lawsuit filed by the Democrat-controlled Legislature. The case is the first involving an Inslee veto to go to the

state Supreme Court.

In his veto message, Inslee said the fuel-type provision would slow the move to biofuels and electric vehicles.

He argued that the provision also violated a state law that requires the transportation department to consider air quality and energy efficiency in awarding grants.

The court rejected the claim, noting that "fuel type" doesn't appear in the law.

The court also rejected claims that legislators were trying to slip past the gover-

nor a "substantive law" in a spending bill.

The proviso applied only to the transit grants in the budget and didn't define anyone's right or eligibility for public services, the court ruled.

Justices Charles Johnson, Debra Stephens, Barbara Madsen, Susan Owens, Raquel Montoya-Lewis and Helen Whitener signed the majority opinion.

Justice Steven Gonzales signed Yu's dissent.

The Building Industry Association of Washington sued Inslee in 2019 over his partial veto of an orca-recovery bill.

Lawmakers conditioned higher fines for disturbing riverbeds on removing gravel to protect eroding farmland in Grays Harbor, Snohomish and Whatcom counties.

Inslee vetoed the gravel removal reference while approving the higher fines.

The Court of Appeals Division II ruled the BIAW didn't have standing to sue because it hadn't shown its members had been harmed by the veto.

While in Scotland, Inslee orders state to electrify motor pool

By **DON JENKINS**
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GLASGOW, Scotland — Washington Gov. Jay Inslee has directed state agencies to electrify their vehicle fleets by 2040, announcing the executive order at the United Nations climate conference.

State vehicles account for about 0.09% of Washington's greenhouse gases, according to inventories by the Department of Ecology. Agencies will phase in electrification. At least 40% of the state's cars and light trucks must be electric by 2025, according to the order.

Speaking to reporters via video conference, Inslee said the measure was an example of steps states and provinces can take independently to act on the climate.

"Mostly the message from Glasgow is Washington state is leading the charge, and we're not alone," he said. "Washington state wants to be ahead of Washington, D.C."

Inslee arrived at the 26th annual UN climate conference on Nov. 6. On Nov. 9, he made an appearance with Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Michael Regan.

He planned to tour Scotland on Nov. 10 with his wife, Trudi, and then meet Nov. 11 with United Kingdom climate leaders to conclude the conference, according to his office.

Washington and 67 other states, provinces and cities also announced non-binding pledges to cut greenhouse gases, though they did not agree on uniform measures.

Only California, two Mexican states, a Brazilian state and an Indonesian province committed to reducing livestock emissions 30% by 2030.

The UN Food and Agriculture Organization estimates the target could be reached by better livestock management, though warned against sacrificing the goal of zero hunger by 2030.

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TOP: Sadness is etched on the face of Naselle junior Kaylin Shrikes as she pauses during a late timeout and looks toward the Comet fans yelling with enthusiasm. Naselle's run to the WIAA 1B state championship title was stopped last Thursday night by No. 1-ranked Mount Vernon Christian whose players built a solid lead and kept adding to it. Final score was 47-26. **BELOW:** Lauren Katyryniuk scored 22 points for Naselle from every corner of the court to put the Comets into the 1B WIAA quarterfinals March 2. **BOTTOM:** Inspirational Comet co-captain Peyton Dalton only knows one direction in basketball and that is forward to the hoop. She and freshman Ava Myers-Marshall (22) move toward the well-guarded Mount Vernon Christian hoop during state quarterfinal action March 3.

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ONE PLAYER'S FACE TELLS THE STORY

Naselle's state run shifts from ecstasy to agony

By **PATRICK WEBB**
For the Observer

SPOKANE — Kaylin Shrikes did not say a word.

The sadness was evident. During a timeout at the WIAA championship, the Naselle junior turned to look toward the Naselle fans.

They never stopped yelling, "Comet power! Comet power!"

But the scoreboard clock ebbed the power away.

The girls from Mount Vernon Christian were not going to be stopped on their way to the 1B state title.

Naselle lost 47-26, unable to replicate the fluency 24 hours earlier when Comet junior Lauren Katyryniuk caught fire with a 22-point basketball clinic.

What followed is something Naselle will want to forget. Two minutes into their next contest against regional rivals Mossyrock, defensive warrior Echo Cenci went down.

Coach Russ Hickman had lost his "spark plug."

With her ankle heavily iced, the senior co-captain returned to the bench on crutches, tears streaming down her face, and urged on her team.

Mossyrock won 46-12, prompting the veteran coach to tell his squad, "It was not us out there."

A smile

Naselle had performed with mixed success during a long winter characterized by continuing covid restrictions and the early loss of another teammate to injury.

After state, captain Peyton Dalton dried her tears and chose to focus on the season, not the two losses in Spokane. "I think we started off a little rough and then we had lots of ups and downs," the senior said.

Then her face brightened into a smile. "I am so proud of us for com-

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ing together and playing the best basketball we have ever played, playing as a team, and not letting any of these things interfere with how far we get to go," she said.

Hickman, who returned to NHS to coach for one season, sought to brighten the mood. "It was a great group to be with," he said.

'Confidence'

At the end of the opening victory that sent Wellpinit home, the Naselle bench erupted onto the court to embrace the Comet victors, Hickman raised both hands and pumped the air at the 53-45 win, then marshaled his squad to applaud the Naselle fans.

Wednesday's smiles were earned. Katyryniuk wasn't the only one performing well. Another junior, Brynn Tarabochia, scored 15 points and Shrikes added 11.

"I am almost in disbelief," the coach said, recapping the season. "Our goal was to get here and win one game at state," he said. "They are playing with confidence. We thought that we could take advantage of our physical attributes and it really worked."

Katyryniuk had scored all three of her 3-point attempts and all seven free-throws. "She has elevated her game," her coach said.

Dalton contributed a calm presence organizing her team, fellow senior Morgan Reitz was the rebound queen with 10, and Cenci demonstrated fire on defense, letting no one pass her and wrestling for the ball three or more times.

'IT WAS A GREAT GROUP TO BE WITH.'



Russ Hickman
NHS girls basketball coach



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Raymond girls place 6th at state basketball

Seagulls leave 2B tourney with trophy; county's best result

By **PATRICK WEBB**
For the Observer

SPOKANE — Raymond High School has earned a state team trophy.

The girls basketball team placed sixth at the WIAA 2B championships at the Spokane Arena.

The Seagulls had won two and lost one in their path to the trophy round. In their final game Saturday, Raymond lost to LaConner 67-52.

The game featured an exciting first half in which the lead changed five times and was tied three times. LaConner shifted in a high gear in the second and built a lead. Despite all efforts, Raymond was not able to catch up.

The Braves came into the tournament ranked No. 1 following a regular season with only one loss and a 91-54 regional win over Chief Leschi. But a quarterfinal loss to No. 2 Warden pushed LaConner into the consolation bracket where they defeated Lake Roosevelt 69-61.

At the half

The first half ended with the Braves ahead 33-31 after a spirited two periods. Senior Grace Busenius claimed the first points, snatching up a loose ball and firing it in. On defense she was a solid opponent, stopping several LaConner moves.

Sophomore Kyndal Koski fought on the ground for the ball and contributed to several passing moves. Senior Kyra Gardner was in her element, directing action, shooting for twos and threes, racing back in defense to bat away a shot. The second period opened with the Braves 19-13 ahead, but Gardner and freshman Karsyn Freeman hit consecutive 3-pointers and Gardner's sleight-of-hand pass gave the ball to senior Izzy Silvermail who brought the scores closer. As the half ended, Gardner stole the ball and fired it clear down the court to Freeman who scored while being fouled. She missed the free throw, but got the ball back and hit her second chance.

Close but not quite

In the second half, LaConner senior Sarah Cook hit 3-pointers that ran up the score. With eight minutes remaining in Raymond's season, the deficit was 49-45. But as the final quarter began, the Braves scored a 3-point shot, then another player drove to the basket for two, was fouled and hit the free throw. At one point the LaConner lead was 18 points, as the clock ticked down, and the Braves passed the ball around to burn off the minutes. Paige Williams, an enthusiastic sophomore, had the last word, nailing a free throw to bring the score to 67-52.

Raymond was presented with its sixth-place trophy then led the applause for LaConner.

Afterward, coach Jason Koski was disappointed in the game, but happy in the season, which included success in league and at Districts. "The second half got away from us, as we weren't very disciplined on some easy assignments," he said "That No. 33 (Cook) kind of had her way in the second half with those threes. She had four threes in the second half and you can't be undisciplined against good teams. So a lot of credit to them and hopefully those are things that we can learn from."

Other issues emerged. "Rebounding is another one," said the coach. "They got some offensive boards that hurt us and offensively we struggled, we didn't get people involved as much, not being able to play 5-on-5 sometimes hurts you."

'Grown'

As the high school season ends, Koski will lose Gardner's sharp mind and top-level



Raymond High School girls basketball team earned the sixth-place trophy at the WIAA 2B state championships in Spokane Saturday. The team is coached by Jason Koski with assistants Butch Betrozoff and Sarah Sides. On the roster are Kyra Gardner, Izzy Silvermail, Grace Busenius, Karsyn Freeman, Page Chan, Olivia Stigar, Sidney Swogger, Alia Enlow, Kyndal Koski, Emma Glazier, Megan Kongbouakhay, Tymber Livingston and Paige Williams. Managers were Kassie Koski and Callie McVey. Steve Silvermail, Briana Freeman and Julie Gardner kept stats. Athletic Director, not pictured, is Mike Tully.

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The cheering section from Raymond helps a basketball player at the free-throw line with the traditional quiet finger wiggle during action at the WIAA 1B state championships. Seagulls cheerleaders Tressa McMullen, Brooke Bednarek and Presley McVey led the way and performed an excellent routine for the crowd's entertainment. In the final battle Saturday, their three voices rang throughout the giant stadium, louder than the seven-girl LaConner squad.

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Raymond sophomore Kyndal Koski, left, finds her path to the hoop blocked by a strong LaConner defender during action in Raymond's season-ending state trophy-round contest against LaConner. She scored six in the loss.

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physical ability to Washington State University. "Just phenomenal basketball skills," he said. "I have never had a player like her."

He called freshman Freeman a "great athlete." All season she has just gotten better and better. She brings a real toughness mentality and a scorer's mentality for us."

His daughter, Kyndal, a sophomore, contributed in all games. "She has started to attack the basket a little bit more this year. She didn't really get a lot of looks, but she's grown as a player."

Mention of junior Alia Enlow produced

a chuckle. "I call her 'Gumby' because her arms and legs are all over," laughed the coach, "but she is so athletic and gives us the ability to guard outside or inside — and she has lots of energy."

The other standout was Busenius, whose work on defense was noticed. At the beginning of the season, he told her, "You are going to be a starter for us, and you are going to have to play 'dirty minutes,' and 'dirty minutes' are the strength game and getting on the floor and doing that stuff that people don't see but I see," said the coach.

Overall, Koski reflected on his mission. "The most important memories are the relationships that are formed between player and player, and player and coach, because they are going to come back in 20 years, just like my assistant Sarah (Sides), going and they are going to have the same memories — and that's what I want to provide."

Mixed success

Raymond's path at state launched Gardner into the spotlight again with a 30-point performance in a first-round win against Mabton. The 5-11 senior, named league player of the year for three consecutive years, dominated play, bombarding the Vikings' net with shots but passing almost as often.

Raymond won 65-44 with Freeman scoring 13.

The Seagulls had built a 23-12 lead after the first quarter and then kept adding to it. Score was 40-23 at the half.

In the quarterfinal, Gardner's team-high 21 would usually have been impressive. But two Colfax players had hot streaks of their

own. Freshman Brynn McGaughy scored 27 points and senior Asher Cai had 22, including four 3-point shots, as the Bulldogs roared to a 67-34 win.

The game started out reasonably evenly, and Raymond had a brief early lead, but two quarters either side of halftime — Colfax outscored Raymond 18-7 in each — put the outcome beyond doubt.

Rolling

The Colfax loss put the Seagulls into the consolation bracket and a matchup with Chief Leschi Friday. Raymond led all the way to win 56-42. Freeman was again on top form, scoring with a 3-pointer then on a solo play in which she cleverly kept the ball from going out of bounds, drove to the hoop and scored while being fouled. Shortly afterward, Gardner engineered several passes, but teammates just couldn't find the hoop.

After some close-in tussles, one passed it out to the far side of the court where Gardner fired in a 3-point shot. As the half ended, Gardner, back helping in defense, stole the ball from a Warrior player and accelerated down court for a lay-in. The halftime score was 35-15, and as the game resumed it was Gardner again running to the hoop to score despite some fierce defense and at one point Raymond led by 21.

Fellow Busenius had some good plays throughout and was on target from the free-throw line and Izzy Silvermail demonstrated her strength.

Leschi narrowed the lead throughout the second half, outscoring Raymond with junior Tala Mitchell proving dangerous with 17 points. But with some solid free-throws Raymond kept the margin from becoming close. Gardner finished with 24, Freeman 12 and Williams eight.

Graduating

The season ended Gardner's stellar high school basketball career as Athletic Director Mike Tully continued to tally how many school records she had broken. Players graduating with her will be Silvermail, Busenius, Page Chan, Olivia Stigar and Sidney Swogger. Other underclassmen on the roster were Williams, Enlow, Kyndal Koski, Emma Glazier, Megan Kongbouakhay and Tymber Livingston. The team is coached by Jason Koski with assistants Butch Betrozoff and Sarah Sides.

Raela McVey had schooled her cheer squad well. Tressa McMullen, Brooke Bednarek and Presley McVey were in full voice, leading the Seagulls fans with gusto, as they had all tournament. The trio outshouted LaConner's seven-girl squad throughout.

Naselle

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Wellpinit's strategy was to shoot from far out. Junior Melissa Seyler nailed four 3-pointers and more shots from close. Her tally of 19 would have been off the charts — and Naselle would have been driving home — had she scored with her missed 3-point attempts. She had 14.

Moments

Mount Vernon Christian won the 1B title, defeating Neah Bay 37-33 Saturday. Against Naselle Thursday, the Hurricanes were a whirlwind.

Shrives leapt high to win the tip-off, but Mount Vernon soon gained possession and began demonstrating why it was ranked No. 1.

At 6-0, Hurricanes' sophomore Allie Heino proved her strength at both ends of the court. She was a formidable presence, helping her team to a 27-7 halftime lead.

Katryniuk was unable to repeat the prior day's rhythm, scoring seven, but she did combine with Dalton on a superb pass that sent her captain in to score two of her team-high eight points. The Comet bench rose to cheer and the celebration was amplified shortly afterward when Shrives hit her lone 3-pointer from way, way out. Tarabochia zoomed into action from the

bench. At one point she intercepted a pass and raced across halfway, only to be called for bumping against a defender. Dalton and Tarabochia combined well with a passing move in the fourth quarter, but the clock showed only four minutes remaining.

Morgan Reitz, another senior, had a hand in many passing moves and subs Bella Dunagan, a junior, and two seniors, Courtney Paul and Grace Hunt, had their moments.

Hickman commended the Hurricanes. "They have got all the pieces. You hope that they don't bring their best game — but they did."

Their opponents' ability to score from far out shaped the game. "You play great defense for 28 seconds and they bury a three. Those are killers ... those are deflators."

But Naselle's second-half rally of 19 points pleased the coach. "If we had played a little bit more aggressive at the start of the ball game we might have lost by 10 instead of 20. But I am proud of my kids, the way they fought today."

Rivals

Naselle's season record against Mossyrock showed one win and two losses. There is a friendly rivalry. At state volleyball in Yakima last year, they rooted for each other with genuine enthusiasm.

At Spokane Friday, the Vikings took

care of business. After Cenci left, nothing worked for the Comets. Their shots just didn't drop. Mossyrock built a lead that was never going to be overcome.

"It's hard to always finish a season on a loss, but it's even worse when you played like we did," Hickman said. "Boy, I thought we were ready. We seemed to be pretty well focused. But hats off to Mossyrock. They came out and played really really well and, of course, they shot the ball well."

Vikings junior Payton Torrey had 25 points and classmate Caelyn Marshall added 11; five Comets were on the scoreboard.

Tarabochia had Comet fans on their feet with an early 3-pointer, but four more shots from distance bounced away. At one point, Shrives and Reitz battled for the ball under the hoop then rolled their eyes when possession was awarded to their opponents.

Katryniuk fought under the hoop and drove to the basket for two points to add a glimmer of hope. Later, Shrives and Reitz took turns fighting for the ball on the ground. Paul subbed in and contributed some excellent passing.

But there was no comeback. Mossyrock advanced to play for hardware Saturday, placing sixth after a 57-48 overtime loss to Pomeroy, which took fourth.

'Better'

Hickman was eager to praise his five

seniors' contributions.

The loss of Cenci, falling heavily after a collision in the key, meant the coach had to reshuffle. "She has been our 'spark plug' on defense. That just killed us — that was our whole defensive scheme, and when we lost her we didn't really have a good rotation," Hickman said. "Not that it would have mattered tonight, because I thought Mossyrock was much better."

The coach summed up Dalton's contribution. "She had really improved and she is such a team leader — a real tenacious attitude about things," he said.

Reitz' family moved back to Naselle a while ago and contributes greatly to Comet programs. "This is her first year playing for us, and she really helped us out," the coach said, "because we lost Delaney Kragerud to a concussion at the start of the season, and we didn't have another post in the rotation, so Morgan really helped us out. She did a great job. There were many games she was in double-digit rebounds for us."

Hunt and Paul both played with poise. Their coach heralded Hunt as a good team player, and smiled when asked about Paul. "She is our P.E. 'ratballer,'" he said with a laugh, and noted that both stepped up. "They had to tonight, because we were shorthanded."

At the end, subs Dunagan, Ava Myers-Marshall, Jessah Watson and Gladys Wilson had a brief taste of state action.