

Warriors sweep the Tigers, 9-5 and 16-8

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WARRENTON — League rivals Clatskanie and Warrenton got a sneak peak at next year's lineups Tuesday, in a Junior State Baseball doubleheader at Huddleston Field.

And the 2016 season looks a lot more promising for the Warriors than the Tigers, who lost 10 seniors off their 2015 roster.

Warrenton had just nine players available in Tuesday's twinbill, but still managed to score a 9-5, 16-8 doubleheader sweep.

"Both teams were missing some players, but that was largely going to be (the Tigers') varsity team next year," said Warrenton coach Lennie Wolfe. "So it was good to come away with two wins."

The Warriors pounded out 24 base hits in 11 total at-bats, and had to rally from fourth-inning deficits in both games.

Clatskanie held a 5-3 lead in the fifth inning of Game 1, before the Warriors scored five runs in the bottom of the fifth, then tacked on a run in the sixth.

Warrenton starter Joe Little went the distance on the mound, allowing eight hits with seven strikeouts and five walks.

Anthony Cochran had three of Warrenton's 12 hits, and also drove in three runs.

Gavin McFadden had a two-run double in the fifth-inning rally, while Cochran and Jake Holthusen also had run-scoring singles.

The two teams played for more than 2 1/2 hours in Game 2, which was stopped after five innings.

Three pitchers combined to walk 22 batters, with the Tigers drawing 13 free passes.

Meanwhile, Warrenton took advantage of nine walks, along with numerous passed balls and wild pitches.

In addition to picking up the win on the mound, Cochran had three singles for the Warriors. Justice Watson highlighted the game with two doubles, while eighth-grader-to-be Dylan Rush



Warrenton's Hunter Wilson, No. 22, tags out a Clatskanie player in the sixth inning of Game 1 of their doubleheader Tuesday.

had two hits, including a two-run double in the fifth inning.

Derek Ham added a two-run double in the fourth inning, in which the Warriors scored seven runs, including three runs on wild pitches.

The Tigers committed five errors and stranded nine base-runners, and had just five hits off Cochran and McFadden, who came on in relief in the fourth inning. He struck out four and walked two batters.

Cochran and McFadden "had not done any pitching, other than at the JV level," Wolfe said. "And I certainly felt good about the offense. We had a good day offensively."

Warrenton plays a single game Thursday at Knappa, 5 p.m. at Teevin Field.



Warrenton's Derek Ham, left, and Jake Holthusen, right, celebrate after scoring in the fifth inning of Game 1 against Clatskanie Tuesday.



Dirt flies as Warrenton's Justice Watson, No. 4, slides back to first base in the fifth inning of their baseball game against Clatskanie Tuesday.

Deep and versatile, Warriors show how to build a champion

By BRIAN MAHONEY
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CLEVELAND — Andre Iguodala was more than just a key player on a team that beat LeBron James and Cleveland.

Turns out he used to beat up on Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson.

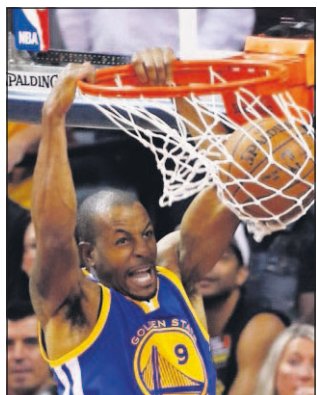
"We beat the first unit more times than they beat us, and I think it was by a landslide," Iguodala said.

So good, so deep that the MVP of the NBA Finals never started a game all season, the Warriors built the kind of squad that can compete for many NBA titles.

And when they were in trouble trying to win this one, down 2-1 in the series, they inserted Iguodala into the lineup. He responded with the same defensive effort he had been providing against James along with unsuspected offense, including 25 points Tuesday in the Game 6 clincher.

"He was great the entire series. But he saved this season for us," Warriors forward Draymond Green said. "I always say Andre's a pro's pro. He's a professional guy, and it showed, and that's why he's the MVP of this series, and that's why we're champions."

One of the reasons, anyway. There's also Curry, the regular-season MVP who delivered a couple of big 3-pointers in the fourth quarter that helped the Warriors build a big enough lead to withstand Cleveland's



AP Photo/Paul Sancya
Golden State Warriors guard Andre Iguodala (9) dunks against the Cleveland Cavaliers during the second half of Game 6 of basketball's NBA Finals in Cleveland Tuesday.

late comeback. And there was Green, the Defensive Player of the Year runner-up who bounced back from a poor start to the series to finish with 16 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists Tuesday.

Throw in 10 points apiece off the bench from Shaun Livingston and Festus Ezeli, or David Lee re-emerging earlier in the series after falling out of the rotation, and the Warriors still had plenty of firepower off the bench even once Iguodala was no longer part of it.

Iguodala was the primary defender on James, but as James said, "It's never 1-on-1."

"But I think his ability to play multiple positions for their team along with some of those other guys allowed their team to

be so dynamic," James added.

Iguodala was a former No. 1 option in Philadelphia who won gold with the U.S. Olympic team in 2012. Lee has made multiple All-Star teams. Livingston was a one-time No. 4 pick in the draft who has become a valuable and versatile player after overcoming a devastating knee injury earlier in his career.

"Well, it speaks to the character of the players more than anything. (General manager) Bob Myers and his staff have done an incredible job of putting together this roster," coach Steve Kerr said. "I was well aware of the versatility that the roster had, but as I got to know the players I realized they had what it took spiritually, emotionally. They were united. They wanted to win."

They are good enough to do it again, provided they keep Green and Harrison Barnes once they are eligible for free agency, and if they can find a way to overcome the rugged Western Conference. Plenty of teams that looked great one year couldn't do it the next on the stronger side of the NBA bracket.

But not many of those teams had what these Warriors had, a team that ultimately won 83 games, more than any team other than Michael Jordan's Bulls.

"I think we definitely are a great team, and a team that should go down in history as one of the best teams from top to bottom," Curry said. "We have a lot of things to be proud of this season."

SCOREBOARD

SPORTS SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

Junior State Baseball — Clatskanie at Astoria Ford B (2), 5 p.m.; Warrenton at Knappa, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY

Junior State Baseball — David Douglas at Astoria Ford, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY

Junior State Baseball — (David Douglas, Astoria Ford, Dallas; 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m.); Kennedy at Knappa, TBA

SUNDAY

Junior State Baseball — (Da-

vid Douglas, Dallas, Astoria Ford; Noon, 2 p.m.; 4 p.m.)

BASEBALL

JUNIOR STATE

Game 1

Warrenton 9, Clatskanie 5
Clatskanie 022 010 0-5 8 3
Warrenton 300 051 x-9 12 5

McCallister and Hudson; J.Little and McFadden. W: J.Little. L: McCallister. RBI: Cla, Evenson, Hudson; War, Cochran 3, McFadden 2, J.Little, Holthusen, Rush. 2B: Cla, McCallister; War, Cochran, McFad-

den, J.Little. HBP: War, Watson. LOB: Clatskanie 8, Warrenton 8.

Game 2

Warrenton 16, Clatskanie 8
Clatskanie 23300-8 5 5
Warrenton 33073-16 12 1

Luquette and Boothe, Hudson (2); Cochran, McFadden (4) and McFadden, Watson (4). W: Cochran. L: Luquette. RBI: Cla, Hudson 3, Luquette 2, Haas, Warren; War, J.Little 2, Ham 2, A.Little 2, McFadden, Watson. 2B: War, Watson 2, Ham, A.Little. HBP: Cla, Hudson. LOB: Clatskanie 9, Warrenton 5.



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