

# SPORTS

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## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Lady Loggers crush Pirates, again in DH

*The Daily Astorian*

ROCKAWAY BEACH — Knappa scored 38 runs in two games Friday, in a 14-6, 24-10 sweep at Neah-Kah-Nie, in a Northwest League softball doubleheader.

The first-place Lady Loggers won all three games in Rockaway Beach last week, as they improve to 3-0 in league play, after a 1-10 nonleague season.

Freshman Madelynn Weaver pitched two complete games for Knappa, striking out seven with eight hits allowed in Game 1, nine hits with two strikeouts in Game 2.

Several Loggers had big days at the plate, led by Kaitlyn Truax (6-for-7 on the day, with two doubles, a triple and 13 RBIs; Paris Vandenburg was 5-for-5 in the opener; Weaver was 2-for-4 with four RBIs in Game 1, then added five RBIs with a home run in Game 2; Aiko Miller had her first double in Game 1.

"Madelynn pitched well, we just had a lot of errors," said Knappa coach James Nichols. "Lots of errors. We hope to correct those things."

The Lady Loggers (4-10 overall) have a three-game series this week with winless Nestucca (0-5).



Krissy Barendse-Goodman/For The Daily Astorian

**Mason Hoover delivers a pitch during Knappa's doubleheader sweep at Neah-Kah-Nie Friday.**

### Knappa pounds the Pirates twice

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ROCKAWAY BEACH — The Knappa Loggers capped off their three-game series against Neah-Kah-Nie with two more blowout victories Friday, 15-1 and 12-2, in Northwest League baseball action.

Knappa outscored the Pirates by a combined 37-3 in the three games (all played at Rockaway Beach), as the Loggers prepare for a three-game series this week against Nestucca.

The Loggers were pounding the Pirates' pitching, stealing bases and playing near-flawless defense in Friday's sweep.

Knappa pitchers Michal Goodman and Mason Hoover combined on a one-hitter in Game 1, with five strikeouts. Hoover entered with the bases loaded, and the Loggers turned a double play on the first batter he faced.

At the plate, Dale Takalo had two hits with four RBIs and two steals; Eli Takalo and Andrew Goozee were both 2-for-4 with two RBIs each; and the Loggers led 9-0 after two innings.

It was more of the same in Game 2, as Eli Takalo and Kaleb Miller combined on a two-hitter, with eight strikeouts.

Dale Takalo led the offense, going 3-for-4 with three runs scored, two doubles and four stolen bases. He also played first base, shortstop and third base in the field.

Hoover was 3-for-3 with three RBIs, two doubles and two runs scored.



Astoria's Olaf Engund pitches during the third inning of the Fishermen's game Saturday with Wilson.

## Class 6A Wilson tops Astoria batters, 2-0

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Astoria took a break from nonleague play Saturday, and played their first game of the season at Ernie Aiken Field, where Class 6A Wilson squeaked past the Fishermen, 2-0.

Four Astoria pitchers (Olaf Engund, Trey Hageman, Jackson Arnsdorf, Fridtjof Fremstad) combined to limit Wilson to just five hits, with eight strikeouts and three walks. Meanwhile, Wilson pitcher Cade Conklin went the distance for the Trojans, allowing only four hits with seven strikeouts and two walks.

Wilson scored a run in the third and tacked on an insurance run in the top of the seventh for the only scoring.

Noah Keough had two of Wilson's five hits, while Samboy



Damian Mulinix/For The Daily Astorian

**Astoria second baseman Kyle Strange can't hang on to the ball on a steal attempt by Wilson's Corey Bissonette Saturday.**

Tuimato had a second-inning double and added a single in the seventh for the Fishermen, who

stranded five baserunners.

Astoria plays a makeup game today at Valley Catholic.

## Rainier wins softball showdown over Warrenton

*The Daily Astorian*

RAINIER — In the much-anticipated softball matchup between Warrenton and Rainier, the Columbians tossed two shutouts at the Warriors Friday, 11-0 and 10-0 in the Lewis & Clark League doubleheader at Rainier.

Rainier senior Kami Gray highlighted the first game with a grand slam in the fourth inning, as she fin-

ished 2-for-3 with three runs scored and five RBIs.

Warrenton had just two hits, both by Landree Mieth, while Rainier pitchers Haley Schimmel and Taleah King combined for seven strikeouts and two walks.

King and Schimmel combined on a three-hit shutout in Game 2, striking out four with no walks.

The Columbians scored six runs in

the first inning, then ended the game with three runs in the bottom of the fifth.

All nine players in the Rainier lineup had hits in Game 2, with seven different players scoring runs.

Warrenton's Niqui Blodgett had a double and Mieth had a triple in the second game.

Rainier improves to 8-1 overall, 3-0 in league, while the Warriors drop to 8-3, 1-3 in league.

## NBA PLAYOFFS

### Durant shines in Golden State playoff debut in Game 1 win

By JANIE MCCAULEY  
*Associated Press*

OAKLAND, Calif. — Kevin Durant patted his chest after two big baskets in the fourth quarter and let everybody know "I got this!" Stephen Curry knocked down a timely baseline 3-pointer, reached his hand high and gestured to further ignite a raucous sellout crowd.

On a day Damian Lillard and CJ McCollum put on a dazzling display of shot-making for Portland, the NBA's top-seeded team of superstars found its touch down the stretch and defended with purpose.

Durant had 32 points and 10 rebounds in his Golden State playoff debut, Curry scored 29 points, and the Warriors withstood that sensational day by the Trail Blazers' dynamic backcourt duo to win Game 1 of the first-round series 121-109 on Sunday.

McCollum scored a playoff career-best 41 points, and Lillard had 34, but the Warriors made the crucial big plays on both ends down the stretch with Portland missing injured center Jusuf Nurkic.

"When they got it going, they're hitting tough shots in the first half, some you've just got to live with, we played great defense," Curry said. "They were just able to finish, but over the course of 48 you just try to wear them down."



AP Photo/Jeff Chiu

**Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard (0) shoots against Golden State Warriors forward David West (3) during the second half of Game 1 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series in Oakland, Calif., Sunday. The Warriors won 121-109.**

#### UP NEXT: GAME 2

• Portland Trail Blazers (41-41)  
 at Golden State Warriors (67-15)  
 • Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
 TV: TNT, NSBA, KGW

## Rainier sweeps Warrenton boys

*The Daily Astorian*

RAINIER — Rainier's Job Karber had a big day at the plate, and the Columbians built leads early in both games Friday, on their way to an 11-1, 11-1 doubleheader sweep over Warrenton.

The Warriors led 1-0 in the first half-inning of Game 1 in the Lewis & Clark League baseball twin bill, before the Columbians answered with four runs in their first at-bat.

Karber, a senior, hit two two-run home runs in Game 1 to go with a double; then had a pair of doubles in the second game to finish the day 5-for-6.

Warrenton drops to 0-6 overall, but "we're playing a lot better, even with our record," said Warrior coach Lennie Wolfe. "We're still not willing to let youth be

an excuse, but we've had so few opportunities to be on the field (six total), that we're making mistakes defensively. We had two what I would call 'inexperienced' innings today."

In Game 1, Rainier scored four runs in the first on two Warrior errors, but only scored one run over the next three innings; and Warrenton trailed 3-1 through two innings of Game 2, before the Columbians scored eight runs on four Warrior errors in the third.

Rainier starter Mason Schimmel allowed just two hits in the opener, with nine strikeouts and no walks; Caymon Rea and Tim Seybert combined on a four-hitter in Game 2.

Warrenton's run in the first game came courtesy of a leadoff single by Jacob Morrow, followed by a single from Kale'o Kapua.

## Lady Fish compete in Scappoose Invite

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BANKS — The Astoria girls golf team took part in the Scappoose Invitational Thursday, as the Indians hosted the 18-hole event at Quail Valley Golf Course.

Scappoose finished with a 532 team score, ahead of Astoria's 537, as the only two schools with full team scoring.

Morgan Hall of Scappoose was medalist with a 96, while Sadie Wooldrige paced Astoria with a 122.

Rounding out the scores for the Lady Fishermen were Jenna Travers (124), Kristen Travers (128) and Sarah Lertora (163).

Seaside's lone golfer, Maddy Brown, finished with a 146.

## Lady Fish win seven events

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ST. HELENS — Competing against some of the top-notch competition from the Cowapa League, along with several big schools from the Portland area, the Astoria girls track team still managed to win seven events Saturday, in the annual Lower Columbia Invitational at St. Helens.

Senior Natalie Cummings continued her winning ways by taking first in the 100 meters (12.72 seconds); sophomore Nara Van De Grift won the 100-meter hurdles in a personal best 16.75, and added a third place finish in the 300-meter hurdles.

Astoria's 400-meter relay squad of Gracie Cummings, Andrea Harris, Van De Grift and Natalie Cummings finished first in 51.78; and McKenzie Burnett was fourth (5:33.16) out of 24 runners in the 1,500 meters.

In the field events, junior Taylor Cosner had the winning toss in the shot put (personal best 35 feet, 2.75 inches) out of 42 competitors; Cosner and Kes Sandstrom took second and third out of 44 entries in the discus behind Seaside's Gretchen Hoekstre, who won with a PR 112-7.

Astoria's Darian Hageman regained her winning form in the high jump (5-2), long jump (17-2 1/2) and triple jump (35-7), taking first in all three; and freshman Elizabeth Barnett took second in the long jump (15-5 1/2).

On the boys' side, defending state champion Jackson Januik cruised to a win in the 800 meters (2:01.96); and Astoria senior Lucas Caruana won the 1,500 meters in a personal best 4:09.43, eight seconds ahead of the nearest competitor.

Seaside's 1,600 relay foursome of William Garvin, Hunter Thompson, Januik and Juneau Meyer won in 3:34.80.

And Astoria junior Tim Barnett came up just short of winning the shot put (third, personal best 50-8 3/4) and the discus (second, personal best 148-7), as Parkrose junior Spencer Tatafu scored victories in both events.

Astoria junior Karsten Johnson was second in the high jump (5-8), Seaside's Phoenix Johnson took second in the long jump (PR 19-3 3/4), and Astoria senior Alex Burchfield placed third in the triple jump.