

Lady Warriors work overtime to beat Willamina

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WARRENTON — A determined Willamina team made it tough, but the Warrenton softball team escaped a Saturday nonleague doubleheader with two wins over the Bulldogs, 7-4 and 2-1.

The Warriors had to go nine innings to win Game 2, when Alyssa Casteel drove in Sarah Nichols with a long single in the bottom of the ninth to complete the sweep.

Warrenton freshman pitcher Niqui Blodgett got stronger as the game progressed and finished with 14 strikeouts, while giving up four hits and three walks.

The Warriors scored a run in the bottom of the sixth to tie the game, as they took advantage of two Willamina errors and a passed ball, with Blodgett scoring on the second error.

Willamina had back-to-back singles with one out in the top of the ninth, but Blodgett was able to work her way out of the jam, and the Bulldogs stranded both runners.

In the bottom of the ninth, Nichols reached base on a fielder's choice, and reached third on a single by Landree Mieth. Casteel followed with her game-winning hit.

The Bulldogs scored their first four runs of the season in the first inning of Game 1 for a quick 4-0 lead.

Warrenton answered with three runs in the second, highlighted by a run-scoring single from Alyssa Herrera that drove in Rachel Dyer.

The Warriors took the lead with four runs in the fourth inning, as Casteel drove in the go-ahead runs with a two-run single.

Blodgett overcame a rough start on the mound and finished with six strikeouts, with four hits allowed. Mieth was 3-for-5 at the plate.

Knappa 19-19; Delphian 0-4

SHERIDAN — The Knappa Lady Loggers racked up 38 runs in a doubleheader sweep at Delphian Friday, 19-0 and 19-4.

Knappa (8-3 overall) took batting practice against the winless Dragons, as Kacie Cameron hit for the cycle (with two doubles) and went 5-for-5 in Game 1. Jaden Mieth was 4-for-4 and Paris Vanderburg was 3-for-5.

Stacey Aho pitched the five-inning game, allowing one hit with 10 strikeouts and two walks.

McKailyn Rogers pitched Game 2 and struck out 10, with three hits allowed.

Kaitlyn Truax led the Knappa offense by going 3-for-3 with two doubles. Knappa outscored Delphian 48-4 in three games last week. The Loggers play nonleague games this week vs. Naselle and Seaside, before returning to league play against winless Neah-Kah-Nie April 14.

Astoria, R.A. Long canceled

Astoria's softball game at R.A. Long Friday was rained out. The Lady Fishermen are scheduled to host Rainier Tuesday.

Seaside softball lost at Corbett last Thursday, 13-6. Cascade swept a doubleheader from the Lady Gulls Saturday, 11-4, 17-6. No details were reported.



JOSHUA BESSEX — The Daily Astorian
Warrenton's Brianna Marsch, No. 2, slides across the plate to score in the fourth inning of Game 1 in the softball doubleheader against Willamina Saturday.



JOSHUA BESSEX — The Daily Astorian
Warrenton's Niqui Blodgett, No. 11, pitches in Game 1 of the doubleheader against Willamina.



JOSHUA BESSEX — The Daily Astorian
Warrenton's Drake Fischer, No. 15, beats out a throw to first in the second inning.

BASEBALL

Warrenton 11, Willamina 1

WARRENTON — After finishing with a 5-18 record last season, the Warrenton Warriors — through nine games in 2015 — already have four wins, following an 11-1 nonleague baseball victory over Willamina Saturday at Huddleston Field.

The Warriors rapped out 12 hits in the six-inning victory, while Warrenton starter Joe Little scattered five hits with four strikeouts and three walks.

"We hit well, bunted well, fielded well and we pitched well," said Warrenton coach Lennie Wolfe. "We accomplished everything we were trying to do. I'm very pleased with where we're at."

The Bulldogs had opportunities early, with runners at first and third with one out in both the second and third innings, but failed to score.

Little struck out two of the final three batters he faced in the second inning, as Willamina left the bases loaded; and the Warriors turned a 6-4-3 double play to end the third.

"Joe stepped up and threw strikes when he had to," Wolfe said.

Offensively, Warrenton's Hunter Michaelson had three hits, including a double in the first inning that drove in Justice Watson with the game's first run.

The Warriors tacked on five runs in the third, which featured bunt base hits by Little and Gavon McFadden.

A Michaelson single to left scored Brock Johnson, and back-to-back singles by Hunter Wilson and Drake Fischer scored Little and Michaelson, respectively.

McFadden sprinted home on a single by Jake Holthusen, and Wilson scored on a sacrifice fly from Watson.

Warrenton scored three runs in the fourth to build a 9-0 lead, then scored runs on a passed ball and a wild pitch in the sixth inning to end the game.

Warrenton plays at Taft Tuesday.

Knappa 16-23; Delphian 0-0

SHERIDAN — Knappa is still undefeated, and Delphian is still winless, following a Logger doubleheader sweep Friday in Sheridan.

Knappa cruised past the Dragons, 16-0 and 23-0, as the Loggers outscored Delphian 53-0 in last week's three-game series to open Northwest League play.

The Loggers have won 28 straight league games going back to the 2013 season.

Freshman Dale Takalo threw Knappa's latest no-hitter, as he took a perfect game into the fifth inning of Game

2, when he hit a batter with a two-strike, two-out pitch.

Takalo finished with 11 strikeouts and no walks.

At the plate, Takalo was 4-for-4 with a double and five RBIs, while Tyson Burnard was 5-for-6 with three doubles.

Reuben Cruz was 3-for-5 for Knappa, which led 16-0 after two innings.

In Game 1, Austin Drago, Takalo, Burnard and Jason Miller all had multiple hits with a double, while Burnard pitched a one-hit shutout with eight strikeouts.

Astoria 5, Rainier 2

RAINIER — Carter Wallace went 3-for-5 at the plate, with an RBI and a run scored to lead Astoria to a 5-2 nonleague win at Rainier last Thursday.

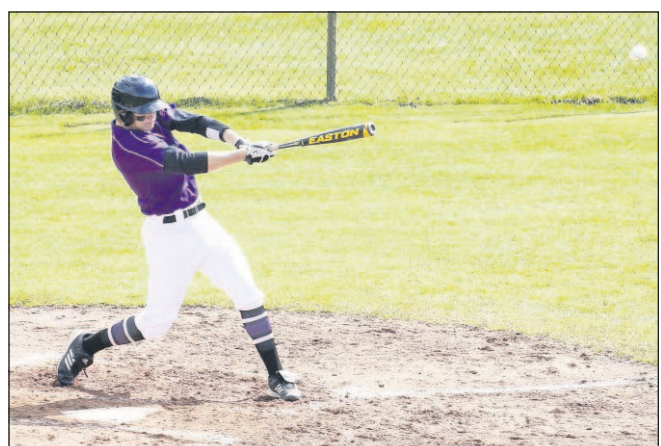
Wallace doubled in the third inning and singled in the fourth and seventh innings.

Fritz Fremstad picked up the win on the mound, as he tossed two innings of shutout ball, with three strikeouts, no walks and two hits allowed.

Astoria scored four runs in the third inning, on two doubles and an RBI single by Fremstad. Kyle Strange also finished 3-for-5, while Nick Scott drove in two runs for the Fishermen, who host Valley Catholic in a Cowapa League opener today.



JOSHUA BESSEX — The Daily Astorian
Warrenton's Joe Little, No. 3, slides across the plate to score in the third inning of the baseball game against Willamina Saturday.



JOSHUA BESSEX — The Daily Astorian
Warrenton's Brock Johnson, No. 2, gets a hit in the third inning.

Gulls third at Junction City

JUNCTION CITY — The Seaside boys track team collected a total of 1,055 points to place third in the team standings Saturday, at the Junction City Invitational.

Elmira won the team championship with 1,260.5 points, followed by Junction City and Seaside. Twelve teams took part in the small-school meet.

Siuslaw won the girls' team title, followed by Junction City, Elmira, Sweet Home and Seaside.

Individual winners for the Seaside boys included fresh-

man Rafi Sibony in the 3,000 meters (9 minutes, 37.19 seconds), just ahead of his sophomore teammate, Brad Rzewnicki (9:39.05).

Seaside's 400-meter relay team of Josh Chesnut, Juneau Meyer, Taylor Barnes and Will Garvin won in 45.25; and Chesnut won the long jump with a leap of 20 feet, 11.5 inches. He was also second in the triple jump and had the second-fastest time (11.79) out of 32 runners in the 100 meters.

The Seaside girls won

five events — Allison Kilday swept the hurdles, running 16.26 in the 100 meters and 47.58 in the 300 meters; Danielle Willyard took the triple jump (33-10) and was second in the long jump; and Tennaya Carr cleared 7-6 in the pole vault.

The Willyard sisters teamed up with Elizabeth Barnes and Kilday to take first in the 400 relay (52.61); while Barnes, Charlotte Blakesley, Kelly Willyard and Kilday won the 1,600-meter relay in 4:19.14.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

Baseball — Valley Catholic at Astoria, 5 p.m.

Softball — Seaside at Clatskanie, 4:30 p.m.

Boys Golf — Astoria Fish Invitational, 10:30 a.m.

TUESDAY

Baseball — Astoria at Valley Catholic, 5 p.m.; Tillamook at Seaside, 5 p.m.; Warrenton at Taft, 3:30 p.m.; Knappa at Faith Bible, 4:30 p.m.

Softball — Rainier at Astoria, 4:30 p.m.; Warrenton at Taft, 3:30 p.m.; Naselle at Knappa, 4 p.m.

Track — Portland Christian at Warrenton, 3:30 p.m.

Girls Golf — Astoria/Seaside at Valley Catholic, 1 p.m.

THURSDAY

Baseball — Seaside at Tillamook, 5 p.m.

Softball — Astoria at Clatskanie, 4:30 p.m.; Warrenton at Portland Adventist, 4:30 p.m.

Track — Knappa at Life Invitational, TBA

Boys Golf — Astoria at Seaside, 2 p.m.

BASEBALL

HIGH SCHOOLS

Warrenton 11, Willamina 1
Onstot, I.Bruckner (4), Johnson (4), Healon (5) and Goodman; Little and McFadden. **W:** Little. **L:** Onstot. **RBI:** War, Michaelson 2, Wilson 2, Cochran 2, Fischer, Holthusen, Watson. **2B:** Wil, Goodman; War,

Watson, Michaelson. **LOB:** Willamina 7, Warrenton 8. **DP:** Warrenton. **Willamina 000 010—1 5 4**
Warrenton 105 302—11 12 2

Game 1

Knappa 16, Delphian 0

Burnard and Truax; Melin, Platt (4), Melin (4) and Wu. **W:** Burnard. **L:** Melin. **2B:** Kna, Takalo, A.Dragoo, Burnard, J.Miller.

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Game 2

Knappa 23, Delphian 0

Takalo and Truax; Wu, Platt (5) and Melin. **W:** Takalo. **L:** Wu. **2B:** Kna, Burnard 3, Takalo.

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