

Fishermen best Valiants; Lady Fish fall to Rainier

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BEAVERTON — Tied 1-1 through seven innings, Astoria scored six runs in the top of the eighth Tuesday night, on its way to a 7-2 Cowapa League baseball win at Valley Catholic.

Astoria improves to 2-0 in league play to take an early lead in the league standings, while Astoria coach Dave Gasser picked up career win No. 698.

The Fishermen began the eighth inning with walks to Ryan Palek and Carter Wallace, with Palek scoring the go-ahead run on an error.

Two hit batters and another error brought in a second run, and Astoria's only hit of the eighth inning belonged to Bronson Holthusen, a two-run double that scored Joe Brawley and Ryker Helmersen.

Valley Catholic outthit Astoria 9-4, but the Valiants committed three errors.

Fritz Fremstad pitched 7 1/3 innings for the Fishermen, with a strikeout and a walk, while Wallace finished on the mound.

Tillamook 16, Seaside 5

SEASIDE — Tillamook jumped on the scoreboard early and often Tuesday at Broadway Field, scoring 10 runs in the first inning to highlight a 16-5 win over Seaside in a Cowapa baseball opener.

The Cheesemakers took advantage of four walks, two hit batters and three Seaside errors in the first.

Zach Quicke was 3-for-3 at the plate for the Gulls, with a single, double and triple.

Taft 7, Warrenton 4

LINCOLN CITY — Pete Lahti of Taft went 3-for-3 at the plate, drove in four runs and scored three times to lead the Tigers to a 7-4 nonleague win over Warrenton Tuesday.

Lahti — whose father Earl was a state champion wrestler at Warrenton in 1976 — also threw out three runners from his catcher position, while the Tigers had six stolen bases of their own.

The Warriors had two steals of home plate (Justice Watson and Drake Fischer) for their first two runs, but Taft scored runs in each of its first four at-bats.

Warrenton also committed six errors in the loss. Brock Johnson took the loss on the mound, despite giving up just five hits.

Gavon McFadden and Hunter Michaelson each had a double for Warrenton.

Knappa 20, Faith Bible 0

HILLSBORO — The Knappa and Faith Bible baseball teams both came into Tuesday's showdown with perfect records



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Astoria's Rylee Demander, No. 1, attempts to get an out at second base during the first inning of the softball game against Rainier Tuesday.

— with a few slight differences.

While the Knappa Loggers (now 6-0) came in with wins over Clatskanie and defending state champion Monroe, the Falcons' perfect record of 7-0 included one win over Corbett (0-9), three victories over junior varsity teams and three wins over Neah-Kah-Nie.

And it was fairly easy to see the difference on the field Tuesday, as the Loggers cruised to just another five-inning, mercy-rule win over Faith Bible, 20-0 at Ron Tonkin Field in Hillsboro.

Chase Rusinovich threw Knappa's third no-hitter of the season, and the Loggers scored 13 runs in the fifth inning.

Rusinovich struck out 10 batters after hitting the first batter of the game.

Tyson Burnard led the offensive attack by going 3-for-3 with four runs scored; Nate Truax was 2-for-3 with a triple; and Justin Drago and Andy Miller also provided hits.

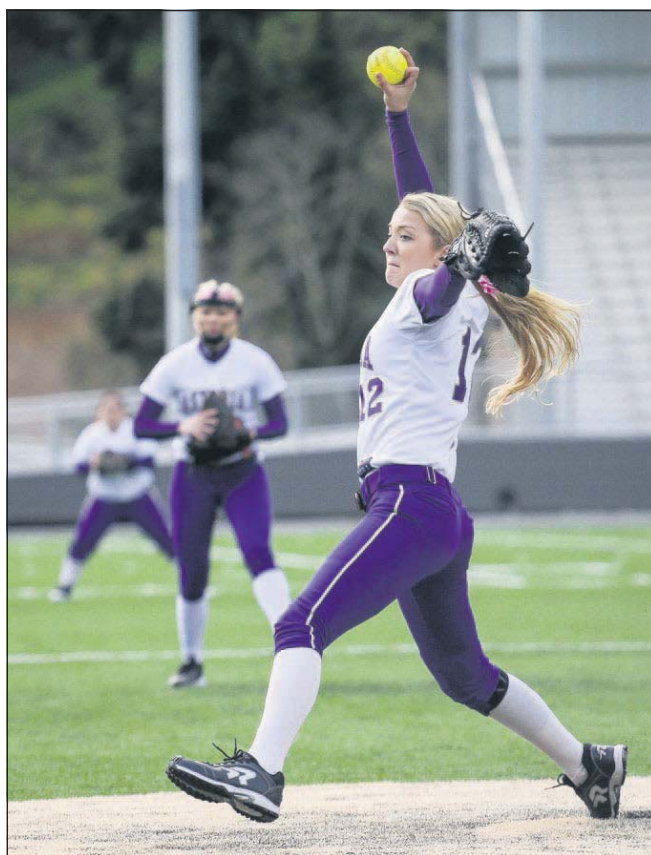
The Loggers host a doubleheader with Faith Bible Friday.

SOFTBALL

Rainier 19, Astoria 0

The Astoria Lady Fishermen hosted a Class 3A softball team for a nonleague game Tuesday — but not just any 3A softball team.

The Class 3A defending state champion Rainier Columbians



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Astoria's Libby DiBartolomeo, No. 12, pitches during the second inning.

made their first visit to Columbia Memorial Field, where the Columbians set a CMH Field record that may stand a while.

Rainier had seven extra-base hits and scored 15 runs in the fourth inning alone, on its way to a 19-0 win over Astoria.

Rainier senior Jessica Gibson highlighted the inning with a pair of two-run homers, while Sarah Probasco added a two-run home run and Shelby Saylor had a run-scoring triple.

Saylor was also the winning pitcher, as the senior pitched just two innings and struck out every batter she faced.

Astoria had two hits in the bottom of the fourth — an infield single by Rylee DeMander and a double to left from Caitlyn Hougham, but the Fishermen left the bases loaded.

Three Rainier pitchers combined to strike out 12 with no walks.

It was the first game since March 24 for the Columbians, who improve to 4-2. Astoria slips to 3-8, and plays at Clatskanie Thursday.



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Astoria's Hailey Ranta, No. 2, makes a catch during the first inning of the softball game against Rainier Tuesday.



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Astoria's Kelsey Wullger, No. 28, swings at a pitch in the second inning.

Taft 13, Warrenton 0

LINCOLN CITY — The Taft Tigers scored a one-hit shutout win over Warrenton Tuesday, 13-0, in a nonleague

softball game in Lincoln City.

The Warriors had just two base runners, and had their lone hit in the fifth inning, by Rachel Dyer.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

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.

FRIDAY

Baseball — Faith Bible at Knappa (2), 3 p.m.

Softball — Seaside at Warrenton (2), 4 p.m.

SATURDAY

Baseball — Horizon Christian at Astoria, 1 p.m.; Warrenton at Seaside, Noon

Softball — Molalla at Seaside, 4 p.m.

Track — Lower Columbia Invitational, TBA; Meet of Champions (at Willamette U.), 10 a.m.; Warrenton

at De La Salle, 11:30 a.m.

BASEBALL

HIGH SCHOOLS

Astoria 7, Valley Catholic 2
Fremstad, Wallace (8) and Helmersen; Hyland, Vincent (8), Magenheimer (8) and Pruitt. **W:** Fremstad. **L:** Hyland. **RBI:** Ast, Holthusen 2, Tuimato, Fremstad; VC, Rapp, Vincent. **2B:** Ast, Holthusen; VC, Hyland 2, Rapp. **3B:** Ast, Wallace. **HBP:** Ast, Brawley, Scott. **LOB:** Astoria 5, Valley Catholic 8.

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Taft 7, Warrenton 4

Johnson and McFadden; M.Zacharias, A.Zacharias (7) and Lahti. **W:** M.Zacharias. **L:** Johnson. **2B:** War, Michaelson, McFadden; Taf, Lahti.

(From Monday)

Astoria 6, Valley Catholic 0
Brown and Helmersen; Gaglai,

Tranquill (6) and Pruitt. **W:** Brown. **L:** Gaglai. **RBI:** Ast, Tuimato 2, Scott 2. **2B:** Ast, Scott, Wallace. **3B:** Ast, Wallace. **HBP:** Ast, Tuimato. **LOB:** Valley Catholic 6, Astoria 9.

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SOFTBALL

HIGH SCHOOLS

Rainier 19, Astoria 0

W: Shelby Saylor (6 K's, 0 walks). **L:** Libby DiBartolomeo (3 K's, 2 walks). **RBI:** Rain, Gibson 4, Probasco 4, Saylor 2, Schimmel 2, Gray, Clark, Harrison. **2B:** Rain, Saylor, Schimmel, Harrison; Ast, Hougham. **3B:** Rain, Saylor. **HR:** Rain, Gibson 2, Probasco. **HBP:** Ast, Wullger. **LOB:** Rainier 6, Astoria 3. **DP:** Astoria.

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Baxter Family Medicine joins CMH Primary Clinic April 20, 2015

Kevin Baxter, DO, and Jan Monroe, FNP, are pleased to be joining the CMH Primary Care Clinic team. They will begin seeing patients at the clinic in Warrenton at 1639 SE Ensign Lane, Suite B103, on April 20.

This change allows Kevin Baxter, DO, and Jan Monroe, FNP, to focus on caring for their patients instead of running a business. Their patients will enjoy the same care and services that they have previously. For more information or to make an appointment, call 503-338-4500.

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