

# Lady Fish open league play with a bang

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SEASIDE — Nothing cures a five-game losing streak like a win on opening day of league play.

The Astoria Lady Fishermen put those five losses behind them, and they're off to a fresh 1-0 start in league, following a 15-2 win at Seaside Tuesday to open the Cowapa League softball season.

And you might say the comeback is complete for Astoria pitcher Libby DiBartolomeo.

After missing last season following knee surgery, the junior had her best outing of 2015, as she scattered five hits with three strikeouts and a walk in five innings.

For good measure, DiBartolomeo led off the third inning with a double and scored a run; then came up later in the inning and belted a two-run home run over the left-center field fence, the first of her career.

"It feels good, definitely," DiBartolomeo said. "We came out to play today. We stayed focused and kept the intensity going the whole game. We got the bats on it, and played well defensively for the most part."

Astoria scored eight runs in the third, highlighted by five straight base hits and DiBartolomeo's homer.

"I've been working on it," DiBartolomeo said of her hitting. "I really dedicated the summer to working with hitting coaches and getting my swing down. So it felt good."

All together, the Lady Fish collected 19 hits, four for extra bases. Mykka Abrahams returned to the lineup and had two singles and a double; Abi Danen also had two singles with a double; Sarah Lertora had a pair of two-run singles for four RBIs; and Kelsey Wullger added three singles.

Taking into account where they were just one week ago, it was a 32-run turnaround for the Lady Fish — who went from a 19-0 loss to Rainier last week, to Tuesday's 15-2 win.

DiBartolomeo gave up 18 hits (seven for extra bases) in the loss to the Columbians, so the Clatsop Clash win feels a little better.

"I've played with and against a lot of (the Seaside players) for as long as I can remember, and that almost makes me want to get the win even more," she said. "And to get them back a little for basketball season."

Rainier "is a tough team," she added. "They've got some great pitching, and offensively they're just crazy-good."

"But we've been working hard at practice, and we got back to being the team that we are."

Astoria hosts R.A. Long for a nonleague game Thursday, followed by a home doubleheader with Valley Catholic Friday.

Brittany West had two hits for Seaside, including a double, but the Gulls committed five errors defensively. Seaside hosts a doubleheader with Tillamook Friday.

## BASEBALL

### Astoria 18, Tillamook 5

TILLAMOOK — Astoria's Carter Wallace banged out four hits and scored three runs, and the Fishermen jumped all over three Tillamook pitchers in an easy 18-5 win over the Cheesemakers Tuesday in Cowapa League baseball action.

Fishermen coach Dave Gasser picked up career win No. 699, and can post his 700th with a victory over Tillamook Thursday at home.

With the rest of the league rained out, the Fishermen are 3-0 in the league standings, with Scappoose (1-0) second.

Astoria collected 18 hits in Tuesday's win, which included doubles for Jasyn Gohl, Bronson Holthusen and Wallace; and a home run by Wallace.

Fridtjof Fremstad had three hits in six at-bats, while Holthusen drove in three runs.

Wallace, Fremstad and Cade O'Brien combined on the mound to scatter eight hits, with 10 strikeouts and two walks.

Gohl and O'Brien both had two hits and two RBIs for Astoria.



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Astoria's Caitlyn Hougham, No. 20, avoids the tag by Seaside's Allison Bussert, No. 10, to score in the third inning of their softball game at Broadway Field Tuesday.



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Astoria's Libby DiBartolomeo, No. 12, is greeted by teammate after hitting a home run in the third inning.



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Astoria's Rylee DeMander, No. 1, reaches first base safely in the first inning of the softball game against Seaside at Broadway Field Tuesday.

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SCHEDULE

#### TODAY

Boys Golf — Astoria at Valley Catholic, 2 p.m.

#### THURSDAY

Baseball — Tillamook at Astoria, 5 p.m.; Banks at Seaside, 5 p.m.

Softball — R.A. Long at Astoria, 3:30 p.m.

Track — Warrenton at Scappoose, 3:30 p.m.; Northwest League Meet, TBA

Boys Golf — Astoria at Valley Catholic, 2 p.m.; Banks at Seaside, 2 p.m.

#### FRIDAY

Baseball — Rainier at Warrenton, 4:30 p.m.; Knappa at Neah-Kah-Nie (2), 3 p.m.

Softball — Valley Catholic at Astoria (2), 4 p.m.; Tillamook at Seaside (2), 4 p.m.; Rainier at Warrenton, 4:30 p.m.; Knappa at Neah-Kah-Nie (2), 3 p.m.

#### SATURDAY

Baseball — Horizon Christian at Astoria, 1 p.m.

Softball — Knappa at Warrenton, 1 p.m.

Track — Daily Astorian Invitational (at Astoria HS), 10 a.m.

### SOFTBALL

#### HIGH SCHOOLS

##### Astoria 15, Seaside 2

W: Libby DiBartolomeo (3 K's, 1 walk). L: Jetta Ideue (2 K's, 2 walks). RBI: Ast, Lertora 4, Dietrichs 3, Abrahams 2, DiBartolomeo 2, Danen, Wullger; Sea, Bodner. 2B: Ast, DiBartolomeo, Danen, Abrahams; Sea, West. LOB: Astoria 5, Seaside 5.

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### BASEBALL

#### HIGH SCHOOLS

##### Astoria 18, Tillamook 5

Wallace, Fremstad (5), O'Brien (7) and Helmersen, Gohl (5); Werner, Reeves (2), Brown (6) and Harmon. W: Wallace. L: Werner. RBI: Ast, Holthusen 3, Scott 2, Gohl 2, Brawley 2, O'Brien 2, Wallace, Hageman, Strange; Til, Harmon, Rumage, Macia. 2B: Ast, Gohl, Holthusen, Wallace; Til, Reeves, Maloney. HR: Ast, Wallace. LOB: Astoria 12, Tillamook 8. HBP: Ast, Brawley 2; Til, Macias. DP: Astoria; Tillamook.

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Astoria's Libby DiBartolomeo, No. 12, warms up before going up to bat against Seaside in the third inning.

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— Libby DiBartolomeo  
Astoria softball player



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Seaside's Jetta Ideue watches the game from the on deck circle in the third inning.



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Astoria's Sarah Lertora, No. 6, goes airborne after being tripped up by Whitney Westerholm's tag while running the bases in the fifth inning.