

Gasser: In three decades, coach only lost 214 games

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Astoria took a 2-0 lead in the first inning. A slow, high-kick windup by Tillamook pitcher Riley Maloney allowed Kyle Strange to steal home plate for the first run; and Nick Scott sprinted in from third on a wild pitch for the second run.

After a scoreless second inning, the Cheesemakers made up the difference in the third.

Base hits by Drew Owens and A.J. Harmon were followed by a three-run home run by Erik Reeves, as Tillamook batters took advantage of a strong win coming off the bay.

Tillamook's hopes for an upset, however, lasted less than an inning.

Scott had a one-out double in the bottom of the third, and scored on a single by Fridtjof Fremstad to tie the game.

With two outs and runners at second and third, Maloney had a 1-2 count on Astoria freshman Trey Hageman, who drove the fourth pitch into left field, scoring Fremstad and Ryker Helmersen for the go-ahead runs.

The Fishermen added two runs in the fourth on one hit, four walks, a passed ball and two wild pitches; and Fremstad scored on an error in the sixth for the final run.

Two Tillamook pitchers walked nine batters with two strikeouts, while Astoria's Fremstad and Kai Brown combined to strike out 11, with just one walk.

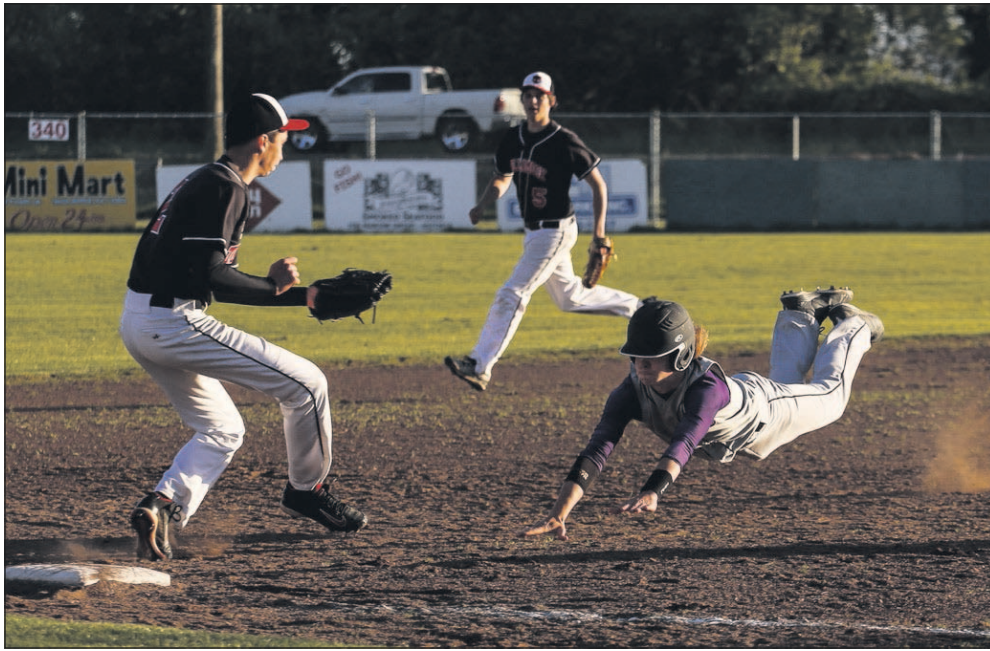
Brown took over in the fifth, and struck out seven of the 11 batters he faced.

Meanwhile, Astoria left field Cade O'Brien made a diving catch of a shallow fly ball in the top of third, saving a run; then ran head-first into the Pig'n Pancake sign in the sixth to make another great grab.

"(O'Brien) has started a few games in the outfield, but man, he made some beautiful



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Astoria's head coach Dave Gasser watches the game against Tillamook from the dugout.



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Astoria's Ryker Helmersen, No. 1, dives while trying to steal third base during the game against Tillamook.

plays," Gasser said. "There were all sorts of contributions. Samboy (Tuimato) puts down a bunt that ends up getting us a couple runs; Cade saves us a couple; and Kai came in and went lights out when the game was still close.

"And Trey gets a two-out, two-strike hit," he said. "(The Cheesemakers) had gone up, and we come right back and get three, and the ninth grader gets

a two-out, two-RBI single."

In addition, "Fritz threw really well," Gasser said. "If the wind's not blowing out, I don't think he gives up anything. But every once in a while the wind blows out here, and holy cow."

Yes, and win No. 700. Holy cow, indeed.

Astoria hosts Horizon Christian in a nonleague game Saturday.

Victory No. 700

According to National Federation of State High School Association records, the all-time career leader in high school baseball coaching wins is Gene Schultz of Lansing Kee High School in Iowa (1,578 wins — although that record likely included summer victories as well).

Dave Gasser is listed at



JOSHUA BESSEX — The Daily Astorian
Astoria's Kai Brown, No. 10, pitches against Tillamook in their baseball game Thursday.



JOSHUA BESSEX — The Daily Astorian
Astoria's Nick Scott, No. 13, crosses the plate in the third inning of the baseball game against Tillamook.

660 on the same list, the NF-SHS not realizing that Gasser returned as coach in 2013.

The most accurate list of all-time coaching victories in Oregon is maintained by Warrenton teacher Doug Calvert, whose records will soon have

Gasser at 700 wins, 214 losses.

Calvert's list of coaching records for almost all sports in Oregon can be accessed through the Warrenton High School official website at <http://bit.ly/1GTRW1g>.

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