

Fishermen score league match win over Banks

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WARRENTON — The Astoria boys golf team closed out its home season with a season-best score Thursday, in a Cowapa League match with Banks at the Astoria Golf & Country Club.

The Fishermen finished with a 364, while the Braves ended with an incomplete score (Banks' fourth player ran out of golf balls, and did not finish).

Senior Will Keeran led the way for Astoria, carding a personal best 85 (43-42), while senior Joey Voeller posted a 92 (47-45).

Other Astoria scorers were Ron Schumacher (personal best 50-43-93) and Arthur Clark (50-44-94). Kirk Fausett was Astoria's fifth player, at 52-48-100.

Medalist was Banks senior Ross Philippi, who shot 42-36-78.

"Our season goal was a 360, so we were real close," said Astoria coach Dan Foss. "We still have a couple chances left."

The Fishermen will take part in the district meet Monday, followed a week later by regional qualifying.



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Astoria's Will Keeran shot a personal best in Thursday's match at the Astoria Golf & Country Club.

In other matches Thursday, Astoria's junior varsity competed, with golfers Sydney Morris (49-44-93), Tim Schumacher (57-

52-109), Henry Meiners (60-58-118) and Trevor Altheide-Nielson (63-57-120).

In a head-to-head girls'

match between the two schools, Astoria's Chloe Hunt carded a 55-59-114 to top Hayley Purinton of Banks (57-61-118).

BASEBALL

Warriors hold off Ilwaco

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WARRENTON — Brock Johnson's two-out double to left field in the sixth inning drove in the go-ahead run, and the Warrenton baseball team held on for a 5-4 nonleague win over Ilwaco Thursday afternoon at Huddleston Field.

The Fishermen had scored three runs in the top of the sixth to take a 4-3 lead, before Warrenton's rally in the bottom of the sixth.

Joe Little went the distance on the mound for the Warriors, allowing five hits with six strikeouts and a walk.

Warrenton's David Foster was 2-for-3 and scored twice.

"David works hard, and it was nice to see him step in, hit the ball well and score a couple of runs for us," said Warrenton coach Lennie Wolfe, whose team improves to 8-7 overall, with a doubleheader at Rainier Tuesday.

Alec Bell had a home run for Ilwaco, while pitchers Cody Schmidt and Jack Odneal limited Warrenton to six hits.

SOFTBALL

Knappa 6, Vernonia 2

VERNONIA — Knappa has yet to lose a league game, and Vernonia is still seeking its first win, following Knappa's 6-2 win at Vernonia Thursday in Northwest League softball action.

Kacie Cameron pitched a complete-game four-hitter, with eight strikeouts and no walks. She was also 1-for-3 at the plate with a two-run homer.

Jaden Miethe was 2-for-4 for Knappa, which has more wins (16) than any 2A team in the state. Knappa is 7-0 in league play, while Vernonia falls to 0-5.

The same two teams play a doubleheader today at Knappa.

Warrenton boys score big points at track invitational

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SHERWOOD — The Warrenton and Knappa track teams both scored three victories Thursday, in the Southwest Christian Invitational in Sherwood.

With 86 points, the Warrenton boys finished second behind Southwest Christian (110) in the team standings, in the mostly-small school meet.

Warrenton's Bryton Kyme and Eli Petersen highlighted the day by placing first and second in the shot put, with Kyme winning with a toss of 43 feet, 8 inches, to Petersen's 42-4. Kyme was third in the discus (116-0).

Chris Ocana placed second in the javelin with a throw of 152-8, and third in the high jump (5-8), with teammate Tyler Whitaker plac-

ing second at 5-8, on fewer misses. Whitaker was third in the long jump (18-8).

Knappa also took part, and scored two wins, both from Devin Lewis Allen. He won the 200 meters in 23.10 seconds; the 400 meters in 51.04.

Lewis Allen is the heavy favorite to win both events in the 2A state meet, later this month in Eugene.

The Knappa boys placed seventh with 36 points.

On the girls' side, Knappa's Devin Vandergriff won the 400 in 1:04.87; and took third in both the 100 meters (13.75) and 200 (28.91).

Warrenton freshman Macen Fritz won the 300-meter hurdles in 52.04, and placed third in the 100-meter hurdles (19.32).

The Warrior foursome of Sophia

Thomas, Libby Biel, Fritz and Ivy McGargish won the 1,600-meter relay in 4:43.39.

Thomas was second in the high jump, clearing 4-6, and Biel was third in the long jump (14-7 ¼).

The Warrenton girls were fifth in the team standings behind Sherwood, Damascus Christian, Estacada and Horizon Christian. Knappa was ninth and Jewell 11th.



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Former Oregon quarterback Marcus Mariota, center, looks on with his mother Alana Deppe-Mariota, right, waiting for the NFL Draft to start at the Saint Louis Alumni Clubhouse on NFL Draft Day Thursday, in Honolulu.

Titans choose Marcus Mariota

Oregon QB is second overall pick

By LAURA SELLERS
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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Tennessee Titans have selected Oregon's Marcus Mariota with the No. 2 draft pick overall, hoping their third try at landing a franchise quarterback in the past decade is the charm.

The Titans selected the Heisman Trophy winner Thursday night after starting three quarterbacks last season with Jake Locker benched in October for rookie Zach Mettenberger. But he lost his six starts, and the Titans couldn't afford to pass up Mariota with Charlie Whitehurst the only other quarterback on the roster.

Mariota could start the season opener Sept. 13 at Tampa Bay against the top pick, Jameis Winston. Neither was at the NFL draft in Chicago on Thursday — Mariota, from Hawaii was in Honolulu; Winston was with family and friends in his hometown of Bessemer, Alabama.

Coach Ken Whisenhunt said Tuesday that a quarterback picked at No. 2 would be expected to start the season. And the coach known for working with pocket passers like Ben Roethlisberger and Kurt Warner even says he'll incorporate some spread plays into his offense.

The quarterback position

has been a revolving door at Tennessee.

The Titans drafted Vince Young at No. 3 overall in 2006 and Locker at No. 10 in 2011, and Young was the last quarterback to lead this team in yards passing in consecutive seasons, and that was 2006 and 2007. They have started eight different quarterbacks since trading away Steve McNair to Baltimore in 2006.

Tennessee needs an infusion of offense after ranking 29th in the NFL last season averaging 303.7 yards per game in Whisenhunt's first year. The Titans ranked 22nd with 213.3 yards passing per game, and Mariota was the humble leader of Oregon's high-flying offense for three seasons.

Mariota's ability to create plays with his arm and his legs took the Ducks to the brink of a national championship before falling short to Ohio State, finishing the season 13-2.

Along the way Mariota won every major award he qualified for, starting with the Heisman, as well as AP Player of the Year, the Maxwell and Walter Camp awards and Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Year.

Mariota set a conference record for most touchdowns in a single season with 58; 42 via pass, 15 on the run and a touchdown catch. His passing

touchdowns set a Pac-12 single-season record. He also set the conference's career mark for career touchdowns with 136.

He threw at least one touchdown pass in all 41 college games he played in at Oregon, starting in every one of his appearances. And he's one of just four quarterbacks in FBS history to pass for more than 10,000 yards and run for more than 2,000 in his career.

Mariota was known for his steady demeanor from the start. Off the field, he was shy and unassuming, but he stayed on the field following every game to shake hands and pose for pictures.

A three-star recruit for the Ducks out of St. Louis High School in Honolulu, Mariota is fiercely proud of his island roots: His helmet facemask was designed to include the numbers 8-0-8 in a nod to the state's area code.

There were three memorable plays this season that really demonstrated Mariota's ability to create on the field: An acrobatic second-quarter keeper against Wyoming that he finished by somersaulting into the end zone; an inspired shovel pass to freshman running back Royce Freeman in Oregon's win over then-No. 7 Michigan State; and a 28-yard touchdown reception from Freeman in a regular-season loss to Arizona.

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