SPORTS

Gulls fly with Jetta in sweep

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How much difference does a year make?

On May 1, 2014, the Astoria softball team swept a doubleheader at Seaside, 23-1 and 18-6. The Gulls had just 12 total hits and committed seven errors in the two games, and the Lady Fish racked up 41 runs.

Fast forward to May 1, 2015, and it was the Gulls who collected 23 hits and scored 14 runs (to Astoria's three), resulting in one of Seaside's biggest (and only) Cowapa League doubleheader sweeps in recent years, 6-0 and 8-3, Friday at CMH Field.

Coming in with a league record of nine wins, 117 losses over the last eight years, Friday's two wins in one day over Astoria was a huge deal for the Gulls.

"We're just trying to get as many wins as we can right now," said Seaside co-coach Jon Hotchkiss. "We have a plan, we have a goal, and we're just trying to accomplish it."

Seaside pitcher Jetta Ideue was on her game, as the freshman allowed just six total hits in the sweep.

Ideue's numbers in Game 1: Three hits allowed, with 11 strikeouts and one walk.

"Jetta was outstanding today," Hotchkiss said between games. "She threw a lot of strikes and kept them off balance with her changeup. We kept it error-free, or very few errors."

Another big difference from a year ago: Seaside gave up 33 walks in last year's doubleheader loss; Ideue walked just five in Friday's wins.

The Gulls had all the runs they would need in the first inning of the opener, as Whitney Westerholm drove in Paige Ideue with a single to right for a 1-0 lead, and Westerholm sprinted home on a single to right by Allison Bussert.

Seaside added one run in the fifth, then tacked on three in the seventh, highlighted by a tworun single from Westerholm, and an RBI hit by Bussert that scored Jetta Ideue.

Both teams made some sparkling defensive plays in Game 1 — Paige Ideue caught a line drive in center field off the bat of Miranda Dietrichs in the second inning; and Astoria's Rylee



JOSHUA BESSEX — The Daily Astorian Seaside's Paige Ideue, No. 2, makes a leaping catch in the second inning of game one against Astoria.





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Astoria's Mykka Abrahams tries to make a catch while Seaside's Lucy Bodner, No. 6, attempts to steal second in the third inning of game one of the softball doubleheader.



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Seaside's Jetta Ideue, No. 3, pitches in the second inning of game one of the their softball doubleheader against Astoria Friday at CMH Field.

sweep over Vernonia Friday in Northwest League softball action.

Kacie Cameron had two doubles and a two-run homer in the opener for Knappa, which scored five runs in the fifth and three in the sixth to take the lead.

Cameron pitched all seven innings of both games, allowing 12 hits total, with 16 strikeouts. At the plate, she was 2-for-2 with a double in Game 2.

gles in the second and sixth innings.

Kai Brown went the distance on the mound, allowing just four hits with five strikeouts and two walks. Owen Fortney pitched all seven for the Indians, striking out seven with one walks.

In other Cowapa League action Friday, Valley Catholic defeated Seaside, 10-0.

Knappa 12-10; vernoma 2-0 KNAPPA — Jason Miller drove in seven runs on the day, and Chase Rusinovich pitched a no-hitter in Game 2, as Knappa swept Vernonia 12-2 and 10-0 in two more five-inning Knappa wins Friday. Michal Goodman pitched Game 1, picking up his first win of the season. He allowed three hits with four strikeouts and a walk. Miller was 3-for-3 at the plate, and drove in the final run with a squeeze bunt for the 10-run lead. Rusinovich had nine strikeouts and no walks on the mound in Game 2, with Vernonia's only baserunner coming on a second inning error. Justin Dragoo was 3-for-3 with two doubles and a home run. Knappa is the only undefeated team in Oregon high school baseball, at 17-0 overall.

DeMander snagged a line drive at second base to end a Seaside rally in the fifth.

But the highlight player in Game 1 was Jetta Ideue.

The freshman retired the side in order in the first, third and seventh innings; and worked her way out of a major jam in the sixth.

Astoria had runners at second and third with no outs, and Ideue struck out Abi Danen, Caitlyn Hougham and Mykka Abrahams in order to end the inning.

Westerholm had three hits and three RBIs in the opener, while Bussert had two hits and drove in two.

"We put the bat on the ball and got aggressive," Hotchkiss said. "Whitney came through for us, big. The girls are starting to get it. They're coming along great, and being aggressive like we want them to be.'

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Seaside's Whitney Westerholm, No. 11, center left, and Britney West, No. 13, right, celebrate after winning game one of the softball doubleheader against Astoria Friday at CMH Field.

The Gulls had two runs in the first inning of Game 2, the first on a single by Jetta that scored Lucy Bodner.

Seaside increased the lead to 4-1 in the second inning, with Bodner's infield hit scoring Brittany West.

The Gulls tacked on three runs in the fifth on an error, a passed ball, and a single by Paige that scored Shelby Miller

Meanwhile, Jetta showed no signs of wearing down, retiring the side in order in the third, fifth and seventh innings.

The Lady Fish had their biggest inning in the sixth, as Libby DiBartolomeo had a one-out single, and Danen drew a walk. DiBartolomeo scored on a passed ball, and Danen came in on a long sacrifice fly from Abrahams.

Seaside stranded 12 baserunners in Game 2, while the Ideue sisters combined for six of the Gulls' 13 hits. Freshman Bryre Babbitt added a double and two singles, and Astoria committed four errors.

Knappa sweeps Vernonia

KNAPPA — The Knappa Lady Loggers rallied from a 7-0 deficit to win Game 1, on its way to a 10-8, 9-3 doubleheader

Jaden Miethe made several outstanding plays at shortstop, and Kaitlyn Truax had a strong day behind the plate for Knappa.

BASEBALL Astoria 4, Scappoose 2

SCAPPOOSE — Astoria moved back into first place in the Cowapa League standings, scoring a big 4-2 road victory at Scappoose Friday.

The two teams are tied at 8-1 in league, with the Fishermen now holding the tie-breaker (Banks, 5-4, is a distant third).

Scappoose scored the first run, but Astoria score the next four to grab a 4-1 lead through three innings.

Astoria scored three runs in the second inning on two errors. Combined, the two teams committed seven errors.

Fridtjof Fremstad had two of Astoria's six hits, with sin-

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY Boys Golf - District 1/4A, at Quail Valley, 10 a.m. TUESDAY

 Scappoose at Asto-Baseball ria, 5 p.m.; Valley Catholic at Seaside, 5 p.m.; Warrenton at Rainier (2), 3:30 p.m.; Gaston at Knappa, 4:30 p.m.

Softball Astoria at Valley Catholic, 5 p.m.; Seaside at Tillamook, 5 p.m.; Warrenton at Rainier (2), 3:30 p.m.; Gaston at Knappa, 4:30 p.m.

Girls Golf - District 1/4A, at Astoria GCC, 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Baseball - Valley Catholic at Astoria, 5 p.m.; Tillamook at Seaside, 5 p.m

Track — Scappoose at Astoria, 3:30 p.m.; Banks Invitational, 3:30 p.m.; Warrenton at Oregon Episcopal, 3:30 p.m.

BASEBALL

HIGH SCHOOLS Astoria 4, Scappoose 2 Astoria 031 000 0-4 6 3 Scappoose 100 000 1-2 4 4 Brown and Helmersen; Fortney and Backus. W: Brown. L: Fortney. RBI: Ast, O'Brien 2, Brawley, Fremstad; Sca, Millar. 2B: Sca, Parsons. LOB: Astoria 3, Scappoose 4

Game 1 Knappa 12, Vernonia 2 Vernonia 000 02-2 3 4 122 61-12 9 Knappa 1 Butcher, Ceiloha (4) and Everett; Goodman and Truax. W: Goodman. L: Butcher. 2B: Kna, Truax.

Game 2 Knappa 10, Vernonia 0 000 00-0 0 Vernonia 013 24-10 9 Knappa Morrison and Everett; Rusinovich and Truax. W: Rusinovich. L: Morrison. 2B: Kna, J.Dragoo 2, Kinney. HR: Kna, J.Dragoo.

SOFTBALL

HIGH SCHOOLS Game 1 Seaside 6, Astoria 0 Seaside 200 010 3-6 10 1 000 000 0-0 3 3 Astoria W: Jetta Ideue (11 K's, 1 walk). L: Libby DiBartolomeo (5 K's, 2 walks). RBI: Sea, Westerholm 3, Bussert 2. 2B: Ast, DiBartolomeo. 3B: Sea, West. LOB: Seaside 6, Astoria 5. Game 2

Seaside 8, Astoria 3 221 030 0-8 13 3

Seaside 100 002 0-3 3 4 Astoria W: Jetta Ideue (2 K's, 4 walks). L: Rylee DeMander (2 K's, 3 walks). RBI: Sea, J.Ideue, Bussert, Bodner, Miller, West, P.Ideue; Ast, Abrahams. 2B: Sea, Bryre Babbitt. HBP: Sea, J.Ideue, Bodner. LOB: Seaside 12, Astoria 3. DP: Seaside.

Astoria girls win Baker Invitational

Lady Fish now look toward state track meet

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GLADSTONE — The stakes are getting higher and the competition is getting tougher.

And the Astoria girls track team is meeting every challenge.

Astoria scored seven wins in the annual Dick Baker Invitational, held Saturday at Gladstone.

And as the postseason approaches, the Lady Fish are showing that the state meet later this month is shaping up to be a twoteam race between Astoria and Newport.

Astoria's usual big-time performers picked up their usual victories in Saturday's meet, all leading to a first-place finish in the team standings for the Lady Fish.

Astoria had 137 points, to 93.5 for second-place North Bend, in the 12-team invitational, which features several of the top 4A programs.

Freshman Kaylee Mitchell won the 400 meters in a personal best 1 minute, 00.76 seconds; and took first in the 800 meters, with a winning time of 2:21.42.

Also on the track, sophomore Natalie Cummings dominated the sprints, winning the 100 meters in a personal best 12.42, and the 200 meters in 26.23.

More victories in the field events: Freshman Darian Hageman scored wins in the long jump (16 feet, $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches) and triple jump (a personal best $36-8\frac{1}{2}$, as she closes in on the school record of 37-0).

Junior Halie Korff had one win, throwing the discus 111-9, ahead of teammate Taylor Cosner (98-11). She also took second in both the shot put $(35-11\frac{1}{2})$

and javelin (113-6). Seaside finished fourth in the team standings, with wins from Allison Kilday in the hurdle events (16.25 in the 100-meter and 46.66 in the 300-meter); and the foursome of Kelly Willyard, Danielle Willyard, Elizabeth Barnes and Kilday posted a 51.75 to finish ahead of Astoria in the 400-meter relay.

Danielle Willyard contributed big points with second-place finishes in the long jump and triple jump; and Charlotte Blakesley was second in the 1,500 meters.

The Gulls were second in the team standings on the boys' side with 98 points, behind first-place North Bend (135). Astoria was ninth.

Seaside placed first in two events, with wins from Josh Chesnut in the long jump $(19-11\frac{1}{2})$ and Will Garvin in the 300 hurdles (41.49).

Juneau Meyer was second in the 400, Jackson Januik took second in the 800, Brad Rzewnicki was second in the 3,000 meters (ahead of teammate Rafi Sibony), and Hunter Thompson was third in the 1,500.

Seaside also placed second in the long relay in 3:36.92.

Astoria's Nick Ketcham was third in the shot put.