Indians win first-place showdown

By GARY HENLEY The Daily Astorian

"He was real effective. You just have to tip your cap — he pitched really well," said Astoria coach Dave Gasser, following his team's 2-1 loss to Scappoose Tuesday night at Aiken Field.

"He" was Scappoose senior pitcher Blake Millar.

It's not the first time the Indians have scored a one-run win over the Fishermen. But one-hitters are pretty rare for any pitcher facing Astoria.

Millar had the honor in Tuesday's win, as the Indians' right-hander gave up only a seventh-inning single to Astoria's Ryker Helmersen in a complete-game win.

'That was as many fly balls as I've ever seen," Gasser said of his own hitters. "It wasn't because we weren't trying. It was just a good pitching performance.'

Scappoose (9-1) takes a one-game lead in the league standings over Astoria (8-2).

The Fishermen actually struck first, scoring one run on two Scappoose errors in the bottom of the second.

Joe Brawley was hit by a pitch, took third on an error, and scored moments later on a first-and-third steal.

That was the end of Astoria's offensive highlights.

Millar retired nine of the next 10 batters, and after walking Ryan Palek in the fifth, he retired eight of the final nine he faced.

Meanwhile, the Indians took advantage of a defensive breakdown by the Fishermen in the top of the fifth.

Owen Fortney and Justin Hering reached on infield errors, with Hering scoring the first Scappoose run on a third error. A fourth error allowed Hunter Holmason to sprint home for a 2-1 lead, as the Indians had just one hit (a single by Jake Ford) in the inning.

Carter Wallace and Fritz Fremstad allowed just three Scappoose hits, with three strikeouts and four walks.

Millar gave up one hit, with three strikeouts and three walks.

Defensively, Astoria second baseman Samboy Tuimato turned a 4-3 double play to end a Scappoose threat in the first inning; and Brawley had a catch at the fence to prevent

"We were in a position where if we had just squared up three balls in a row, we would have won the game," Gasser said. "But we never did it once. Somehow (Millar) stayed one step ahead of us.'

In addition, "This is the third time in a row they've beaten us here," Gasser said of the Indians. "And I can't remember ever losing there."

The Fishermen return to play today vs. Valley Catholic. Astoria and Scappoose finish the league season May 15 at Scappoose.

Valiants 13, Gulls 9

SEASIDE — Seaside took a 9-7 lead into the top of the seventh inning, but Valley Catholic scored twice to force extra innings, then added four runs in the eighth, for a 13-9 victory over the Gulls at Broadway Field.

Seaside had rallied from an early 6-2 deficit with two runs in the third, and five runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Seaside's Astor Landwehr was 3-for-4 with two RBIs; Brent Walsh had a two-run single; and Otto Hoekstre finished 3-for-5 with a double.

Columbians sweep Warriors

RAINIER — Rainier collected 19 hits on the day, and coupled with seven Warrenton errors, the Columbians were able to post a 6-2, 12-10 doubleheader sweep in the Lewis & Clark League twinbill Tuesday at Rainier.

Rainier trailed 2-0 early in Game 1, before scoring a run in the third, two in the fourth and one each in the fifth and sixth.

The first five Rainier batters reached base in the fourth inning rally.

Joe Little had a double for Warrenton, while Brock Johnson and Hunter Michaelson each had two hits.

Little belted a two-run homer in the first inning of Game 2, while Rainier scored six runs in the second inning for a 7-2 lead.

Warrenton answered with six runs in the third to take a brief lead, before the Columbians responded with two runs in the bottom of the third, and three more in the fifth.

Gavon McFadden had three hits to lead the Warriors, who were playing without leading hitter and runs leader Justice Watson.

Knappa 11, Gaston 8

KNAPPA — For the first time since March 23, the Knappa Loggers actually had to go seven innings to win a game.

Gaston managed to score a season-high eight runs on the Loggers, but Knappa still got the victory Tuesday at Teevin Field, 11-8, to clinch the Northwest League title.

Knappa improves to 18-0 overall, 16-0 in league. The Loggers hold a five-game lead on Gaston and Portland Lutheran, with five games remaining.

"In a lot of ways, they outplayed us today," Knappa coach Jeff Miller said of the Greyhounds. "We were making too many mental mistakes, and we ran into the best pitcher (Trevor Reynolds) we've seen in over a month.

'They know how to hit the ball, and we're looking forward to a battle Friday (doubleheader at Gaston).'

Chase Rusinovich got the win in relief for Knappa, striking out 13 with one walk.

Nate Truax was 3-for-4 with two runs scored. Jason Miller and Justin Dragoo also scored two runs apiece for the Loggers.

SOFTBALL Seaside 5, Tillamook 2

TILLAMOOK — Seaside has taken over the third place spot in the Cowapa League softball standings, and now the league's hottest team will take a shot at second-place Scappoose Friday.

The Gulls celebrated their latest victory Tuesday, 5-2 at Tillamook, as Seaside turned two double plays — including one to end the game — to hold off the Cheesemakers.

Seaside hosts a doubleheader showdown with Scappoose Friday at Broadway Field.

The Gulls took advantage of numerous walks in Tuesday's win, while Jetta Ideue got the complete-game victory in the circle.

Brianna Babbitt and Brittany West both had big run-scoring hits for Seaside, while Babbitt caught a line drive and flipped the ball to



Astoria's Ryker Helmersen, No. 1, collides with, and tags out Mason Reardon of Scappoose at the plate in the sixth inning of their baseball game Tuesday.

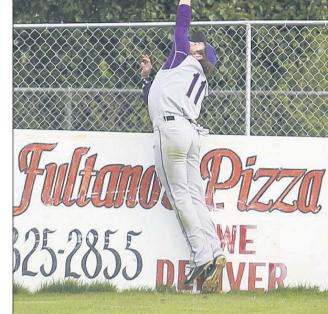


JOSHUA BESSEX — The Daily Astorian Astoria's Ryan Palek, No. 5, tags out Scappoose's Owen Fortney, No. 7.

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Astoria's Joe Brawley, No. 11, robs a home run from Scappoose's Owen Parsons in the second inning of their baseball game. JOSHUA BESSEX — The Daily Astorian



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Whitney Westerholm for a game-ending double play in the seventh.

Valiants 7, Astoria 6

BEAVERTON — Astoria scored four runs in the first inning and two in the second for a 6-0 lead, but Valley Catholic rallied and scored an eventual 7-6 over the Lady Fish, in a Cowapa League softball game Tuesday in Beaverton.

The Valiants scored three runs in the third and two in the sixth to pull within 6-5, then scored twice in the seventh.

Caitlyn Hougham had two of Astoria's five hits.

Knappa 6, Gaston 2

KNAPPA — The Knappa Lady Loggers are one step closer to wrapping up the Northwest League championship, as they cruised past Gaston 6-2 Tuesday at Knappa.

Knappa improves to 10-0 in league play, and needs to win just one of its next two to clinch the league title.

Logger pitcher Cameron shutdown the Greyhounds, tossing a six-hitter shutout with nine strikeouts.

Alyson Olheiser was 1-for-3 at the plate, and tracked down five fly balls in the outfield to help the Loggers hold on for the win.

In Lewis & Clark League play, Rainier swept Warrenton

the Lady Fish were Sadie

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Scappoose wins girls' golf district title

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WARRENTON — Syrina Revis of Scappoose was the only player to shoot under 100, as she led the Indians to a Cowapa League golf tournament win Tuesday at the Astoria Golf & Country Club.

Scappoose posted a 416 team score, to top Valley Cath-

olic (476) and Astoria (560). Banks, Seaside and Tillamook fielded incomplete teams.

Revis carded a 99 to take medalist honors, ahead of teammates Baylee Maloney (104) and Morgan Hall (104), with Astoria's Chloee Hunt and Seaside's Caroline Kotson tying for fourth at 106.

Wooldridge (16th, 134), Karla Mandujano (17th, 148) and Kira Barela (19th, 172). Samantha Wozniak (13th)

shot a 120 for the Gulls, and Diana Tinoco was 18th with

All Cowapa schools qualifv for state next week in a two-day regional tournament.

SCOREBOARD

TODAY

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

Scappoose at Astoria,

3:30 p.m.; Seaside at Banks, 3:30 p.m.; Warrenton at Oregon Episcopal, 3:30 p.m.

Other scoring golfers for

FRIDAY Baseball — Astoria at Tillamook, 5 p.m.; Seaside at Banks, 5 p.m.; Portland Christian at Warrenton (2),

3:30 p.m.; Knappa at Gaston (2), 3

Softball —Banks at Astoria (2), 4 p.m.; Scappoose at Seaside (2), 4 p.m.; Portland Christian at Warrenton (2), 3:30 p.m.; Knappa at Gaston (2), 3 p.m.