

Knappa win streak hits 21

By GARY HENLEY
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KNAPPA — The second-place team in the Northwest League went down like all the others — by 10 runs, in five innings.

The Knappa Loggers won their 21st game in a row Thursday afternoon at Teevin Field, 13-3 over Portland Lutheran.

Knappa (21-0 overall, 19-0 in league) can finish up its second straight undefeated league season with a sweep today at Portland Lutheran.

Overall, it was Knappa's 44th straight victory in league play, going back to the 2013 season.

Logger pitcher Chase Rusinovich was just two strikes away from Knappa's seventh no-hitter of the season (the Loggers also have four one-hitters), before giving up a two-run double to Portland Lutheran's Dylan DeGeneres in the top of the fifth.

"It wasn't (Rusinovich's) finest performance, but we got it done," said Knappa coach Jeff Miller. "We'll go there (today) and face their best pitcher (DeGeneres), who's probably the best pitcher in the league, outside of our guys."

Dale Takalo finished Thursday's game on the mound, retiring the only batter he faced.

Rusinovich struck out five of the first batters he faced and ended with seven strikeouts, but walked three and hit five batters.

Offensively, Tyson Burnard had a double, drove in two runs and scored four times. Takalo had just one hit, but had three RBIs. Nate Truax had two hits and drove in three runs, including an RBI single in the bottom of the fifth that ended the game by the 10-run mercy rule.

Three Portland Lutheran pitchers gave up nine hits, with one strikeout and 10 walks.

It was Knappa's 17th victory of the season by 10 or more runs. Ranked No. 3 in the latest 2A Coaches Poll with one first-place vote, Knappa has not scored under 10 runs in a game since their season opener, a 6-2 win vs. Clatskanie March 18.

Scappoose 12, Seaside 1

SEASIDE — Scappoose tuned up for today's game with Astoria with a 12-1 win at Seaside Thursday, in Cowapa League baseball action.

Zach Quicke was 2-for-3 with a triple and an RBI for the Gulls.

Scappoose improves to 12-1 in league play, with a game today vs. Astoria, and Banks Saturday.

Seaside plays at 11 a.m. Saturday at Astoria.



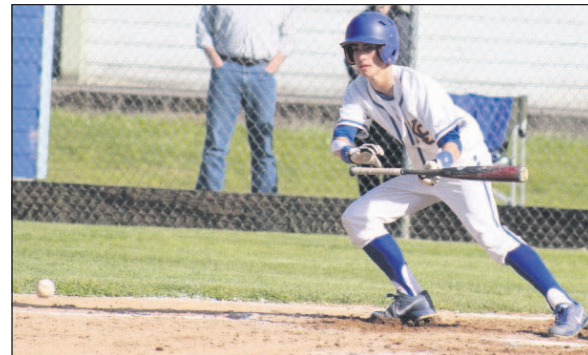
Andrew Miller rounds second on his way to third in Knappa's NWL baseball win over Portland Lutheran Thursday.

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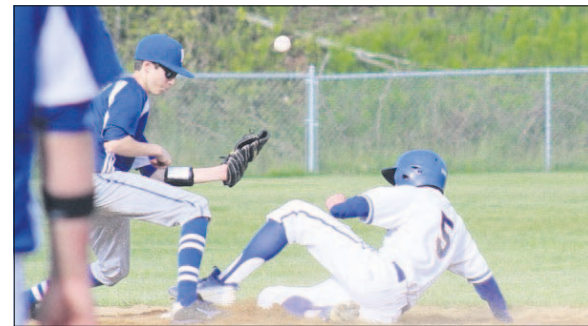
Knappa's Dale Takalo heads far inside the baseline to avoid the tag of Portland Lutheran's Dylan DeGeneres, left.

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Jason Miller lays down a bunt for the Loggers in the third inning of Thursday's win.

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Knappa freshman Dale Takalo slides safely with a stolen base in a fourth inning rally.

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Lady Fishermen on verge of league track championship

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BANKS — The Cowapa League track and field championships are underway, and the Astoria Lady Fishermen are already racking up some big points and well on their way to a district title.

Finals in four events (boys and girls) took place Thursday

at Banks High School, where the meet concludes today.

The Astoria girls won two events and hold the lead in the team standings with 41 points, to 33 for Banks. The Lady Fish have the top times and marks in several more final events scheduled for Day 2.

Freshman Darian Hageman scored both Astoria victories Thursday, leaping

16 feet, 10 inches to win the long jump (over second-place Danielle Willyard of Seaside, 16-7 3/4); and Hageman was the only jumper to clear 5-0 to win the high jump.

Junior Halie Korff added points with a second-place finish in the javelin (123-4), behind Kindel Bailey of Scappoose.

In the only final on the

track, Scappoose freshman Linnaea Kavulich won the 3,000 meters, just ahead of Seaside's Josie Smith and Charlotte Blakesley. The Lady Gulls are fifth in the team standings, but should pick up big points in Friday's finals on the track.

On the boys' side, Banks holds the team lead with 54 points, over Seaside (43).

Seaside's Josh Chesnut won the long jump (20-7 1/2), while Bradley Rzewnicki and freshman Rafi Sibony were third and fourth, respectively,

in the 3,000.

The Seaside boys are also in line to score major points in Friday's finals. The Astoria boys are fourth.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

Baseball — Astoria at Scappoose, 5 p.m.; Seaside at Valley Catholic, 5 p.m.; Warrenton at Clatskanie (2), 3:30 p.m.; Knappa at Portland Lutheran (2), 3 p.m.

Softball — Astoria at Scappoose (2), 4 p.m.; Seaside at Valley Catholic (2), 4 p.m.; Warrenton at Clatskanie (2), 3:30 p.m.

Track — District 1/4A, at Banks, 2 p.m.; District 1/3A, at Portland Christian, TBA

SATURDAY

Baseball — Seaside at Astoria, 11 a.m.

Track — District 1/3A, at Portland Christian, TBA

BASEBALL

HIGH SCHOOLS

Knappa 13, Portland Lutheran 3

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Knappa 02371-13 9 0

Lowrey, Renzema (3), Henry-Biskup (5) and Wright; Rusinovich, Takalo (5) and Truax. W: Rusinovich. L: Lowrey. RBI: PL, DeGeneres 2;

Kna, Takalo 3, Truax 3, Burnard 2, Kinney 2, Rusinovich, Cruz. 2B: PL, DeGeneres; Kna, Burnard, Kinney.

HBP: PL, Renzema 2, Lowrey, Rice, Markel. LOB: Portland Lutheran 3, Knappa 7.

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