

Poyer football, Astoria Ford baseball camps coming

The Daily Astorian

The second annual Jordan Poyer Football Camp is 1-5 p.m. June 28 at Columbia Memorial Field.

The Astoria High School graduate, former Oregon State All-American and current member of the Cleveland Browns, along with the Astoria High School football coaching staff, will be conducting a one-day camp for any child entering kindergarten through eighth grade next fall.

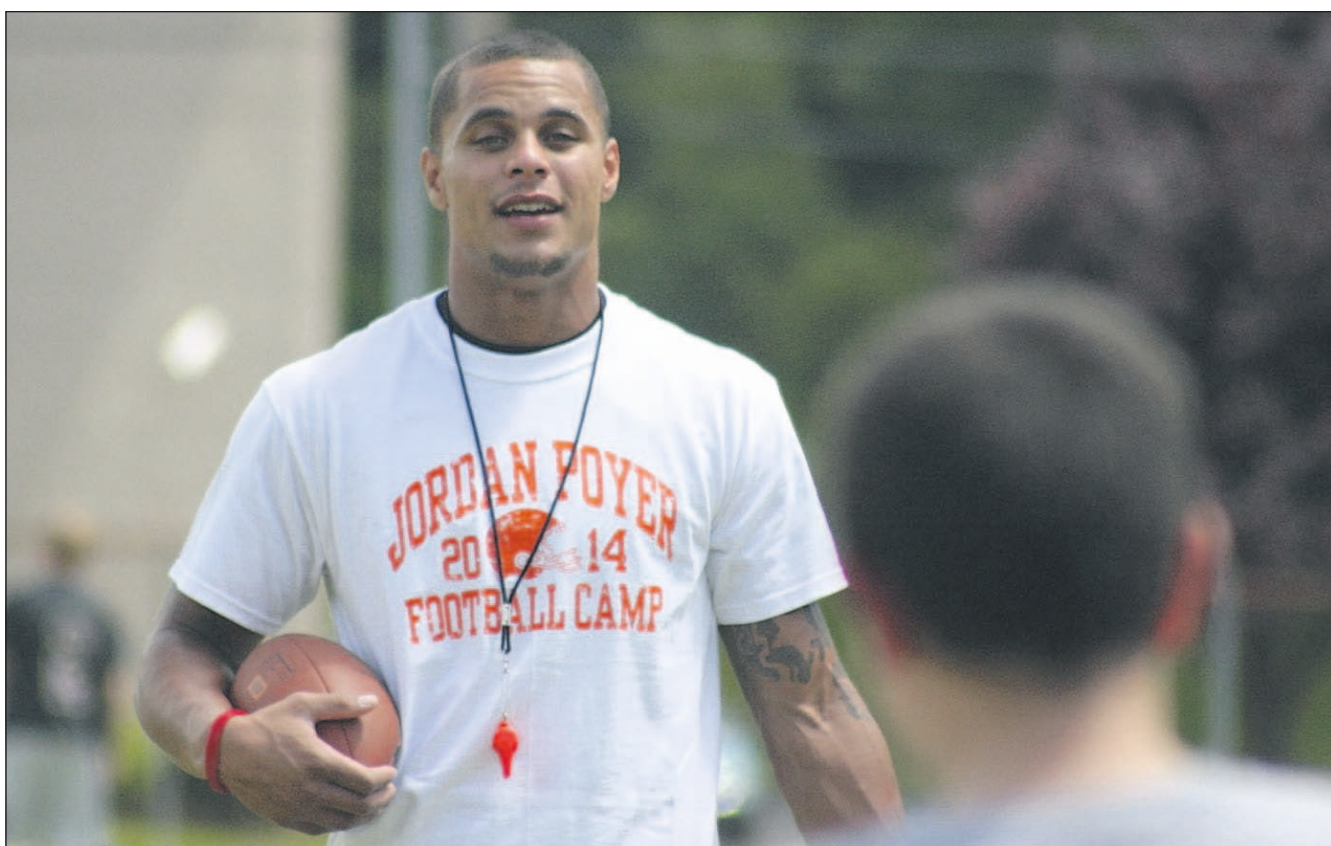
The cost of the camp is \$40. Instruction will include individual techniques of all offensive, defensive and special team positions; recommended nutritional training; off-season and in-season training; the importance of goal-setting; and the importance of team-building.

Preregistration is preferred, by filling out an authorization form, available at Astoria High School, and returning it to school, 1001 West Marine Drive, to the attention of Howard Rub by June 12.

Checks should be made payable to Astoria Football – Jordan Poyer Camp.

If preregistration is not possible, campers may register the day of the camp from noon to 12:45 p.m.

Campers should wear cloth shorts and T-shirts, and preferably a rubber molded pair of shoes (metal cleats are not allowed).



Jordan Poyer's annual Astoria football camp is scheduled for June 28 at CMH Field.

For more information, contact coach Rub at 503-325-3911, ext. 317, at hrub@astoria.k12.or.us.

All participants will receive a T-shirt and can take one photo with Poyer.

Astoria Ford Baseball Camp in July

The first Astoria Ford Baseball Summer Day Camp will take place July 19-22 at CMH Field.

The camp is for any player in the Lower Columbia region, age 8-15. Players from Washington and all surrounding schools in the Astoria area are welcome.

Astoria Ford's Baseball Summer Day Camp is 6 to 8:30 p.m. July 19.

The next three days, the ages split up with 8-12 year olds at camp 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 13-15 year olds from 1-3 p.m.

The camp is to improve the skills and baseball IQ's of all participants, and encourage young people to play baseball.

The camp will be run by Astoria High School coach Dave Gasser and his staff. Small groups of players will be coached by current and former Astoria baseball players.

The cost is \$100 for the week. It includes camp T-shirts and some surprises during competitive drills.

To hold a spot and make sure the camp is staffed properly, an RSVP is required. All checks will be made out to "Astoria Ford Junior Baseball."

Coaches from youth teams can collect registration forms and make a \$20 deposit to register players in advance.

Parents can contact coach Gasser directly at 503-758-2195, and send the registration form and \$20 deposit to



Daily Astorian File
Poyer signed autographs and posed for pictures with fans in last year's camp.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

Baseball — 4A Quarterfinal: Astoria at Hidden Valley, 5 p.m.; 2A Quarterfinal: Dufur at Knappa, 4 p.m.
Softball — 2A Quarterfinal: Knappa at Pilot Rock, 4 p.m.

249 W. Exchange St. Forms will be available through players' leagues or can be sent electronically or by mail.

Local official honored

North Coast basketball official Martin Bue was chosen by the Oregon Athletic Coaches Association as one of two athletic officials for 2015.

Bue was honored at a banquet at Autzen Stadium in Eugene Saturday.



AP Photo/Tony Dejak

Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James poses for a selfie with fans after the Cavaliers defeated the Atlanta Hawks 118-88 in Game 4 of the NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals for a sweep Tuesday in Cleveland.

And now, we wait: Cavs, Warriors get time to rest

The Associated Press

Golden State coach Steve Kerr was chatting with assistant Luke Walton a few minutes before what became the Warriors' clinching victory in the Western Conference Finals, and a realization popped into his head.

"You know what we do now?" Kerr asked, somewhat rhetorically. "We wait."

Now, we all wait.

The NBA Finals won't start until June 4, meaning both the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Warriors will have more than a full week to rest, recover, scout and plan for Game 1 of the title matchup. It's the same sort of break that Golden State had to deal with between the first and second rounds, and for Cleveland, these mini-vacations are now the norm — the Cavs also had layoffs of about a week following their wins in each of their opening two series.

So both teams were off Thursday.

At the Cavaliers' complex in Independence, Ohio, some players arrived for treatment, but nary a basketball was bouncing in the facility — that resumes on Friday. The Warriors planned to also take the day and revel in a five-game ousting of the Houston Rockets in the West title series.

Kerr said after the West finals that he had not given any thought to Cleveland.

"There's plenty of time to get to Cleveland," Kerr said.

Not that's necessarily a good thing. It's unprecedented in league history for both conference champions to be sitting around for so long before the NBA Finals. There's instances of one Finals-bound team having longer breaks, but not both in the same year.

There has been so-called "move-up dates" for The Finals in the past, but no more.

"We decided a few years ago that it was important to lock in a start date given the global nature of the NBA, with TV and digital partners and 215 countries and territories airing the games," league spokesman Michael Wade said Thursday. "While it's rare for our teams to have a week off prior to The Finals, the time allows for both teams to rest up and get healthy."

And just about everyone needs the rest.

Start with LeBron James, who has made playing through aches and pains at this time of year an annual occurrence. The athletic trainer who has worked in tandem with him for years, Mike Mancias, is basically around James more than anyone else as the playoffs go deeper, tending to whatever is ailing the four-time MVP.

"I will, as a leader, have our guys ready," James said.

Cleveland guard Kyrie Irving has been playing through pain in both legs, and this break will determine basically if he reverts to his usual form or if he'll still be limping his way through the finals.

Golden State's Klay Thompson developed concussion-like symptoms after the conclusion of the West finals, so the time off will surely be welcomed there as he works his way back through the league's protocols for such matters. And Andre Iguodala was shaken up late in Game 5 against Houston, so he also can use a little extra rest.

Golden State guard and the league's reigning MVP Stephen Curry took a nasty spill against Houston and was playing with a sleeve to protect his elbow in the clincher.

"We've got to take a week off to get ready," Curry said, "and get our minds right and our game plan right for how we're going to beat Cleveland."

The Associated Press

ARCADIA, Calif. — Bob Baffert came blasting into thoroughbred racing in Southern California talking smack. Wearing a cowboy hat and boots, he had already conquered the quarter horse world and was ready to take aim at the bigger money and prestige offered by training regally-bred thoroughbreds.

It wasn't long before he piled up 11 wins in Triple Crown races — two behind leader D. Wayne Lukas — and ditched his big hat but kept the boots.

Baffert's quick success rubbed rival trainers the wrong way in a business rife with jealousy. But after a heart attack and the death of close family members, the 62-year-old Baffert has finally grown into the premature cap of white hair that has been his trademark for years.

"When you start out, you're hungry and you're ambitious. Ambitious can give you an edge that people don't like," said Baffert, who will try for the first Triple Crown since 1978 when American Pharoah runs in the Belmont Stakes next Saturday. "Now I'm still hungry, but not ambitious to the way where I'm easier to deal with."

In the spotlight

In the beginning, Baffert thrived in the spotlight. He was quick with a quip and flip with his attitude. Winning back-to-back Kentucky Derbies with horses that had shots at winning the Triple Crown in 1997 and 1998 will turn someone's head. He won a third Derby in 2002 before War Emblem stumbled out of the starting gate at the Belmont and lost his Triple try.

"I thought I was so smart," he said.

Then life kicked Baffert in the behind. His mother died in 2011, and he survived a heart attack in Dubai and the death of his father within a six-month span the following year. Then, seven horses in his barn at now-closed Hollywood Park died for inconclusive reasons.

The heart attack prompted diet and lifestyle changes (cheeseburgers were out and chicken was in), but losing his parents was life-changing. During TV interviews, he would play to them watching back home in Nogales, Ariz., pulling son Bode into the shot so Ellie could see her young grandson.

"Now there's nobody out there," he said, sitting trackside on a recent quiet morning at Santa Anita.

Pharoah's trainer grows into racing's grateful elder statesman



AP Photo/Garry Jones, File

Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert walks American Pharoah around the stakes barn at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore May 13.

Quarter horse world

Bill Sr. loved horses and racing, but with seven kids he was duty-bound to his ranch. Nicknamed "The Chief," he got Bob interested in the sport, and his son took it from there, starting out as a jockey

in the braggadocious world of quarter horses, where pickups and those big cowboy hats were the signature style.

"Everything starts out, 'I'll tell you what, I'm going to kick your (rear).' We're going to the OK corral with

guns blazing," Baffert said, mimicking a drawl. "The thoroughbred world isn't that way. It's more of a gentleman's skill; we're going to take 10 paces and turn around and shoot each other."

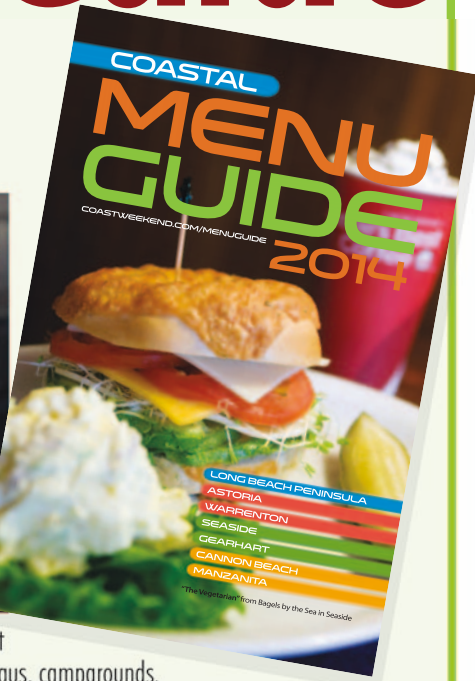
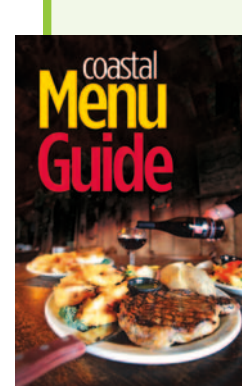
Baffert has trained for Ahmed Zayat, who owns American Pharoah, since 2007. They've built trust and a bond that makes it easy for their families to spend time together away from the track. Zayat noticed a change in Baffert's hard-charging ways after his heart attack and surgery to insert three stents.

"He's more content. He doesn't have to get everything done perfect," the Egyptian-born businessman said. "His demeanor is telling me that 'I'm happy to have a second chance and now I'm going to try to enjoy it and try not to stress myself.'"

COMING IN MAY OUR 8TH ANNUAL

Reserve Your Advertising Space Today!
Deadline: May 29th

coastal
MenuGuide
2015



Copies distributed throughout the year to north coast hotels, motels, chambers of commerce, visitors bureaus, campgrounds, restaurants and stores and inserted in The Daily Astorian & Chinook Observer



EXPAND YOUR PALATE ONLINE

This online guide gives you a mouth-watering menu of choices on Oregon's north coast and southwest Washington.

- Visit our Virtual Coastal Menu Guide online
- Turn through virtual pages
- Click on direct links to restaurant websites
- Access additional information
- www.coastweekend.com/dining/coast_dining/pages

Contact your advertising sales consultant for more information:
OREGON: 503-325-3211 | WASHINGTON: 800-643-3703