

# Perth brings the Heat, Astoria gets the win

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The Astoria Ford Fishermen are still undefeated in international competition, and fans at Aiken Field were well-entertained by a night of Australian-American baseball, as the Perth Heat — a touring youth team from Western Australia — made their third visit to the North Coast.

And for the third time since 2010, the Astoria Ford summer baseball team scored a victory over the Aussies.

The two teams played Tuesday night until they got tired — which happened to be 9 1/2 innings. Astoria Ford was leading 12-1 when the game was stopped in the bottom of the 10th.

But the final score wasn't really the point of it. The game was more about some 15-, 16- and 17-year-old kids from different countries getting together for a baseball game.

The teams had lunch together before the contest, and they all stuck around for a barbecue afterward, as Astoria once again put on a good show for Australia-American relations.

While the Perth team made a stop at the Goonies House and was generally impressed with the area, they were even more impressed with the baseball.

"It's getting pretty difficult at this point," said Perth infielder Matt Sproule, referring to the competition the Australians are seeing on their trip through Oregon, which included a tournament in Medford last week.

Perth has two touring teams — an older 'varsity' team, and a younger 'junior varsity' squad of mostly 15- and 16-year-olds, who played Tuesday against Astoria.

Chances are, there aren't many players from Dubai, United Arab Emirates, who have played at Aiken Field. Sproule is likely the first.

"Coming from the Middle East — there's not a lot of baseball exposure there," he said. "One of the most impressive things I've seen about the



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**Astoria's Tyler Lyngstad, No. 15, collides with Perth's Shaan Shahbaz, No. 30, while getting out of a pickle in the third inning.**



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**Astoria's Cade O'Brien, No. 6, jumps up after scoring a run in the fourth inning.**

kids here, is that they have a lot higher baseball IQ than kids in Dubai, Kuwait and Qatar. They're smart, they're talented ... it's really fun, and I think we'll be a lot better at the end of this trip."

American Jeremy Barnes serves as one of three coaches for the younger Perth team, and said, "Baseball here is much bigger here than it is in Australia, so it's a great challenge for our guys to come out and mix it up with these guys."

"We just go out and play every day — we don't get a chance to do that much in Australia," said Barnes, who is from Texas, played baseball at Notre Dame and was drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies. He ended up playing in Canberra in the Australian Baseball League.

"A good amount of the

players are from Perth," he said. "We have some guys from Canberra, and four or five from Dubai."

"The talent is there," he added. "We have a good amount of skill. We surprise a lot of people with the skill. It's just a matter of consistency for us, and that gets back to playing every day."

Perth's James Cappello, from Canberra, said, "The competition is good. It's hard — we've played some pretty competitive teams."

As for Tuesday's game, the two teams were tied 1-1 after 3 1/2 innings, before Astoria Ford scored three runs in the bottom of the fourth and one in the fifth.

Cade O'Brien and Jackson Arnsdorf had run-scoring singles, and O'Brien stole home to highlight the fourth.



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**Astoria's Carter Wallace, No. 14, pitches in the fourth inning.**

Astoria tacked on seven runs in the bottom of the ninth, which featured RBI singles by Nick Scott and Arnsdorf. Astoria scored additional runs on two errors, a passed ball and a wild pitch, as the Perth team was down to its sixth pitcher of the night.

Astoria Ford finished with 14 hits, while pitchers Carter Wallace, Kai Brown and Fridtjof Fremstad allowed just four hits, with five strikeouts and two walks.

Scott had three hits, including two doubles; and O'Brien also had three hits, with two bunt singles and two RBIs. Arnsdorf had two hits and drove in two runs.

### Warriors, Tigers split

CLATSKANIE — Warrenton pitcher Joe Little tossed a seven-inning, 10-0 shutout in Game 1, before Clatskanie bounced back with an 8-3 win in Game 2, in Junior State doubleheader action Tuesday.

Little allowed just four hits in the opener, while Gavon McFadden and Derek Ham each had two hits. The Warriors also had seven stolen bases.

McFadden led off Game 2 with a single, but the Warriors only had one hit after that in the loss.

## SCOREBOARD

SPORTS SCHEDULE		
TODAY		
Junior State Baseball — Astoria Ford B at Seaside (2), 5 p.m.		
THURSDAY		
Junior State Baseball — Astoria Ford B at Warrenton (2), 4 p.m.		
SUNDAY		
Baseball — Singapore at Astoria Ford, 7 p.m.		
BASEBALL		
Astoria Ford 12, Perth Heat 1		
Perth 000100 000 0—14 4 4		
Astoria 010310 007 x—12 14 1		
Shahbaz, Cooper (3), John (5), Cappello (7), Abrahams (9), Wilson (9) and Seidel; Wallace, Brown (6), Fremstad (9) and Helmersen, Gohl (9). W: Wallace. L: Cooper. RBI: Perth, Collins; Astoria, O'Brien 2, Arnsdorf 2, Scott, Lyngstad. 2B: Perth, Abrahams; Astoria, Scott 2, Hageman. HBP: Perth, Cappello. LOB: Perth 5, Astoria 6. DP: Perth, Astoria.		
SOFTBALL		
HIGH SCHOOLS		
Lewis & Clark All-League		
Player of the Year: Jessica Gibson, Rainier		
Coaches of the Year: Cary Gray, Rainier; Lance Judd, Portland Adventist		
First Team		
Jessica Gibson, Sr., Rainier		
Brittney Abbott, Sr., Clatskanie		
Jadyn Crape, So., Rainier		
Kami Gray, So., Rainier		
Megan Hackenberg, Jr., Rainier		
Tori Johnson, So., P. Adventist		
Landree Miethe, So., Warrenton		
Sage Miller, So., Clatskanie		
Aspen Norman, Fr., Rainier		
Sarah Probasco, Jr., Rainier		
Shelby Saylor, Sr., Rainier		
Olivia Warren, Fr., Clatskanie		
Second Team		
Katie Blank, So., P. Adventist		
Niqui Blodgett, Fr., Warrenton		
Shianne Clark, Sr., Rainier		
Shylly Gessele, Sr., P. Adventist		
Sarah Halverson, So., P. Adventist		
Taelor Kay, Sr., Clatskanie		
Bri Marsch, Sr., Warrenton		
Mackenzie Mitchell, So., Clatskanie		
Hailey Schimmel, So., Rainier		
Kiersten Sermino, Jr., Clatskanie		
Kacy Strong, Jr., Clatskanie		
Julia Taylor, So., Rainier		
BASEBALL		
ROSTERS		
PERTH HEAT		
No.	Name	Pos.
3	Matt Sproule	2B
4	James Cappello	RHP
13	Liam Collins	OF
15	Sean Fekete	RHP
17	Ethan Cooper	OF
24	Jordan Courcha	UTL
30	Shaan Shahbaz	RHP
31	MacLain Wilson	
RHP		
33	Grant Kerry	OF
44	Bailey Cheetham	OF
55	Wolfgang Peek	INF
78	Ram Elford	1B/LHP
80	Lachlan Seidel	C
93	David John	3B/RHP
99	Nick Abrahams	1B/RHP
Rod Drew, Coach		
Tim Lamonte, Coach		
Jeremy Barnes, Coach		
Andrew Lange, Trainer		
ASTORIA FORD A's		
0	Olaf Englund	UTL
1	Ryker Helmersen	C
2	Fridtjof Fremstad	SS/P
6	Cade O'Brien	OF/P
7	Trey Hageman	UTL
8	Kyle Strange	3B
9	Jasyn Gohl	C
10	Samboy Tuimato	2B/OF
11	Jackson Arnsdorf	P/1B
13	Nick Scott	3B/OF
14	Carter Wallace	P/OF
15	Tyler Lyngstad	UTL
19	Jared Lucore	UTL
	Kai Brown	P/1B
	German George	P
Dave Gasser, Coach		
Chris Wright, Coach		
Brian Babbitt, Coach		
Pat O'Brien, Coach		
Shane Robinson, Coach		
Ralph Steinback, Coach		
Ryker Thornton, Coach		

## Landree Miethe all-league for Warrenton Warriors

League champion Rainier landed 10 players on the Lewis & Clark All-League softball team, while Warrenton had one first-team selection and two second-teamers.

The Columbians also had the league's Player of the Year (senior Jessica Gibson), while Rainier's Cary Gray and Portland Adventist's Lance Judd were Coaches of the Year.

Warrenton sophomore catcher Landree Miethe made first team, while Warriors' senior infielder Bri Marsch and freshman pitcher Niqui Blodgett were selected the second team.

Rainier junior Sarah Probasco was selected as the Class 3A all-state Pitcher of the Year, while Miethe made honorable mention all-state.

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