



Knappa's Andrew Goozee, No. 34, stretches to make a catch while Warrenton's Joe Little, No. 7, scores in the fifth inning of their baseball game in Warrenton Tuesday.

Little keys big win for Warriors

By GARY HENLEY
The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — Any win over a Knappa baseball team — spring or summer — is something to shout about.

So the Warrenton Junior State summer team was celebrating a big win Tuesday night at Huddleston Field, where the Warriors topped the Loggers 11-5.

Warrenton pitcher Joe Little went the distance on the mound, while the new-look Loggers had just one player on the field who started in the state championship game less than a month ago.

"It was a good win," said Warrenton coach Lennie Wolfe. "Especially considering how tired we were, having played a doubleheader the day before.

"Knappa's got a great program," he added. "They've got a lot of new kids in the

lineup, but Jeff (Miller) is a great coach, and they all know how to compete. It's been a while since we've been able to get a win (over the Loggers)."

Little scattered seven hits with nine strikeouts and five walks, and he also helped his cause with two hits and four RBIs.

Warrenton had just six hits off three Knappa pitchers, who combined to walk 10 and hit two batters.

The Loggers also stranded baserunners in every inning except the sixth.

The Warriors built a 6-2 lead through two innings, as Jake Holthusen highlighted a three-run first inning with a two-run homer to left field.

Little had a run-scoring sacrifice fly in the first inning and added a two-run single in the second.

Warrenton scored on a bases-loaded walk in the



Knappa's Mason Hoover, No. 0, scores in the fifth inning against Warrenton.

second inning, and tacked on three runs in the sixth on five walks, two wild pitches, a bases-loaded balk and a hit batter.

Holthusen also drove in four runs for the Warriors, who return to action Wednesday with

a single game at Neah-Kah-Nie. "Joe Little's curve ball continues to get better," Wolfe said. "It's made him into a tough pitcher. We ran ourselves out of some innings, but every time they scored, we responded."

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL		Goozee; Little and McFadden. W: Little. L: Cruz. RBI: Kna, Goozee, Bryant; War, Little 4, J.Holthusen 4, Watson. 2B: Kna, Cruz. HR: War, J.Holthusen. HBP: War, Watson, Knight. LOB: Knappa 7, Warrenton 4.	
JUNIOR STATE			
Warrenton 11, Knappa 5			
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Warrenton	330	023	x-11 6 3

US prevails in 2-0 victory over top-ranked Germany

By ANNE M. PETERSON
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MONTREAL — Julie Johnston thought she had blown it.

Handed a yellow card for a foul in the box on Alexandra Popp, Johnston's heart sank when German striker Celia Sasic stepped up to take the penalty kick.

It missed. The United States went on to beat Germany 2-0 on a penalty kick from Carli Lloyd and a late goal from Kelley O'Hara, erasing Johnston's fear that she had cost her team the game and sending the Americans to the title match of the Women's World Cup.

"The team definitely lifted me up after that happened and finished the chances. Definitely an emotional roller coaster," Johnston said. "But it's a team sport and the team today really stepped up for me. I really can't thank them enough and I'm sure I'll thank them all the way to the final."

Goalkeeper Hope Solo posted her fifth straight shut-out, continuing a dominant run for the American defense. The second-ranked U.S. women have gone 513 minutes without conceding a goal.

The United States is seeking its third World Cup title, but first since 1999. The Americans went to the final in Germany four years ago but fell in the end on penalty kicks to Japan. Now the Americans wait to learn their opponent for the final: Defending champion Japan, ranked fourth in the world, faces sixth-ranked England in the other semifinal on Wednesday night.

The title match is set for Sunday at BC Place in Vancouver. Germany will play the loser of the second semifinal in the third-place game in Edmonton on Saturday.

"In a way maybe it's good for us," German coach Silvia Neid said through a translator about the consolation game. "We can have another match and maybe we can win one more."



United States' Carli Lloyd (10) breaks away from Germany's Melanie Leupolz, left, Lena Goessling and Annike Krahn, right.

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