

Warrenton's Collier has record-setting week

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Two local athletes are off to record-setting starts in their 2016 seasons at the collegiate level.

Warrenton's Emmi Collier — now a senior for the Western Oregon University track team — opened the indoor season Jan. 16 at the UW Preview in Seattle, where the Wolves had 18 personal bests and two school records.

Less than a week later, Collier earned WOU's "Player of the Week" award for her efforts at a meet in Portland Jan. 22.

For the second straight week, the former Warrenton Warrior thrower shattered her personal best in the shot put at the Tracktown USA High Performance Meet.

She surpassed the NCAA Provisional Mark with an effort of 14.11 meters (46 feet, 3 1/2 inches) to win the event. The mark is currently tied for 10th nationally at the Division II level.

It was a PR for Collier, and moved her to second on the school's all-time list in the indoor shot (behind Kathy Gottberg's 47-3 3/4).

In the Jan. 16 meet in Seattle, Collier broke her personal best in the weighted throw with a ninth-place effort of 53 feet, 6.5 inches, nearly a 7-foot PR. It was also the third-best throw in school history. Kristin Hepler currently has the all-time mark of 58-2 1/2, set in 2004.

The Wolves return to competition Friday when they return to Seattle



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Western Oregon track teammates Rachael Huffman and Emmi Collier (front), both placed in the shot put event at the recent UW Indoor Invitational.

for the University of Washington Invitational.

Elsewhere, **Knappa graduate Devin Lewis-Allen**, a freshman at Eastern Oregon University, was part of a fast relay for the Mountaineers in the Boise State Bronco Invitational indoor track meet, Jan. 23 in Nampa, Idaho.

In the men's 1,600-meter relay, EOU's foursome of senior Ryan Rosenau and freshmen Lewis-Allen, Jebari Cumberbatch and Codi Blodgett took fifth overall in 3 minutes, 23.67 seconds, the second-fastest mark in school history. Blodgett is from Clatskanie.

Eastern Oregon also takes part in the UW Invitational Friday.

Mariners are ready for 2016 season, with overhauled roster

By DAVE NELSON
For The Daily Astorian

It was one of the busiest off seasons in recent memory for the Seattle Mariners. At one point you were left wondering, who would be coming? Who would be going? Will my favorite player be returning? Luckily, prized pitcher Felix Hernandez is still with the club. Even the management got an overhaul.

At the end of August, the organization announced it had relieved General Manager Jack Zduriencik of his job. In his seasons with the team, Zduriencik only had a winning record twice (2009, 2014). He would be replaced by Assistant General Manager Jeff Kingston on an interim basis. Former pitcher and Los Angeles Angels' General Manager Jerry Dipoto was given the job later in the summer.

"Jerry Dipoto is a very talented guy, he knows the game of baseball," Mariners' announcer Rick Rizzos said. "He was a former player. I thought he did a very good job in Anaheim, putting that club together. We are very fortunate to have him as our GM. He understands the game, not only building the club at the major league level, but building the minor league organization as well. He also stock piled the organization with a lot of good young talented players."

After two years of being 'skipper' of the club, with a record of 163-161, Manager Lloyd McClendon was fired. One of the first moves Dipoto would make at the helm of things, choosing to bring in his own manager. That being his assistant general manager in Los Angeles, Scott Servais, a former big leaguer himself, a manager for the first time.

"Scott Servais, it is his first time as a manager, but he is a former catcher, and all those guys seem to do well," said Rizzos. "It seems like baseball has given opportunities to guys who haven't managed before. Scott has surrounded himself with a great coaching staff, guys that have managed ... Manny Acata

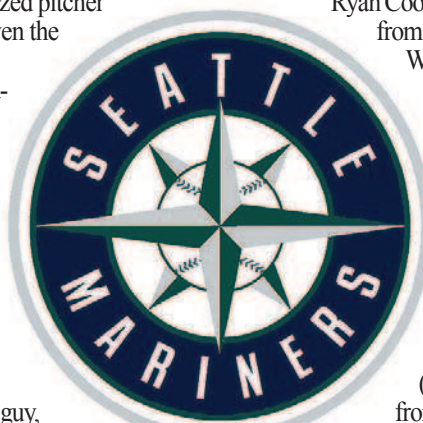
(third base), Tim Bogar (bench), Mel Stottlemire Jr. (pitching). I look for great things out of Scott Servais. He's going to do an outstanding job."

There are many new faces joining the American League West Club. New faces joining a few holdovers from 2015: Pitchers Nathan Karns (acquired via trade with Tampa Bay), Ryan Cook (via free agency), Joaquin Benoit (traded from San Diego), Jonathan Aro, former all-star Wade Miley (both traded from Boston), Cody Martin (claimed off of waivers from Oakland), Evan Scribner (traded from Oakland), and Joe Wieland (traded from the Dodgers); Catchers; Steve Clevenger (traded from Baltimore) and Chris Iannetta (free agency); Adam Lind (traded from Milwaukee), Luis Sardinas (trade with Milwaukee), join incumbent Robinson Cano in the infield. Nori Aoki (free agent), and Lenoy Martin (traded from Texas), shore up the outfield.

"I think Dipoto did a great job in rounding out the roster this year," Rizzos commented. "He made it younger, more athletic, brought in a lot of guys. Aoki to play centerfield, Lind at first base, Iannetta, Clevenger, Karns, Miley. He brought in a lot of guys. Everybody fits nicely in a great role. Guys with good averages, good on-base percentage, they're going to keep innings rolling, and I think it will be a lot different this year. (Kyle) Seager, (Nelson) Cruz, Cano, they'll be able to drive in a lot more runs. I really like the ball club he has put together."

Rizzos said he thinks Seattle could do really well this year, and "surprise a lot of people, win the division and get to the playoffs. Once you get there, you never know what can happen."

Pitchers and catchers report for spring training, Feb. 19, with position players reporting to Peoria, Arizona, Feb. 24. The first spring match takes place, March 2 against the Padres. Regular season begins April 4 at the Texas Rangers. The home opener is April 8 versus the As.



SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE	
THURSDAY	
Boys Basketball — Delphian at Knappa, 6 p.m.; Life Christian at Ilwaco, 5:45 p.m.	
Girls Basketball — Life Christian at Ilwaco, 7:15 p.m.	
Swimming — Scappoose at Astoria, 4 p.m.; Tillamook at Seaside, 4 p.m.	
Wrestling — Astoria, Seaside at Banks, 5:30 p.m.	
FRIDAY	
Girls Basketball — Seaside at Astoria, 7:45 p.m.; Warrenton at Oregon Episcopal, 6 p.m.; Jewell at C.S. Lewis, 5:30 p.m.; Life Christian at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.	
Boys Basketball — Seaside at Astoria, 6 p.m.; Warrenton at Oregon Episcopal, 7:45 p.m.; Jewell at C.S. Lewis, 7 p.m.; Life Christian at Ilwaco, 5:45 p.m.	
Swimming — Seaside at Rainier, 3:15 p.m.	

SATURDAY	
Girls Basketball — Neah-Kah-Nie at Warrenton, 6 p.m.; Knappa at Vernonia, 4 p.m.	
Boys Basketball — Neah-Kah-Nie at Warrenton, 7:30 p.m.; Knappa at Vernonia, 6 p.m.	
Wrestling — Ilwaco Beach Brawl, 10 a.m.	
BOYS BASKETBALL	
(Tuesday's Results)	
Scappoose 61, Astoria 54	
AST (54): Derek Jarrett 20, Strange 17, Fremstad 5, Fruht 5, Palek 5, Arnsdorf 2, Englund, Gohl, Meisner.	
SCP (61): Ian Donaldson 25, Wagenknecht 11, Lohman 10, Davis 9, Kramer 4, Nelson 2.	
Astoria 21 10 6 17—54	
Scappoose 21 9 21 10—61	
Valley Catholic 51, Seaside 46	
VC (51): Andrew Plambeck 10, Krishnaku-	

mar 9, Jones 6, Hardy 6, Katin 5, Robbins 5, Haggerty 4, Grasberger 4, Braun 2.	
SEA (46): Jackson Januik 14, Eagon 13, Smith 6, Marston 6, Thompson 5, Lewis 2, Babb, Cazarez, Richardson, Bassett.	
Valley C. 7 15 13 16—51	
Seaside 13 16 6 11—46	
Knappa 66, Gaston 38	
KNA (66): Dale Takalo 30, Miller 18, Severson 14, Rubus 4, Hendrickson, Geisler, Goodman, Engblom.	
GAS (38): Ian Mann 9, Steele 8, Anderson 7, Morgan 5, Duckworth 4, Jimenez 3, Davis 2.	
Knappa 20 18 12 16—66	
Gaston 8 12 11 7—38	
Ilwaco 54, South Bend 49	
SB (49): Tyson Johnson 14, Mora 11, Dockter 9, Bucio 7, Rose 6, Sanchez 2.	

ILW (54): Zac Tapio 18, Tynkila 15, Kaino 9, Bannister 9, Mendoza 3.	
South Bend 15 15 9 10—49	
Ilwaco 10 16 13 15—54	
GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Valley Catholic 40, Seaside 31	
VC (40): Molly Danielson 20, Flemmer 6, Moore 5, Mannen 4, Jones 3, Duyck 2.	
SEA (31): Paige Ideue 9, Westerholm 7, J.Ideue 4, Villegas 4, West 4, Trott 2, Brown 1, Smart, Babbitt, Bodner.	
Valley C. 15 5 12 8—40	
Seaside 1 8 15 7—31	
Astoria 33, Scappoose 23	
AST (33): Chloee Hunt 13, Hemsley 7, Wallace 7, Mitchell 2, Abrahams 2, Gimre 2, Mickle, DeMander.	
Astoria 9 15 7 2—33	

Scappoose 4 5 10 6—23	
Gaston 43, Knappa 35	
KNA (35): Kaitlyn Landwehr 18, Truax 7, Miethe 5, Corder 2, Vanderburg 2, Inman 2, Strain.	
GAS (43): Chary Hall 15, Watkins 7, Lewis 6, Becker 6, J.Clark 3, D.Clark 3, Bassel 2, Boehmer 1.	
Knappa 10 5 12 8—35	
Gaston 8 10 18 9—43	
Ilwaco 68, South Bend 26	
SB (26): Razo 10, Reiningger 8, Sanchez 6, Byllington 2.	
ILW (68): Makenzie Kaech 16, Jacobson 15, McMillan 15, Bannister 10, Pierson 6, Kulm 5, Ellsworth 1, Kondos, Bentley.	
South Bend 3 16 2 5—26	
Ilwaco 21 16 16 15—68	

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