

# Fishermen defeat Vikings, 6-2

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HILLSBORO — Astoria pitchers Carter Wallace and Tyler Lyngstad limited Forest Grove to just four hits, and the Fishermen overcame four errors of their own in a 6-2 win over the Vikings Wednesday, on the final day of the Glencoe Spring Break Tournament.

Astoria's early-morning win at Hillsboro Stadium concluded three

games in three days for the Fishermen, who finished the tournament 1-2.

Wallace started and allowed four hits in three innings, before giving way to Lyngstad in the fourth inning.

Astoria held a 3-2 lead by then, as Wallace led off the top of the second with a single, and later scored on a steal of home. Olaf Englund had a single later in the inning that brought in Jared Lucore.

Trey Hageman had two of Astoria's seven hits, and Englund drove in a pair of runs.

## Softball

### Loggers drop two

IRRIGON — The Knappa softball team continued to see tough competition on its road trip through eastern Oregon, as the Loggers lost their third and fourth games in two days Wednesday.

Riverside rallied from an early deficit for a 17-5 win in Game 1 (played at Riverside High School), despite a triple from Knappa's Paris Vanderburg, and a home run for teammate Kaitlyn Truax.

Moving on to Irrigon High School for Game 2, Irrigon defeated Knappa 11-1.

The Loggers (1-5 overall) are scheduled to play two games today at Heppner.

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SCHEDULE

#### TODAY

**Baseball** — Rainier at Knappa, 2 p.m.  
**Softball** — Knappa at Heppner/Lone, Noon; Ilwaco at Chief Leschi, 3 p.m.

#### SATURDAY

**Baseball** — Warrenton at Creswell (2), Noon  
**Softball** — Warrenton at Creswell (2), Noon

#### BASEBALL

#### Astoria 6, Forest Grove 2

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Wallace, Lyngstad (4) and Helmersen, Gohl (5); Heikes, Andresen (6) and Crawford. **W:** Wallace. **L:** Heikes. **RBI:** Ast, Englund 2, Fremstad, O'Brien; FG, Hansen 2. **2B:** Ast, O'Brien. **HBP:** Ast, Tuimato, Gohl. **LOB:** Astoria 5, Forest Grove 7.



Ryan Kang/The Register-Guard

Participants fight for the ball during Foos and Brews 2016, a human foosball tournament, at Oakshire Public House on March 13 in Eugene.

## Foosballers frolic at inaugural tournament

By JUNNELLE HOGEN  
The Register-Guard

EUGENE (AP) — Teams wearing blue, gray, white and yellow kicked off Lane County's first human foosball tournament, during a lively life-size version of the popular tabletop game.

The "Foos and Brews" Inaugural Human Foosball Tournament took place at Oakshire Public House. The competition was instigated by Playground Sports, in collaboration with Lane United Football Club and other sponsors.

"It's very similar to regular foosball," said Bec Williams, founder and CEO of Playground Sports. "It's just life size."

Human foosball was inspired by tabletop foosball, where players manipulate rows of soccer player figurines attached to poles by sliding them from side to side to get control of a ping pong ball and twisting the poles to make a player kick the ball past a goalie.

In the human version on March 13, each team was composed of six or eight players who stood two or three in a row. Each row of players held on to a long pole that extended horizontally from one side of the court to the other.

The poles are encased in plastic pipe, which slides over the wooden poles and makes it easy for players to move from side-to-side and try and kick a soccer-sized nerf ball.

A key point — hands must stay on the poles, and not touch the ball.

"It's a lot more hand-eye coordination than normal foosball," Playground Sports team member Amanda Atkins said.

The tournament, which was held on a specially made court on the second floor of the Oakshire brewpub, 207 Madison St., featured six teams with such names as We Pity the Foos, Ballsagna and Red Aces Ultra.

"We play a lot of different leagues," Ballsagna member Justus McCann said. "This was fun."

By the first half of the afternoon, Ballsagna wasn't doing too well, having been defeated.

Leslie Prieto, a team member, said the game was enjoyable, though not always safe.

"I'm a lot more worried about a foot in the face than a ball in the face," she laughed.

Playground Sports switched the initial soccer ball to a bright yellow nerf ball to keep players from getting hurt, but participants still had to sign an injury liability waiver.

Each team got the chance to play three times, leading to an evening championship.

The games combined a fair amount of hilarity with competition, as several of the more inexperienced teams kicked the nerf ball out of the court.

Some teams were competitive, including the Red Aces Ultra, which defeated another team 7 to 4 during the first round of games.

The Red Aces had sideline supporters who chanted, "We are, we are, we are the Reds" when the team scored.

Team members also belong to the Red Aces, the official fan club of the Lane United Football Club. Several of the Red Aces Ultra players helped construct the foosball court project manager.

"Bec (Williams) came to us two years ago with the idea," Smith said.



Charlie Neibergall/AP Photo

Iowa State forward Georges Niang (31) celebrates with teammate Abdel Nader (2) at the end of a college basketball game against Kansas in Ames, Iowa. Iowa State plays Virginia on Friday in the NCAA tournament.

## Sweet 16: Here's what to watch

By JOHN MARSHALL  
AP Basketball Writer

The NCAA Tournament started about as expected, the upsets, buzzer beaters and extraordinary performances coming at nearly every turn.

Now that the first week is over and the pixie dust has settled, the bracket is down to a Sweet 16 that includes 15 teams from college basketball's Power Seven conferences and Gonzaga. Considering the Zags are already a basketball powerhouse, this is a Sweet 16 for the big boys.

Apparently, Cinderella is sitting this one out.

Regardless of the Sweet 16 makeup, the regional weekend of the NCAA Tournament always produces great games, a few surprises and plenty of tension with a trip to the Final Four on the line.

Here's what to look for:

### TOP TEAMS

Kansas. Tournament's top seed won its first two NCAA games by a combined 39 points and has won 16 straight. Come knock the Jayhawks off the hill.

North Carolina. Make their 3-pointers and the Tar Heels could be unbeatable.

Virginia. Finding offense always the key; Cavs can defend anyone, anywhere.

Oregon. Doubt the Ducks all you want. The least-respected No. 1 seed will fly right past if you do.

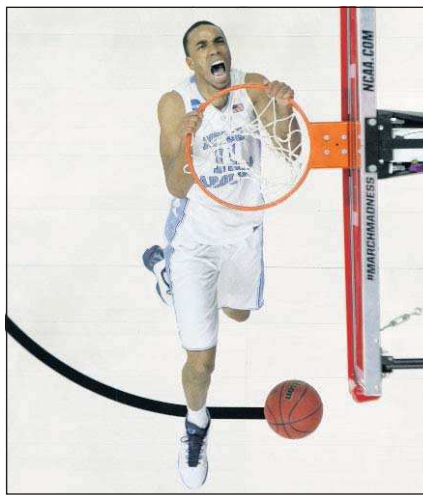
Oklahoma. They have Buddy Hield and are favored over Oregon to win the West as a No. 2 seed.

### TOP PLAYERS

Hield, Oklahoma. Hey, buddy, watch this guy EVERY time he touches the ball.

Malcolm Brogdon, Virginia. Stat-sheet filler could have the Cavaliers headed toward the Final Four.

Brice Johnson, North Carolina. Need a



Gerry Broome/AP Photo

North Carolina forward Brice Johnson (11) reacts after dunking the ball against Providence during the second half of a second-round men's college basketball game in the NCAA Tournament, in Raleigh, N.C. Kansas plays Maryland on Thursday in Louisville.

basket, a rebound, a blocked shot — anything, really — Johnson is your guy.

Angel Rodriguez, Miami. Need someone to will a team to victory, fewer are better than the Canes' no-shot-is-a-bad-shot point guard.

Georges Niang, Iowa State. One of the nation's most efficient offensive players, he can score inside, outside, probably even from the bus.

### MARQUEE GAMES

Indiana vs. North Carolina, Friday, East Region. Among the bluest of blue bloods, the Hoosiers and Tar Heels have 10 combined national titles.

Kansas vs. Maryland, Thursday, South Region. May be the two most talented teams left, would have been a great title game.

Duke vs. Oregon, Thursday, West Region. An East Coast stalwart against an up-and-

comer from the West. What's not to like?

Virginia vs. Iowa State, Friday, Midwest Region. A head-butting of strength (Virginia's defense) against strength (Iowa State's offense).

Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma, Thursday, West Region. Former Big 12 rivals and the Sooners have that Field guy.

### NUMBERS

4 — No. 1 seeds in the Sweet 16, a first since 2012.

8 — Sweet 16 coaches who have led teams to at least one Final Four.

11 — NCAA Tournament victories by Wisconsin the past three seasons.

12 — Number of teams in the Sweet 16 that were ranked in the preseason AP Top 25.

30 — Wins by Oregon this season, matching the school record set in 1945.

50.3 — Iowa State's shooting percentage, which was third nationally in Division I.

59.5 — Points per game allowed Virginia, second in Division I during the regular season. The Cavaliers have allowed an average of 57 in two NCAA games.

70.5 — Shooting percentage of Notre Dame's Zach Augustine in seven NCAA Tournament games.

### CONFERENCE RACE

The NCAA Tournament has turned into an expanded version of ACC Tournament.

The conference went 12-1 during the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament and has six teams that advanced to the Sweet 16: North Carolina, Virginia, Notre Dame, Duke, Miami and Syracuse. Pittsburgh was the only ACC team in the tournament that didn't advance. Sorry, Panthers.

The Big Ten and Big 12 each got three through to the regional week, with one each from the Big East, Pac-12, SEC and WCC.

The Pac-12 set a conference record with seven teams in the field of 68, but is down to just Oregon after an ugly first week.

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