

Warriors hang on for 9-8 victory

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TILLAMOOK — Warrenton scored three runs in the first inning and two in the seventh — and the Warriors needed all four runs in between in a 9-8 nonleague baseball win at Tillamook Thursday.

The Warriors held a 9-4 lead heading into the bottom of the seventh, and gave up four runs before retiring the final out with the tying run at second.

“Once again, guys are coming through when we have runners in scoring position,” said Warrenton coach Lennie Wolfe, who picked up career coaching win No. 494. “Our 3, 4 and

5 hitters did a great job, and we did a nice job of running the bases (finishing with eight steals).”

Joe Little and Hunter Wilson both went 3-for-4 with a double, and drove in three runs apiece.

Dalton Knight started on the mound and gave way to Little in the fourth, as the two combined to give up eight hits. The Warriors struggled with seven errors defensively, while the Cheesemakers committed five errors.

Warrenton baseball and softball both play doubleheaders Saturday at Willamina, with the action beginning at noon at Sheridan High School.

Scappoose tops Astoria golfers

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Astoria's Kirk Fausett tees off on hole three of the golf match against Scappoose at the Astoria Golf & Country Club on Thursday. See more photos at www.dailyastorian.com

WARRENTON — A deep and talented Scappoose team shot a 355 team score Thursday, which was good enough to defeat Astoria (444) in a Cowapa League boys golf match at the Astoria Golf & Country Club.

Andrew Kercher of Scappoose was the official medalist for the varsity match, as he fired an 86 (44-42), followed by teammate Nathan Mapes (41-47—88).

Arthur Clark had the top score for the Astoria varsity (47-57—104), followed by Kirk Fausett (108), Ron Schumacher (113), Andy Justo (119) and Kyle Meisner (124).

The top scores of the day were turned in by two junior varsity players from each school, as William Bliss of Scappoose shot an 84, while freshman Taylor Palmberg fired a 102 for the Fishermen.

Astoria hosts its annual Fish Invitational Monday.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY
Baseball — Neah-Kah-Nie at Knappa (2), 3 p.m.
Baseball — Estacada at Astoria, 4 p.m.
Softball — Naselle at Seaside, 5 p.m.; Neah-Kah-Nie at Knappa (2), 3 p.m.
Girls Golf — Astoria at Seaside, 10 a.m.

SATURDAY
Baseball — Klamath Union at Astoria, 1 p.m.; Warrenton at Willamina (2), Noon, at Sheridan HS;

Ilwaco at Ocosta (2), Noon
Softball — Warrenton at Willamina (2), Noon, at Sheridan HS; Ilwaco at Ocosta (2), Noon
Track — Tillamook Invitational, 11 a.m.

BASEBALL

Warrenton 9, Tillamook 8
Warrenton 301 111 2—9 8 7
Tillamook 002 011 4—8 8 5
 Knight, Little (4) and McFadden, Watson (4), McFadden (6); Maloney, Warner (5) and Macias. W: Little. L: Werner. 2B: War, Little, Wilson; Til, Pulhiere, Macias.

By ERIC MORTENSON
 Capital Bureau

Four Innaha Pack wolves were shot to death in northeast Oregon Thursday afternoon as Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife carried out a lethal control decision in response to five confirmed livestock attacks in the past month.

The action, adamantly opposed by a key conservation group, involves a Wallowa County pack with a long history of attacks on cattle and sheep and an equally significant influence on the growth of other wolf packs in the state.

State wolf coordinator Russ Morgan said the four wolves targeted for killing included an aging alpha male, OR-4, and an alpha female, OR-39, that has limped with a back leg injury for the past couple of years. The male is nearly 10 years old, which Morgan said is “very old for a wolf in the wild.”

Morgan said it’s possible the male’s age and the female’s disability caused the wolves to turn on livestock instead of deer and elk. Two younger wolves, possibly yearlings, are believed to be traveling with them. The four appear to

have split off from the rest of the Innaha Pack, which numbered at least eight at the end of 2015.

In March alone, the group led by OR-4 has struck multiple times on private pastures in the Upper Swamp Creek area of Wallowa County. A calf was killed March 9; a sheep on March 25; two calves were attacked on Saturday, with one dead and the other euthanized due to bite injuries; another calf was found dead Monday; and a sheep was found injured Wednesday, according to Department of Fish and Wildlife depredation reports.

Morgan said Innaha Pack members commonly visit the area of the attacks but it’s unusual for them to remain there, as the four have this time. That suggests there’s been some change in the pack dynamics, he said.

Morgan had said earlier Thursday that the Department of Fish and Wildlife would shoot the wolves from the air or the ground, and intended to carry out the order immediately. He said the agency was following guidelines of the state’s wolf management plan, which is up for review this year.

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