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Seaside's Aaron Richardson hits his second shot on the 14th hole of the Fish Invitational at the Astoria Country Club last year.

Gulls reel in another Fish Invite

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WARRENTON — The team in search of its third straight state title is off to a hot start, as the Seaside boys golf team — for the third time in a row — took first place in the annual Fish Invitational, Monday at the Astoria Golf & Country Club.

Seaside racked up 160 points in the two-man, best ball tournament, which used Stableford scoring. Scappoose was a distant second at 143, followed by Tillamook (140), Ilwaco (138), Astoria (132) and Banks (101).

The Tillamook duo of Carter Lee and Austin Weeks combined to take first with a score of 96. Lee scored all 96 points by himself, as he finished with two Eagles on his way to a 2-under par 69.

After that, it was Seaside's Aaron Richardson and Josef Barbic, who carded an 84 score for second.

There was a tie for third between Astoria's team of

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY
Baseball — Scappoose at Astoria, 5 p.m.; Valley Catholic at Seaside, 5 p.m.; Knappa at Gaston, 4:30 p.m.
Softball — Astoria at Rainier, 4:30 p.m.; Taft at Warrenton, 4:30 p.m.; Knappa at Gaston, 4:30 p.m.
THURSDAY
Baseball — Astoria at Scappoose, 5 p.m.; Seaside at Valley Catholic, 5 p.m.; Naselle at Warrenton, 4:30 p.m.
Softball — Clatskanie at Astoria

(2), 4 p.m.; Warrenton at Seaside (2), 4 p.m.
Track — Warrenton at Portland Christian, 3:30 p.m.
Girls Golf — Astoria, Seaside at Valley Catholic, 1 p.m.
Boys Golf — Seaside at Astoria, 2 p.m.
FRIDAY
Baseball — Gaston at Knappa (2), 3 p.m.
Softball — Gaston at Knappa (2), 3 p.m.
Track — Seaside at McKenzie, 10 a.m.

Arthur Clark and Kirk Fausett (76), and the Gulls' Jackson Kunde and Berkley Posalski (76).

Also scoring high for the Fishermen were Ron Schumacher-Brian Wilder (56) and Andy Justo-Taylor Palmberg (52).

Seaside's Connor Merrell and Chase Januik finished with a 20.

"We made a big improvement from our last tournament," said Astoria coach

Kevin Goin. "If you take our raw score, we were 74 strokes better, and that's a huge difference. So we're going in the right direction."

The Gulls have won two straight state titles, and they're showing that they could be a major player for a third. The team's depth is coming right along.

"Birdies are at a premium in this format, and Berkley had a bunch of them today," said Seaside coach Jim Poetsch. "I

don't think he has ever had a round with four birdies before, but this should give him some confidence to start throwing a few into each round he plays.

"Aaron, Josef and Jackson each added a birdie of their own to help us win this tournament," he said. "Aaron was 1-over on the back nine which helped him be the only player in the field in the 70s."

Poetsch added, "Carter Lee's 69 was pretty impressive. Josef played well down the stretch after a rocky start and Jackson actually got into the 80s, but signed for a higher score on a hole. While that is legal, I'm guessing he learned a valuable lesson, even though it only cost him one stroke."

Moving forward, said the Gulls' coach, "Winning in April is nice, but we need to keep working to compete in May. So far we have improved each time we have stepped on the course and the kids are working hard to continue that trend."

Rangers win with 1 hit

By SCHUYLER DIXON
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Prince Fielder shrugged and smiled after his bloop single was the only hit the Texas Rangers needed to hand Felix Hernandez his first opening day loss.

"I've never won like this," the burly slugger said after a 3-2 victory over Seattle on Monday. "Only way you can go is up."

Actually, it was a pretty good way for the defending AL West champs to start, with Cole Hamels overcoming a shaky first two innings and keeping Texas close before three walks by Hernandez and

two errors by the Mariners in a three-run fifth inning put the Rangers in front.

"However we can win a game, especially against Felix Hernandez, I'm good," said Adrian Beltre, whose potential double-play grounder ended up scoring the go-ahead run when shortstop Ketel Marte misplayed it.

Seattle had a chance to join the Boston Beaneaters (1887-96) as the only major league clubs to win 10 straight openers. Robinson Cano and Kyle Seager homered early for the Mariners, but the midgame mistakes cost them in the debut of manager Scott Servais.

Villanova comes out on top in NCAA tourney

By EDDIE PELLIS
AP National Writer

HOUSTON — Some plays you can't draw up. Other plays you can.

The double-clutch 3-pointer North Carolina's Marcus Paige made came right off a playground. It might go down as college basketball's most spectacular footnote ever.

The buzzer-beating 3 that Villanova's Kris Jenkins poured in on top of that was the result of months, even years, of practice making perfect. It might go down as the sport's most memorable game-winner.

Two huge buckets in the span

of 4.7 seconds Monday night turned a back-and-forth, edge-of-your-seat national title game into something even better.

Jenkins walked away the winner. His 3 at the buzzer, two steps behind the arc and with a 6-foot-9 defender flying in his face, gave Villanova a 77-74 victory and the second national title in program history.

"I think every shot's going in," Jenkins said, "and this one was no different."

"Nova coach Jay Wright barely flinched when Jenkins' shot fell with the buzzer blaring. "Bang," he said, calmly, before walking to midcourt to shake Carolina coach Roy Williams' hand.

Astoria girls win Tillamook Invite

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TILLAMOOK — The Astoria girls track team — already in state title form — are just getting warmed up for the 2016 season, as the Lady Fishermen set one more school record and dominated the Tillamook Invitational Saturday.

Astoria won the nine-team invite with 248 points (Banks was second, with 119), while the boys placed fourth, behind Molalla, Banks and Tillamook.

As they will in every meet or invitational this year, the

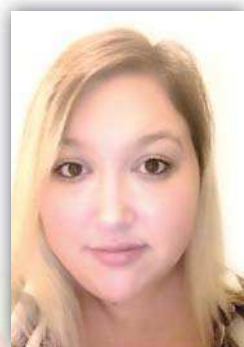
Lady Fishermen went unchallenged in their half of the meet, winning the 100 meters (Natalie Cummings), 200 meters (Cummings again), 400 meters (Kaylee Mitchell), 1,500 meters (Mitchell again), 100-meter hurdles (Andrea Harris), 400-meter relay, shot put (Skadi Freyr), high jump (Damian Hageman, who cleared 5-6 to tie Katrinka Jackson's school record), long jump (Hageman), triple jump (Hageman) and pole vault (Hageman).

For the Astoria boys, Lucas Caruana placed second in the 1,500 meters.

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