

# Astoria girls run away with Cowapa League title

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ST. HELENS — The Astoria girls were just warming up for their state title run later this week, easily outdistancing in the rest of the field in the Cowapa League Championships, Thursday and Friday at St. Helens High School.

While Scappoose won the boys' league championship with 145 points, the Lady Fishermen racked up a whopping 234 to take the girls' team title for the second year in a row, well ahead of second-place Scappoose (143).

With a number of top-ranked competitors — and even more in the top five of almost every event — the Lady Fish were the big team favorite at Hayward Field.

Astoria has the potential to score a record number of points in the state meet, which begins Thursday in Eugene (4A competition takes place Friday and Saturday).

The Lady Fishermen won 13 of the 17 events in the league meet, hosted by Scappoose.

The big point-scorers were the usuals for the Lady Fishermen.

Darian Hageman won all four events in the jumps, which included marks of 5-foot, 7 inches in the high jump (tying her school record); 18-3 in the long jump (a half-inch off Charlene Harber's school mark); 37-6½ in the triple jump, and she cleared 10-6 in the pole vault.

Hageman heads into the state meet as the top-seeded athlete in all but the pole vault.

Joining her at state will be teammates Daisy Gayral in the triple jump (33-10½) and Shrida Sharma in the pole vault (9-6).

Also favored to win state titles later this week will be junior Skadi Freyr, the top-ranked thrower in the shot put, and one of the tops in the discus and javelin.

Freyr won all three last week, highlighted by a throw of 129-11 in the javelin, and winning marks in the discus (113-6) and shot put (40-7½).

Senior teammate Halie Korff will add more points in Eugene, as she placed second behind



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**Astoria's Victoria Kee, center, and Kaylee Mitchell, right, could be scoring lots of points for the Lady Fishermen track team later this week, at the OSAA state meet in Eugene.**

Freyr in all three events.

Astoria is unmatched in the field events, and will be equally tough on the track.

Natalie Cummings will be one of the top contenders in both the 100 and 200 meters at state, as the junior had the winning times in both events in Saturday's finals (12.53 and 26.22, respectively).

Freshman Gracie Cummings could be her main challenger in Eugene, as Natalie's young sister finished second in both sprints.

Both sisters ran a leg on a winning relay team, as Astoria's foursome of Victoria Kee, Kaylee Mitchell and the Cummings' won the 400-meter relay in 50.13 (second-best in Astoria history).

Astoria sophomore Kaylee Mitchell scored big points for the Lady Fish in last year's state meet, and is the state's top-ranked runner in the 800 meters this season (and third in the 1,500 meters).

Mitchell won Saturday's 800 (2:23.07), and the 1,500 (4:49.83).

There were a few upsets, as Scappoose hurdler Eleanor Jones managed to beat the favorite coming in, Astoria's Andrea Harris, in the 100-meter hurdles.

On the plus side, Astoria's Victoria Kee took second in the 100 (16.83, third-best in AHS history), and teammate Nara Van De Grift won the 300-meter hurdles (47.50, also third-best in school history), edging Jones.

Scappoose also took first in the 1,600-meter relay, nipping favorite Astoria (4:09.60 to 4:09.97).

All of Astoria's state qualifiers — with the exception of Kee and Korff — return next season.

On the boys' side, the exciting race was the 800, where Astoria's Lucas Caruana won in 1:59.20, edging Seaside's Jackson Januik (1:59.23).

The Gulls' Will Garvin was a double-winner in the hurdles, taking the 110's in 16.00, and the 300 in 41.23.

More wins for Seaside: Jaxson Smith in the long jump (20-11), and Raiden Bowles in the pole vault (14-1).

Other Seaside state qualifiers are Hunter Thompson (second in the 1,500) and the 1,600 relay team (Thompson, Januik, Garvin, Juneau Meyer), second behind Tillamook. Smith was also second in the high jump.

Besides Caruana, other Astoria state qualifiers are Tim Barnett (second in the discus) and Zander Arnold (second in the shot put).

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### BASEBALL

#### Braves edge Astoria, 5-1

**BANKS** — Dalton Renne shut down the Astoria bats Friday afternoon, as the Banks pitcher allowed just one run over seven innings, with nine strikeouts in a 5-1 Braves' win.

Astoria had seven hits, two each for Ole Englund and Jasyn Gohl, but the Fishermen did not score until the seventh, on an RBI double by Kyle Strange.

Banks finishes as the Cowapa League champions with a 14-1 record, ahead of Valley Catholic (12-3), while Astoria and Scappoose tie for third at 8-7.

The Fishermen host a nonleague game with Rainier at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

#### Indians top the Gulls, 11-9

**SCAPPOOSE** — Seaside cut an 8-0 deficit to 8-7 in the sixth inning, but the Scappoose Indians tacked on three runs in their final at-bat for an 11-9 win Friday.

In Seaside's sixth inning, Astor Landwehr had an RBI single, and Dylan Wallis drove in a run on a double.

The Gulls took advantage of four walks, a hit batter and nine Scappoose errors in the comeback. Wallis and Scott Plampin had doubles for the Gulls, while freshman Payton Westerholm finished 3-for-4.

Gus Nelson and Carson Witt drove in three runs apiece for Scappoose, while Owen Parsons had a home run.

### Tiger pitchers strike out Warriors

**WARRENTON** — The Clatskanie Tigers showed up with a lack of batting helmets (none), while the Warrenton Warriors were short on players (nine) Friday at Huddleston Field.

The Warriors loaned six batting helmets to the Tigers, but Warrenton still had to play the doubleheader with just nine players, and that played a part in helping Clatskanie to a sweep, 7-0 and 13-4.

Clatskanie finishes third in the Lewis & Clark League baseball standings with a 6-6 record, while Warrenton (3-9) takes fourth.

The Tigers also swept the three-game league season series with the Warriors. But to get to the state playoffs, they will have to do it one more time, as Clatskanie and Warrenton play a one-game playoff (5 p.m. Tuesday, at Clatskanie) for the league's third seed to state, loser-out.

Meanwhile, the Clatskanie pitchers were throwing strikes in Friday's doubleheader.

In all, three Tigers pitchers combined to strike out 29 batters on the day.

In Game 1, Alex McCallister pitched a four-hitter, with 13 strikeouts and no walks.

Cole Warren got the win in Game 2, striking out 14 in six innings of work.

Warren struck out the side in each of the first four innings, and struck out two in the fifth and made the put-out for the third out.

Still, the Warriors led 2-1 through three innings, scoring on a double steal and a wild pitch in the third.

Clatskanie answered with eight runs over the next three innings.

Cole Warren had a triple and Caleb Warren finished with a double, triple and three RBIs. Freshman Dalton Knight had three of Warrenton's six hits, while Justice Watson had a pair of doubles in his final home game.

### SOFTBALL

#### Braves hold off Lady Fishermen

**BANKS** — The Astoria softball will make its first post-season appearance since 2013, as the Lady Fishermen closed out the league season with a doubleheader loss at Banks (8-3 and 9-3) to finish third in the Cowapa League standings at 9-6.

Astoria will play a nonleague game Tuesday at Rainier, then will host a Regional Play-in game Thursday.

Banks scored six runs in the first inning of Friday's first game, but Astoria pulled to within 6-3, with two runs in the third.

The Lady Fishermen had eight hits from

seven different players. McKailyn Rogers was 2-for-4 with two RBIs and a double. Rylee DeMander, Mykka Abrahams and Libby DiBartolomeo also each had a double.

Leadoff hitter Makenna Partain led the Braves, going 4-for-4 with a double and a home run.

Banks broke a 2-2 tie in Game 2 with three runs in the bottom of the third.

The Braves had 18 hits off two different Astoria pitchers, while Caitlyn Hougham and Abrahams had doubles for the Lady Fish, 16-9 overall.

### Vernonia clinches NWL softball title

**VERNONIA** — A Logger softball showdown Friday in Vernonia resulted in a changing of the guard atop the Northwest League, as Vernonia is now the title-holder, following a 12-0, 29-5 sweep over Knappa, last year's champion.

Knappa managed only three hits with seven errors in Game 1, while Vernonia pitcher Karsidy Fetch struck out three with no walks.

Knappa held an early 2-0 lead in Game 2, but Vernonia responded with eight runs in the bottom of the first, then tacked on four in the second, three in the third, and 14 runs in the fourth inning.

Alisha Murphy had three of Knappa's nine hits, and Kaitlyn Truax drove in four runs.

Payton Wolf had the big day for Vernonia, going 5-for-6 in Game 2, with four RBIs, three doubles and three runs scored. Teammate Paige Smith was 4-for-5, with a double and a triple, and Allegra Poetter had four hits, including a home run and seven RBIs.

### Scappoose sweeps Seaside

**SCAPPOOSE** — Seaside scored the first three runs of the day, but Scappoose scored 38 runs and collected 25 hits in a doubleheader sweep over Seaside Friday, 26-5 and 12-0, in a Cowapa League softball regular season finale.

The Indians finish 13-2 in the standings, behind Banks (14-1), while the Gulls drop to 9-15 overall.

Seaside took a quick lead in Game 1, with three runs in the top of the first on consecutive singles by Whitney Westerholm and Brittany West, before Scappoose answered with 13 runs in the bottom of the inning.

The Gulls added two in the second, but Scappoose pulled away with four runs in the second and seven in the third.

Westerholm was 2-for-2 with a double and two runs scored.

Three Seaside pitchers issued 10 walks and the Gulls committed eight errors, while Scappoose pitcher Kendal Bailey allowed five hits with seven strikeouts and two walks.

Allayah Cates had two home runs and Sage Harrison added two doubles and a homer.

In Game 2, Scappoose pitcher Nicole Dougherty allowed just one hit (Paige Ideue) in four innings, with six strikeouts and no walks.

The Indians highlighted the game with four home runs in a 10-run third inning, with homers from Cates (three-run HR), Gabie Krueger (two-run HR), Hannah Galey (solo) and Harrison (two-run HR).

### Tigers score softball sweep

**WARRENTON** — Clatskanie clinched a second-place finish in the Lewis & Clark League softball standings Friday, with a 9-2, 7-4 sweep at Warrenton.

The Tigers came in with just a one game lead over the Warriors, but finish 8-4 in league, to Warrenton's 5-7.

Clatskanie pitcher Mackenzie Mitchell scattered five hits in Game 1, with five strikeouts and four walks.

The Warriors led 1-0 after one inning, before the Tigers tied the game in the second inning, then scored three in the third and four in the fourth.

Olivia Warren was 3-for-4 with two runs scored.

The Tigers built a 7-2 lead through four innings of Game 2, before the Warriors rallied with two runs in the fifth.

Warrenton's Landree Mieth was 3-for-4 with a triple, two stolen bases and three runs scored. Kiley Holdiman added a double for the Warriors, who finish tied with Portland Adventist in the league standings.

## Knappa wins Logger clash with doubleheader sweep

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**VERNONIA** — The Knappa baseball team will enter the 2016 post-season the same way the Loggers left it in 2015 — as the team with the best record at the 2A level.

Knappa closed out league play with a 6-2, 7-1 doubleheader sweep at Vernonia Friday, and will head to the playoffs with a 21-1 overall record. Knappa won the league title with a 17-1 mark, well ahead of Neah-Kah-Nie (13-5).

In Game 1, "Dale (Takalo) was certainly the story of the game," said Knappa coach Jeff Miller, as his ace pitcher allowed just two hits (both in the seventh

inning), with 16 strikeouts and one walk.

"That was the best I've seen him throw, by far," said Miller, who now has 299 career coaching victories. "Even though we didn't score a lot of runs, it was one of those game where we felt safe because he was on the mound."

Knappa had all the runs it would need after two innings, with a 3-0 lead.

Jason Miller had three of Knappa's 10 hits, while Reuben Cruz belted his sixth home run of the season. Twenty-one of Cruz's 29 hits this year have been for extra bases. Logan Bartlett was 2-for-2 with a double.

Knappa took another no-hit

ter into the seventh inning of Game 2, as Michal Goodman finished with a one-hitter, with eight strikeouts and one walk.

Vernonia's Brett Elliott broke up both no-hitters, with leadoff singles in the seventh inning of both games.

Miller, Takalo and Andrew Goozee all had two hits apiece in Game 2 for Knappa, which will have a week off before opening the state playoffs.

The Loggers will have home field advantage in the playoffs, all the way until to the final, June 3 at Volcanoes Stadium.

(Knappa's nonleague game Tuesday with Rainier was canceled. The Columbians will play Tuesday at Astoria).

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SCHEDULE

#### TUESDAY

**Baseball** — Rainier at Astoria, 4:30 p.m.; Warrenton at Clatskanie, 5 p.m.  
**Softball** — Astoria at Rainier, 4:30 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY

**Softball** — Neah-Kah-Nie vs. Knappa, 3 p.m., at Pacific U.

### BASEBALL

#### Banks 5, Astoria 1

**Astoria** 000 000 1—1 7 2  
**Banks** 112 100 x—5 8 0

Arnsdorf, Wallace (4) and Helmersen; Renne and Herb. **W:** Renne. **L:** Arnsdorf. **RBI:** Ast, Strange; Banks, Taylor 2, Partain, Theisen. **2B:** Ast, Strange, Tuimato; Banks, Partain. **HBP:** Ast, Helmersen; Banks, Theisen. **LOB:** Astoria 6, Banks 9.

#### Scappoose 11, Seaside 9

**Seaside** 000 007 2—9 8 3  
**Scappoose** 060 023 x—11 12 9

Plampin, Wallis (5) and Landwehr; Nelson, Alioth (6), Parsons (7) and Gill. **W:** Nelson. **L:** Wallis. **RBI:** Sea, Basset, Walsh, Wallis, Landwehr, Thompson; Scp, Witt 3, Nelson 3, Parsons 2, Woods, Wack. **2B:** Sea, Wallis, Plampin; Scp, Parsons, Witt. **3B:** Scp, Nelson. **HR:** Scp, Parsons. **HBP:** Sea, Thompson; Scp, Parsons. **LOB:** Seaside 9, Scappoose 5.

#### Game 1

**Clatskanie 7, Warrenton 0**  
**Clatskanie** 005 020 0—7 9 2  
**Warrenton** 000 000 0—0 4 3

McCallister and Ca. Warren; Knight

and Watson. **W:** McCallister. **L:** Knight. **RBI:** Cla, Bochner 2, McCallister, Karber, Haas. **2B:** Cla, McCallister 2, Bochner. **HBP:** War, Little. **LOB:** Clatskanie 7, Warrenton 7.

#### Game 2

**Clatskanie 13, Warrenton 4**  
**Clatskanie** 010 242 4—13 9 1  
**Warrenton** 002 100 1—4 6 3

Co. Warren, Karber (6) and Ca. Warren; Little, Wilson (7) and Watson. **W:** Co. Warren. **L:** Little. **RBI:** Cla, Karber 3, Ca. Warren 3, Bochner 2, Co. Warren 2; War, Knight, Wilson. **2B:** Cla, Ca. Warren, Karber; War, Watson 2. **3B:** Cla, Co. Warren, Ca. Warren. **HBP:** War, Burgher, Little. **LOB:** Clatskanie 6, Warrenton 6. **DP:** Clatskanie.

#### Game 1

**Knappa 6, Vernonia 2**  
**Knappa** 210 011 1—6 10 2  
**Vernonia** 000 000 2—2 2 4

Takalo and Goozee; Morrison and Elliott. **W:** Takalo. **L:** Morrison. **2B:** Kna, Bartlett, Hoover. **HR:** Kna, Cruz.

#### Game 2

**Knappa 7, Vernonia 1**  
**Knappa** 000 601 0—7 9 2  
**Vernonia** 000 000 1—1 1 1

Goodman and Goozee; Butcher, Morrison (4), Everett (6) and Everett, Adams (6). **W:** Goodman. **L:** Everett.

### SOFTBALL

#### Game 1

**Banks 8, Astoria 3**  
**Astoria** 012 000 0—3 8 1  
**Banks** 600 200 x—8 15 0

W: Michaela Shaw (2 K's, 3 walks). **L:** Libby DiBartolomeo (3 K's, 1 walk).

**RBI:** Ast, Rogers 2; Banks, Schorn 2, Snyder, Partain, H. McCourt, Eckhardt. **2B:** Ast, DeMander, Abrahams, DiBartolomeo, Rogers; Banks, Partain. **HR:** Banks, Partain. **LOB:** Astoria 7, Banks 4.

#### Game 2

**Banks 9, Astoria 3**  
**Astoria** 002 001 0—3 5 1  
**Banks** 203 130 x—9 18 0

**W:** Kaylin Hernandez (7 K's, 1 walk). **L:** McKailyn Rogers (0 K's, 3 walks). **RBI:** Ast, Mickle, DeMander, Abrahams; Banks, H. McCourt 3, E. McCourt 2, Partain 2, Ragsdale, Schorn. **2B:** Ast, Hougham, Abrahams; Banks, Ragsdale, Schorn, Davis, Wise, H. McCourt. **3B:** Banks, Partain. **HBP:** Banks, Snyder. **LOB:** Astoria 3, Banks 9. **DP:** Banks.

#### Game 1

**Clatskanie 9, Warrenton 2**  
**Clatskanie** 013 401 0—9 10 2  
**Warrenton** 100 000 1—2 5 5

**W:** Mackenzie Mitchell (5 K's, 4 walks). **L:** Niqui Blodgett (6 K's, 2 walks). **RBI:** Cla, Jackson, Miller; War, Bue. **2B:** Cla, Gaylin. **LOB:** Clatskanie 3, Warrenton 5. **DP:** Clatskanie; Warrenton.

#### Game 2

**Clatskanie 7, Warrenton 4**  
**Clatskanie** 211 300 0—7 8 1  
**Warrenton** 101 020 0—4 6 9

**W:** Macy Simmons (4 K's, 1 walk). **L:** Niqui Blodgett (3 K's, 2 walks). **RBI:** Cla, Jackson, Lindblom, Miller, Mitchell; War, Blodgett 3. **2B:** Cla, Warren; War, Holdiman. **3B:** War, Mieth. **LOB:** Clatskanie 6, Warrenton 4.

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