

Churchill edges Astoria Ford in tourney

By GARY HENLEY
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SEASIDE — Astoria Ford held leads of 1-0 and 2-1, but Churchill rallied with two runs in the third inning and held on for a 4-2 win over the Fishermen, in Saturdays' championship game of the Seaside Wood Bat Tournament at Broadway Field.

Churchill pitcher Cole Wilkinson scattered four hits with seven strikeouts and four walks in the complete-game win, as the Lancers — a Class 5A semifinalist last spring — battled against three different Astoria pitchers.

Starter Tristin Wallace pitched three innings, came out for one batter in the fourth, then re-entered for the rest of the inning before Dylan Rush took over in the fifth.

Ole Englund came on in relief in the sixth to finish the game.

The Fishermen opened the scoring in the top of the first, when Trey Hageman drew a one-out walk and eventually scored on a single to right by Samboy Tuimato.

Tied 1-1 entering the third, Astoria's Mackenzie Pierce drew a leadoff walk and advanced to third on a wild pitch and a passed ball, then scored on a ground ball by Cade O'Brien.

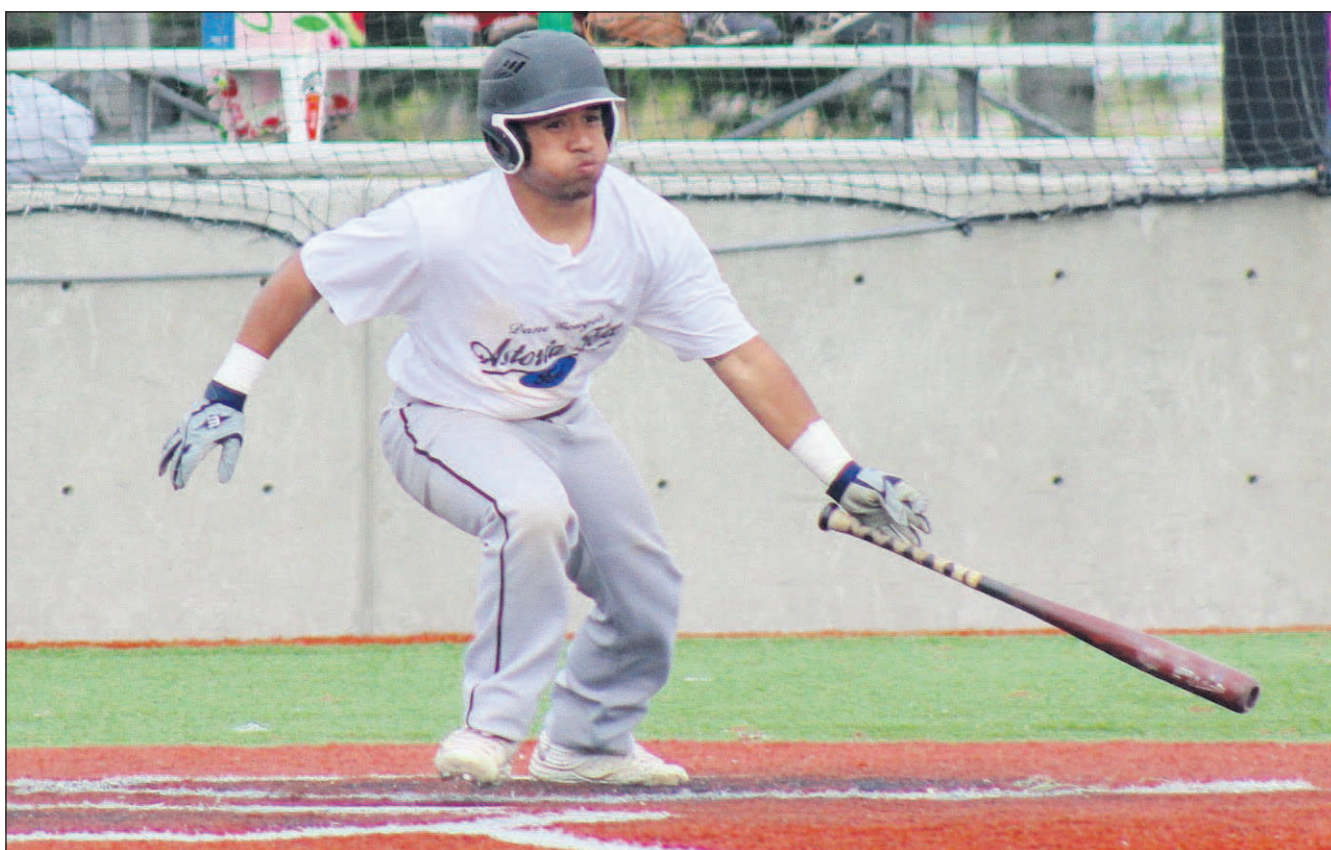
But that was all the scoring for the Fishermen, as Wilkinson allowed just three hits over the final five innings, while Astoria stranded base runners in the fifth, sixth and seventh.

The Lancers had three hits the third inning, including an RBI double by Michael Moore. Churchill tacked on a run in the sixth, on C.J. Townsend's squeeze bunt that scored Jack Weiskind.

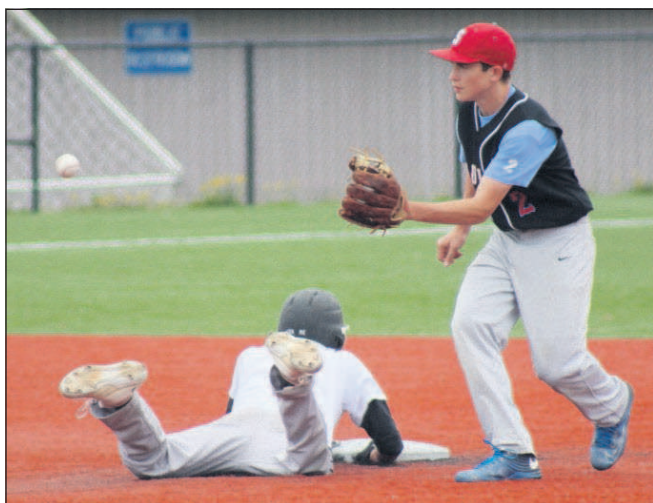
Astoria Ford returns to action Tuesday, hosting a 5 p.m. doubleheader vs. Seaside.

The game will be a tuneup for the state tournament at Western Oregon in Monmouth, where Astoria Ford is scheduled to open play Thursday against Lebanon.

And "we may or may not



Astoria Ford's Samboy Tuimato delivers a single to right field in the top of the first inning Saturday, scoring Trey Hageman for a 1-0 lead against Churchill.



Jasyn Gohl of Astoria Ford slides in with a stolen base in front of Seaside's Payton Westerholm, in Friday semifinal game at Broadway Field.

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have Fritz (Fremstad) and Kyle (Strange) for that one," Gasser said of his two seniors, who

have been playing for a team in Washington this summer. The Fishermen will also get



Astoria Ford third baseman Trey Hageman fires to first base for an out, in Friday's win over Seaside.

Jackson Arnsdorf later in the tournament, "if we're still alive Saturday," Gasser said.

"As it turned out, we've been able to get some younger kids some time who normally

wouldn't have been playing," he said. "We had eighth-graders laying down key bunts and making plays for us. You want to invest in these kids early and give them opportunities when they present themselves."

And "It's no big deal if we lose to a 5A team — there's a risk vs. reward factor, and it was a great experience for some of our young players, guys who are going to help build our future. The cupboard's not going to be bare after these (Class of 2017) seniors leave."

Astoria 4, Seaside 0

SEASIDE — The Fishermen secured their spot in the Saturday's championship game with a 4-0 win over Seaside Friday afternoon.

Astoria pitcher Calvin Kaul tossed five solid innings, allowing just one hit to keep the Gulls scoreless. Trey Hageman pitched the final two innings.

The Astoria pitchers had help, with several big defensive plays by the Fishermen.

Astoria Ford turned double plays in the second and sixth innings, and Tyler Lyngstad made a juggling catch of a foul ball near first base in the second.

The biggest play may have been in the fourth, when Seaside loaded the bases following two walks and a hit batter.

Ashton Boyd delivered a Kaul pitch to right field, where Astoria outfielder Danny Johnson fielded the ball on a hop and fired to Kaul covering first to get Boyd, preventing two runs from scoring and ending the inning.

The Fishermen scored single runs in the second and fifth innings, both unearned, then tacked on two runs in the sixth.

Jasyn Gohl scored on a squeeze bunt by Dylan Rush, and Tristan Wallace sprinted home on a Seaside error on a grounder by Josiah Hirsch.

Ole Englund led Astoria Ford's seven-hit attack, with three singles. Boyd had a single in the third for Seaside's lone hit. Scott Pamplin went the distance on the mound for the Gulls, who finished the tournament Sunday with a loss to Madison.

Mariners sloppy with four errors in 8-1 loss

By JIM HOEHN
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Mariners manager Scott Servais was blunt in his assessment of his team's performance in a lopsided series-ending loss to Houston, the team directly ahead of them in the A.L. West.

Seattle committed four errors, walked four, and left 10 runners on, including leaving the bases-loaded in the first and third inning, en route to an 8-1 loss to the Astros on Sunday.

"That's the worst game we've played all year," Servais said. "Messed up six or seven plays in the field today. We played a terrible ball game. There's no way you can sugarcoat that."

Jose Altuve homered among his four hits and drove in three runs and Collin McHugh escaped a pair of bases-loaded jams to pitch six scoreless innings to drop the third-place Mariners four games behind Houston.



AP Photo/Ted S. Warren

Seattle Mariners' Dae-Ho Lee reacts after being hit by a pitch thrown by Houston Astros reliever Chris Devenski in the eighth inning of a baseball game, Sunday, in Seattle.

Altuve had a two-run homer and three singles in five at-bats to raise his American League-leading average to .346. McHugh (6-6) allowed four hits and walked four, striking out 10 to win for the first time in

eight starts since his last victory on May 30.

Carlos Gomez added his second career grand slam in the seventh inning off Nathan Karns to put the Astros up 8-0.

Kyle Seager singled home Seattle's only run in the eighth off Chris Devenski.

Mike Montgomery (3-4), making his second start this season after 30 relief appearances, allowed four runs and seven hits in five innings, walking two and striking out seven.

Altuve had the green light on a 3-0 pitch in the third and delivered his 15th homer to follow Marwin Gonzalez's leadoff double, putting Houston up 3-0.

"Altuve's a good hitter, and he had some good swings on me today," Montgomery said. "I didn't do a good job. He's 3-0, he's going to swing. I gave him a pitch to hit. In that situation, it's okay to put him on base there, and I kind of made a mistake there and it cost me."

The Astros made it 4-0 in the fifth when Gonzalez again doubled to open the inning, took third on a throwing error by center fielder Leonys Martin, and scored on Altuve's single to left.

Russian inquiry finds cheating went beyond Sochi Olympics

By EDDIE PELLIS
AP National Writer

An investigator looking into Russian doping found the country's state-directed cheating program resulted in at least 312 falsified results and lasted from 2011 through at least last year's world swimming championships.

The investigator, Richard McLaren, dubbed Russia's program the "disappearing positive methodology." But he did not make any recommendations for the future of the Russian team, saying it was up to others, including the International Olympic Committee, to "absorb and act upon" the 97-page report.

McLaren said allegations made by Moscow's former anti-doping lab director about sample switching at the Sochi Olympics went much as described in a New York Times story in May. That program involved dark-of-night switching of dirty samples with clean ones; it prevented Russian athletes from testing positive.

But McLaren, whose report went public Monday, said Russia's cheating also included the 2013 track world championships in Moscow and was in place during the 2015 swimming world championships in Kazan.

Russia's deputy minister of sports would direct lab workers which positive samples to send through and which to hold back.

He said the 312 results that were held back represented only a "small slice" of the data that could have been examined. McLaren had only 57 days for his investigation, which was commissioned by the World Anti-Doping Agency after the Times story came out.

Time was of the essence because the Olympics begin Aug. 5, and decisions about Russia's participation in Rio must be made.

The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency is one of several sports organizations that said it would call for a full ban of the Russian team if the report showed evidence of a widespread, state-sponsored doping conspiracy. McLaren said it did and he was "unwaveringly confident in my report."

Stenson, Mickelson forever linked after epic Open duel

By PAUL NEWBERRY
AP National Writer

TROON, Scotland — They walked off the 18th green together, arms wrapped around each other, forever linked by one of golf's greatest duels.

Henrik Stenson and Phil Mickelson.

No losers here, but only one winner.

Stenson claimed the claret jug, a major champion for the first time at age 40. All it took was 10 birdies and a magnificent 8-under 63 in the closing round of the British Open.

Right on his heels, almost to the very end, was Mickelson. Lefty shot a bogey-free 65, good enough to win on just about any Sunday but this one, another runner-up finish in a major providing little consolation.

"I'm happy for Henrik," said Mickelson, who fin-

ished three shots behind Stenson's record score for a major championship. "I knew that he would ultimately come through and win. I'm disappointed that it was at my expense."

This was a shot-for-shot showdown that mirrored Tom Watson and Jack Nicklaus at Turnberry in 1977, the famed "Duel in the Sun."

Maybe it was a sign when the sun popped out from behind the clouds for the first time in three days at Royal Troon just as Stenson and Mickelson walked to the first tee.

"I knew he wasn't going to back down at any point," said Stenson, whose 20-under 264 beat the scoring under 265 that David Toms set at the 2001 PGA Championship and was three shots better than anyone had ever shot in the Open. "I knew I had to keep on pushing, keep on giving myself birdie chances."

For Mickelson, there was no second-guessing the way he played. This wasn't another Winged Foot, where his silly decision to attack on the 72nd hole cost him the U.S. Open in 2006. But it was still a runner-up finish in a major, the 11th of his career, his extensive list of close calls surpassed only by Nicklaus' 19.

Mickelson knew there wasn't much more he could do. Still, this one hurt just as much as the rest of them.

In a way, maybe even a little more.

"It's probably the best I've played and not won," Mickelson said. "I don't have a point where I can look back and say, 'I should have done that' or 'Had I only done this.' I played a bogey-free round of 65 on the final round of a major. Usually that's good enough to do it. And I got beat."



AP Photo/Ben Curtis

Henrik Stenson of Sweden, left and Phil Mickelson of the United States embrace as they walk off the 18th green after Stenson won the British Open Golf Championships at the Royal Troon Golf Club in Troon, Scotland, Sunday.