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Athletes of the Week

(FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 12-18)



DARIAN HAGEMAN
 Astoria



TIM BARNETT
 Astoria

Astoria's state champion track athlete is off to a flying start in her junior outdoor season.

In the Seaside Ice-Breaker Meet March 15, Hageman won her usual events (high jump and long jump), but with no triple jump or pole vault competition, Hageman ran the 100-meter hurdles and threw the javelin.

She won the hurdles in a personal best 17.79 seconds, and was second behind teammate Taylor Cosner in the javelin, with a throw of 87 feet, 11 inches.

The junior thrower for the Fishermen opened his 2017 season with three wins on three personal best throws in the Seaside Ice-Breaker Meet, March 15.

Barnett swept the throwing events with career-best throws in the shot put (50 feet, 2 inches), discus (140-0) and javelin (140-11).

He is ranked first in the state (4A level) in the discus and shot put, ninth in the javelin.

Barnett's toss of 140-0 in the discus is third on Astoria's all-time record list, and his 50-2 in the shot put is fourth on the school's all-time list.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Lady Loggers crush Royals in 32-0 win

The Daily Astorian

PORTLAND — The Knappa softball team scored a routine non-league win Wednesday in Portland, 32-0 over Portland Christian.

Madelynn Weaver had a bases-loaded triple to highlight the day for the Knappa offense, and she also pitched the first three innings, allowing one hit with five strikeouts.

Jaden Mieth, Aiko Miller and Mikaela Rethati all had two singles apiece, and the Loggers took advantage of multiple walks.

Seattle signs McDougald, Lunsford

Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — The Seattle Seahawks have added depth in the secondary by signing defensive back Bradley McDougald.

Seattle announced the signing of McDougald and kicker John Lunsford on Wednesday night.

McDougald spent the past four seasons with Tampa Bay. He started 31 of 32 games played the past two seasons, primarily at free safety.

Last season, McDougald started all 16 games, recording a career-high 91 tackles, 10 passes defended and two interceptions. He's also shifted at times to cornerback and played strong safety in the past, which made him an attractive option for Seattle's secondary that was seeking versatile depth upgrades after being thinned by injury last season.

Lunsford was waived by Tampa Bay earlier this week and joins Blair Walsh in the competition to be Seattle's kicker after Steven Hauschka signed with Buffalo in free agency.



Submitted Photo

Seaside's Mason Shamions tees off during Tuesday's round at the Gearhart Golf Links. Shamions scored a 97.

Valiants defeat Gulls at Gearhart Golf Links

The Daily Astorian

GEARHART — Valley Catholic and Seaside opened the Cowapa League boys' golf season Tuesday at the Gearhart Golf Links.

Led by Cole Schmidlin's 78, the Valiants scored the team win with a 339 team score, to Seaside's 382.

The Gulls shaved 15 strokes off their score from The Dalles Invita-

tional the previous Friday, as Jackson Kunde led Seaside with a 90.

After Schmidlin, Valley Catholic's Cole Heinsens scored an 84 and Peter Boileau finished with an 86 for the top three individual scores.

Other counting scores for Seaside came from Samson Sibony (95), Mason Shamions (97) and Colby Lupfer (100). Connor Merrell shot 104 as the Gulls' fifth player.

US routs Puerto Rico 8-0 to win first WBC

By **BETH HARRIS**
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The eagle has landed on top.

The United States routed Puerto Rico 8-0 to win its first World Baseball Classic in four tries on Wednesday night behind six hitless innings from Marcus Stroman.

The Americans planted their eagle statue mascot on the mound in celebration, a blue cap jauntily hanging from one of its large wings.

"It's a different feeling when the USA is on your chest," first baseman Eric Hosmer said. "We wanted to get the U.S. back on top of the baseball world, and we did that."

For a sport known as Ameri-

ca's pastime, the U.S. had struggled since the WBC began in 2006. Twice, the Americans lost in the second round and they went out in the semifinals in 2009.

This time was different.

"These guys were here to do their best," Team USA general manager Joe Torre said. "The thing I marveled at was how quickly they came together, and Jimmy (Leyland) deserves a lot of that credit. They're just a great group who understood what this event is all about."

Accepting the gleaming silver trophy from baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred, manager Leyland told the crowd, "This is for the men and women who serve our country."

Colorado team tops Logger batters, 12-2

The Daily Astorian

GOODYEAR, Ariz. — After defeating a team from Sitka, Alaska, their first day in Arizona, the Knappa Loggers made a big jump in competition on Day 2, losing a 12-2 decision to a team from Palisade, Colorado Wednesday.

The Palisade High School Bulldogs (enrollment 1,021 students) built a 9-1 lead through four innings, then held on for the win over the Knappa High School Loggers (enrollment, 131 students). The game was played at Desert Edge High School in Goodyear, Arizona.

The Bulldogs "are a team that is expecting to go deep into the state playoffs at the (Colorado) 4A level," said Knappa coach Jeff Miller. "They're a veteran team that hopes to be a state title contender."

Still, both teams finished with 10 hits in Wednesday's game.

"The difference was, we stranded our base runners and they didn't," Miller said. "Kaleb Miller had another strong game for us, and Dale Takalo looked good on both sides of the ball."

Jason Miller and Eli Takalo had two hits apiece for the Loggers, who wrap up their Arizona trip Thursday against Grand Junction High School of Central, Colorado, a school with a 1,500-plus enrollment.

"We're having a great time, it's a great experience for the boys, and hopefully we're learning some things" about baseball, Miller said. "I was surprised to see that we have quite a few Knappa fans down here with us. About half the players on the team have friends and family here."

Warrior girls edge Tigers

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LINCOLN CITY — Warrenton finally got the best of Taft in a non-league softball game, as the Warriors edged the Tigers 8-5 in their season opener Wednesday at Taft.

The Tigers had beaten Warrenton by a combined 28-0 the last two years, before the Warriors scored a JV/Varsity sweep Wednesday, 13-3, 8-5.

"It was a really good start to the season," said Warrenton coach Staci Mieth. "The all-freshman outfield of Melia Kapua, Kenzi Ramsey and Natalie Duncan all played very solid and were a huge contribution."

Kapua had a key bunt and scored twice; Ramsey was 3-for-4 with three RBI's and played solid defense; and Duncan was 2-for-4 with two RBI's.

Warrenton pitcher Niqui Blodgett allowed four hits and two earned runs with nine strikeouts and two walks.

"Today gave me a chance to see what aspects we need to improve on, and gave the girls a chance to get the gym dust off of them," Mieth said. "I was very impressed with the maturity of the younger girls and am very excited for some more games."

The Warriors host Nestucca at 4 p.m. today.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

Baseball — Palisades, Colo. vs. Knappa, TBA (at Phoenix, AZ)

THURSDAY

Baseball — Seaside at Corbett, 5 p.m.
Softball — Astoria at Mark Morris, 4 p.m.
Track — Warrenton at Ilwaco, 3:30 p.m.;
 NWL Relays, at Columbia Christian, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY

Baseball — Astoria at Stayton, 4:30 p.m.; Cascade at Seaside, 4:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Baseball — Regis at Warrenton (2), 1 p.m.
Softball — Seaside at Warrenton (2), Noon

Lady Fish golfers compete in Tillamook Invitational

The Daily Astorian

TILLAMOOK — The Astoria girls golf team opened the 2017 season Tuesday in the annual Tillamook Invitational, where the Lady Fishermen finished with a 487 team score.

Samantha Hemsley led Astoria with a 112 (54 on the front nine, 58

on the back), followed by Jenna Travers with a personal best 116 (59-57).

Kristen Travers finished at 129 and Sadie Wooldridge closed out the varsity scoring with a 133.

Other nonscore Astoria golfers included Sariah Dieffenbach, Anna Gimre, Sarah Lertora and Jasmine Mabry.