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SPORTS

Fishermen cruise past Lancers, 13-3

The Daily Astorian

Scoreless after their first two at-bats, the Astoria Fishermen scored 12 runs in the last three Monday afternoon, in a 13-3, five-inning blowout over South Umpqua at CMH Field, on Day 1 of the Astoria Tournament.

Astoria had 10 hits, four for extra bases off the winless (0-5) Lancers. Leadoff batter Cade O’Brien had a double and scored three times; Fridtjof Fremstad was 3-for-3 with two RBIs and two runs scored; Kyle Strange had a triple, scored three runs and drove in three more; and Trey Hageman was

2-for-3 with a double and three RBIs. That was more than enough for Astoria starter Jackson Arnsdorf, who struck out nine with one walk, and allowed just four hits in five innings. Arnsdorf threw 81 pitches (54 for strikes), while South Umpqua pitchers Johnathan Warner and Justin York

combined for nine walks. After opening the season with a loss to North Marion, the Fishermen (3-1) have won three straight. Astoria plays Madison (0-3) at 5 p.m. today, and finishes the tournament Wednesday against Yamhill-Carlton, which has yet to play a game.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Rockets rock Lady Loggers

The Daily Astorian

PILOT ROCK — Pilot Rock scored five runs in the first inning, on its way to an 11-1 win over Knappa Monday, as the Loggers opened a seven games-in-four days road trip in eastern Oregon. Jaden Miethe had the lone hit for the Loggers, an RBI single, while Knappa pitcher Madelynn Weaver allowed five hits and two walks with five strikeouts. The Loggers return to action today with games against Burns and Grant Union, in the Riverside/Irrigon Round Robin Tournament.

Seahawks continue to add depth

Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — The Seattle Seahawks continue to stockpile linebackers, bringing back Dewey McDonald and signing free agent Terence Garvin. The signings were listed on the NFL transaction report Monday. McDonald was an exclusive rights free agent who was a special teams standout last season for the Seahawks. McDonald appeared in a career-high 14 regular-season games and was second on the team in special teams tackles. After spending his first three seasons with Pittsburgh, Garvin appeared in 16 games last season for Washington. He had 16 tackles. Seattle has signed four linebackers in the past week, looking to add depth at the position behind starters K.J. Wright and Bobby Wagner.

Oregon women make it Elite Eight and out

UConn heads to its 10th straight Final 4

By DOUG FEINBERG
Associated Press

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — Everything UConn lost to graduation made another Final Four even more special for Geno Auriemma and his Huskies. Napheesa Collier scored 28 points, Gabby Williams had 25 and the Huskies advanced to the national semifinals for the 10th straight year with a 90-52 victory against Oregon on Monday night. “There were a lot of question marks going into the season and maybe they didn’t have any in their own minds,” Auriemma said. “They seemed to answer every single one of those questions. They deserve to be in the Final Four. They earned it.” The Huskies’ 111th consecutive victory moved Auriemma past Pat Summitt for the most NCAA Tournament wins. Auriemma now has 113 and counting. Next up for top-seeded UConn (36-0) is Mississippi State on Friday night in Dallas. It is just two wins away from a fifth consecutive title and 12th overall. “It means a whole lot, especially with this group because no one thought we’d be here and we worked so hard this year,” said Collier, who earned most outstanding player of the region honors. The Huskies jumped all over 10th-seeded Oregon (23-14), stopping its impressive run through the tourney. Leading 6-4, UConn scored 17 straight points. Saniya Chong got the game-changing burst started with consecutive 3-pointers. Nearly 4 1/2 minutes later she capped the burst with a layup that made it 23-4. Oregon closed to 34-21 midway through the second quarter, but UConn put the game away by scoring 15 of the final 18 points of the half. “They’ve owned the whole month of March, they weren’t just along for the ride,” Auriemma said. “It’s theirs and that’s a huge step. That’s a big step to go from riding in the backseat on a trip you’re going to, to all of a sudden you’re in charge of driving the bus you’re responsible for getting us there.”

With Breanna Stewart, Morgan Tuck and Moriah Jefferson gone to the WNBA, UConn has a new trio leading the way. Collier and fellow sophomore Katie Lou Samuelson were honored as AP All-Americans on Monday, with Williams, a junior, making the second team. Oregon also has a bright future. Coach Kelly Graves’ team is led by outstanding freshmen Sabrina Ionescu, Ruthy Hebard and Mallory McGwire. The trio averaged 36.8 points combined this season. Ionescu led the way against UConn with 15 points. The Ducklings upset seventh-seeded Temple, No. 2 Duke and No. 3 Maryland to get to the Elite Eight for the first time in program history. “I just think all of it is part of the process,” Graves said. “A run like this will make it easier to motivate our team in the offseason.”

UP NEXT: UCONN HUSKIES

- UCONN Huskies (36-0) vs Mississippi State Bulldogs (33-4)
- Friday, 7 p.m. TV: ESPN2



AP Photo/Jessica Hill
Connecticut’s Katie Lou Samuelson, left, defends against Oregon’s Lexi Bando, right, during the first half of a regional final game in the NCAA women’s college basketball tournament Monday in Bridgeport, Conn. UConn soundly defeated the Ducks, 90-52.



AP Photo/Jessica Hill
Oregon head coach Kelly Graves looks out at his team as Oregon’s Sabrina Ionescu (20) walks off the court during a time out in second half of a regional final game against Connecticut in the NCAA women’s college basketball tournament Monday in Bridgeport, Conn.

NFL owners approve Raiders’ move to Las Vegas, so what now?

By BARRY WILNER
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Sometime in the not distant future, they will become the Las Vegas Raiders. Until then, likely in 2020, Mark Davis’ team belongs to Oakland. Well, sort of. NFL owners approved the Raiders’ move to Las Vegas 31-1 at the league meetings Monday. Miami was the lone dissenter. Davis insisted the

club his father, Hall of Fame owner Al Davis, built into a champion — in Oakland and Los Angeles — should still be considered a part of the Bay Area community. “I wouldn’t use the term lame duck,” Davis insisted. “We’re still the Raiders and we represent Raider Nation. “There will be disappointed fans, and it’s important for me to talk to them to explain why and how.” As he does so, he also can address what is ahead for a team that, on the

field, clearly is on the rise. Yet, questions abound how much support the Raiders can possibly retain in what is now a temporary home. “My emotions are mixed,” said coach Jack Del Rio, a Bay Area native. “While I’m sad for family and friends and fans in the Oakland area, I also recognize the tremendous opportunity going forward for our organization. That being said, my mission remains the same. To lead this team here and now. Players and coaches need to

understand their defined roles. We all need to bring positive energy everyday as we focus on things that we can control.” What they can’t control is community reaction in a place where devotion to the Raiders during their Oakland years — they spent 1982-94 in Los Angeles — has been admirable. Even during all the losing between their last Super Bowl appearance, for the 2002 season, and their next winning record, which came last year, the Black Hole

gang has been dedicated. “All the Raiders fans my age, no way you can do it,” said Ivan Davis, a fan of the team for a half-century. “Anyone who lived through the first one will not support them. The older Raiders fans, you lost them forever. The ones who gave their life blood to you, you lost them forever.” There will be new fans, of course, in a new locale, a place no one imagined the NFL venturing to just a few years ago.