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Tigers slip past Lady Fish, 9-7

The Daily Astorian

Facing their third Lewis & Clark League opponent in a little over a week, the Astoria Fishermen closed the gap against Clatskanie Thursday at CMH Field, but still came up short on the scoreboard.

Clatskanie scored eight runs over the fourth, fifth and sixth innings, in a 9-7 nonleague softball win over the Lady Fishermen.

Astoria — which lost earlier games to Warrenton (11-0) and Rainier (8-0) — held a 4-1 lead through three innings against the Tigers.

The Fishermen scored all four runs in the bottom of the third, highlighted by a double from Hailey Ranta that scored Hailey O'Brien. Caitlyn Hougham followed with a single to left to bring in Rylee DeMander, and Ranta scored moments later on a single to left from Abi Danen. Hougham scored the fourth run on a grounder by McKailyn Rogers.

Astoria scored twice on three Clatskanie errors in the bottom of the seventh, but Tiger pitcher MacKenzie Mitchell was able to close out her complete game, as the senior right-hander allowed nine hits with three strikeouts and three walks.

Rogers started for Astoria and worked five innings, giving up 11 hits with five strikeouts and a walk, before giving way to DeMander in the sixth.

DeMander, Ranta and Danen had two hits apiece for Astoria, which falls to 3-5.

The Fishermen open Cowapa League play Tuesday at home vs. Tillamook.

Mariners get first win, 4-2 over Astros

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
Associated Press

HOUSTON — After going 1 for 27 with runners in scoring position through the first three games of the season, the Seattle Mariners were desperate to get a big hit when it mattered Thursday night.

Instead of just one, they got two.

Jarrod Dyson hit a tiebreaking RBI single in the ninth inning and Jean Segura drove in a run later in the inning to lift the Mariners to a 4-2 victory over the Houston Astros.

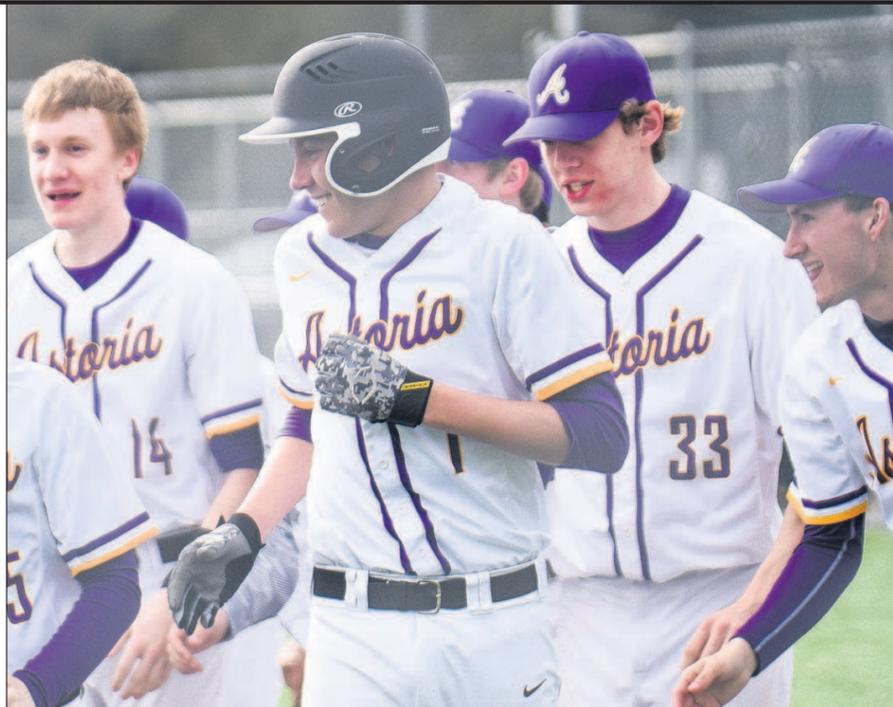
"It was good to get that hit," Dyson said. "It was even better to get the win."

The game was tied at 2 entering the ninth before Danny Valencia walked with one out and Carlos Ruiz was plunked by Ken Giles (0-1). They were replaced by pinch-runners Taylor Motter and Guillermo Heredia before Dyson's fly ball landed between left fielder Nori Aoki and center fielder Jake Marisnick to allow Motter to score and put Seattle on top.

Segura singled with two outs to send Heredia home for an insurance run that made it 4-2.

UP NEXT: MARINERS

• Seattle Mariners (1-3)
at Los Angeles Angels (2-2)
• Today, 7:07 p.m. TV: FSW, RTNW



Photos by Danny Miller/The Daily Astorian

Teammates celebrate a homer by Burke Matthews, center, against Scappoose on Thursday at CMH Field in Astoria. More photos available online at DailyAstorian.com/sports

Fishermen pound Scappoose

By GARY HENLEY
The Daily Astorian

They're only two games into the Cowapa League season, but two victories over Scappoose can go a long way when you're hoping to win a league title.

And one month from now, those victories over the Indians could come in handy for the Astoria Fishermen, who scored their second win over Scappoose in three days, 8-3, Thursday at CMH Field.

Astoria improves to 2-0 in league play, following their seventh straight win overall. The Fishermen haven't lost since an opening day setback to North Marion March 15.

More importantly, Astoria will avoid repeating last year's 1-3 start in league.

"We were 1-3 out of the shoot last year — 2-0 is a lot better," said Astoria coach Dave Gasser. "And having already won the season series against Scappoose is big (the Fishermen still play one more game vs. the Indians, May 3 at Scappoose). It's a big series, and always is."

Through four innings of Thursday's game, Astoria was just like pitcher Olaf Englund: Perfect.

Englund got the start on the mound and retired the side, in order, through each of the first four innings.

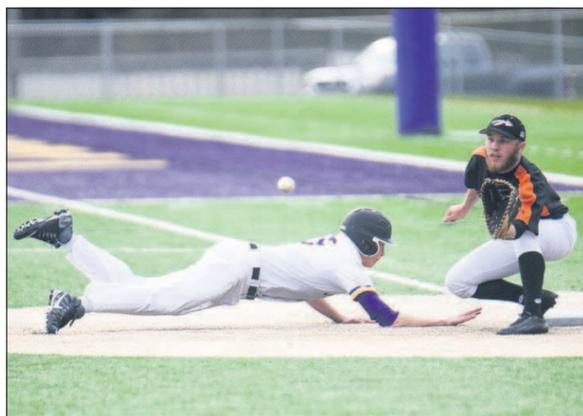
He struck out the first batter of the fifth before giving up a home run to Nicky Gill, the first of three Scappoose runs in the inning.

Englund still got the win, a three-hitter with three strikeouts and one walk before he gave way to Fridtjof Fremstad with two outs in the fifth. Fremstad allowed two hits and picked up the save.

"Ole was just great," Gasser said. "Twelve-up, 12-down. He got a little tired, but it's still early in the season, and we were in uncharted waters going into the fifth inning. Next time, we'll be a little more ready with Trey (Hageman), and use Trey as a bridge to Fritz. But it's going to be a well-pitched game."

"Ole's going to give us good innings, Trey is good, and Fritzzy has not given up anything."

Meanwhile, Scappoose used another four pitchers in Thursday's game. In two games this week, the Indians threw eight pitchers against Astoria, giving



Astoria's Olaf Englund dives back to first base on a pick-off attempt Thursday.



Astoria's Olaf Englund delivers a pitch against Scappoose on Thursday at CMH Field in Astoria.

up a combined 13 walks with just six strikeouts.

Astoria had 10 hits in Tuesday's victory and eight more Thursday. The Fishermen were crushing everything they got a hold of in Thursday's win.

Samboy Tuimato pounded the first pitch he saw for a solo home run to lead off the second inning.

Trey Hageman followed with a liner to right that bounced over the fence for a ground-rule double.

Two walks later, Englund was hit by a pitch to force in a run, and Fremstad followed with the Big Blast of the Day, a grand slam homer to center. At first, the Indians thought the line drive was another ground-rule double, before the umpires ruled the home run.

The Fishermen had one more extra-base hit — a solo home run by No. 9 hitter Burke Matthews to lead off the bottom of the fourth inning.

"I've got no complaints about the way we're swingin' it," Gasser said. "We're hitting it hard,

and even some of the outs were rockets. Jackson's hit (in the bottom of the sixth, a line drive that was caught by the Scappoose right fielder) almost took the kid's head off, with the bases loaded. That was smoked."

Fremstad's grand slam "just carried and carried, and Sammy's was a bomb," Gasser said. "The bottom line was, over the last two days we have over 20 hits against Scappoose pitching. We'll take that."

Astoria added one more run in the sixth on a bases-loaded walk, and had the bases loaded with one out before Indian reliever Jerad Toman was able to get out of the inning.

The only negative for Astoria in the two games this week was stranding a total of 19 base runners.

Astoria returns to action with a two-game series next week vs. Valley Catholic, the first at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Tapiola Park.

Valiants 9, Gulls 1

SEASIDE — In other Cowapa League action Thursday, Valley Catholic defeated Seaside 9-1 at Broadway Field, and Banks topped Tillamook, 19-3.

It was the second time this week that the Valiants held the Gulls to just one run, following Tuesday's 10-1 win.

Seaside held a 1-0 lead after two innings in Tuesday's game, before the Valiants scored three runs in the third, then tacked on four in the fifth.

Brent Walsh had two of Seaside's three hits, and also scored the Gulls' lone run.

Valley Catholic had nine hits off Seaside pitchers Scott Plampin, Dylan Wallis and Duncan Thompson.

Gulls defeat Astoria in boys' golf Clatsop Clash

The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — The Seaside boys golf team shot a season-low score and improved to 1-1 in Cowapa League play Thursday, with a 366-406 victory over Astoria in golf's version of the Clatsop Clash at the Astoria Golf & Country Club.

Seaside's Jackson Kunde was medalist with an 86. The Gulls' Samson Sibony was second with a 90, followed by Connor Merrell (92), Mason Shamion (98) and Colby Lupfer (99).

Astoria was led by Kirk Fausett's 96. Other Fishermen scores were Dylan Altheide-Nielson (97), Brian Wilder (100), Trevor Altheide-Nielson (113) and Josh Olson (119).

The Gulls have been able to lower their team score every time out so far this season. All but one member shot a season-low Thursday.

"We are moving in the right direction," said Seaside coach Jim Poetsch. "We dropped another 16 strokes from our last match. If John Whittle's JV score had counted, we would have dropped another six."

"Jackson (Kunde) played 16 good holes today," he said. "He followed a triple bogey with a six-putt, quadruple bogey on the front. If not for those two holes, he might have snuck into the 70s for the first time. Samson hit his first birdie today and nearly got into the 80s. Those are big hurdles in the psyche of golf. It seems when a player changes the first digit of their score for the first time, they continue to do it on a regular basis."

Junior Varsity: Seaside 508, Astoria 605.

Hemsley shoots 56 for Lady Fishermen

HILLSBORO — Astoria and Seaside both took part in the Valley Catholic Invitational girls golf tournament Thursday, held at the Meriwether National Golf Club in Hillsboro.

The Invite was shortened to nine holes because of poor course conditions.

While Morgan Hall of Scappoose topped the field with a 43, Astoria's Sam Hemsley led the Lady Fishermen with a 56. She was followed by Jenna Travers with a 58, and Sadie Wooldrige (66), Kristen Travers (71) and Sarah Lertora (85).

Caroline Kotsen paced Seaside with a 63. Maddy Brown (66), Caitlyn Hillman (92) and Emma Harvey (94) rounded out the team scoring for the Gulls, who will be the host team Monday in the Seaside Invitational. The invite will take place at Astoria Golf & Country Club due to a scheduling conflict at Gearhart.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE
TODAY

Baseball — Woodland (WA) at Seaside, 5 p.m.; Tillamook at Warrenton, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY

Track — Daily Astorian Invitational, at Seaside, 10 a.m.

Baseball — Warrenton at Monroe (2), Noon; Knappa at Taft, 2 p.m.

Softball — Knappa at Taft, 2 p.m.

BASEBALL
Astoria 8, Scappoose 3

Scappoose 000 030 0-3 5 1
Astoria 060 101 x-8 8 1

Gross, Knight (4), Aricker (5), Toman (5) and Gill; Englund, Fremstad (5) and Gohl. **W:** Englund. **L:** Gross. **S:** Fremstad. **RBI:** Scp, Gill, Travis; Ast, Fremstad 4, Tuimato, Englund, Matthews, Hageman. **2B:** Scp, Travis, Gill; Ast, Hageman. **HR:** Scp, Gill; Ast, Tuimato, Fremstad, Matthews. **HBP:** Ast, Englund. **LOB:** Scappoose 2, Astoria 9.

SOFTBALL
Clatskanie 9, Astoria 7

Clatskanie 010 242 0-9 14 5
Astoria 004 001 2-7 9 2

WP: MacKenzie Mitchell (3 K's, 3 walks). **LP:** McKailyn Rogers (5 K's, 1 walk). **RBI:** Cla, Lindblom 3, Miller 2, Jackson, Warren, Hamm; Ast, DeMander, Ranta, Danen, Norris, Rogers, Hougham. **2B:** Cla, Miller, Hamm; Ast, Ranta. **3B:** Cla, Jackson. **LOB:** Clatskanie 5, Astoria 7.

BOYS GOLF
Seaside 366, Astoria 406
(at AG&CC)
Seaside (366)

Jackson Kunde, 45-41-86
Samson Sibony, 46-44-90
Connor Merrell, 44-48-92
Mason Shamion, 50-48-98
Colby Lupfer, 50-49-99

Astoria (406)

Kirk Fausett, 47-49-96
Dylan Altheide-Nielson, 46-51-97
Brian Wilder, 49-51-100
Trevor Altheide-Nielson, 53-60-113
Josh Olson, 56-63-119

Crabbe gets 25 and Trail Blazers beat Minnesota

By ANNE M. PETERSON
Associated Press

PORTLAND — Allen Crabbe said he just had the feeling that the shots he put up were going to fall.

They did, and nearly all of them were from beyond the arc.

Crabbe had 25 points, including a career-high eight 3-pointers, and the Portland Trail Blazers beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 105-98 Thursday night to snap a two-game losing streak.

UP NEXT: TRAIL BLAZERS

• Utah Jazz (48-30)
at Portland Trail Blazers (39-40)
• Saturday, 7 p.m.
TV: ROOT, KGW

There was a span in the fourth quarter where Crabbe scored 10 points in 48 seconds in route to the comeback win.

"You just have that feeling:

Everything I threw up there was just going in," he said.

Blazers coach Terry Stotts said simply: "I love seeing a shooter get on a roll like that."

Damian Lillard added 22 points, nine rebounds and eight assists for Portland, which held onto the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference at 1 1/2 games ahead of Denver with three games to go.

Andrew Wiggins had 36 points for the Timberwolves, who have already been eliminated. Karl-An-

thony Towns added 24 points and 16 rebounds.

After trailing by 15 points in the third quarter, Crabbe's running 3-pointer gave the Blazers a 92-89 lead with 8:25 left. Lillard added a layup and Crabbe made another 3 to push the lead to 97-91 while the Timberwolves went cold.

Wiggins' pull-up jumper narrowed it to 99-94 with 2:40 left. Lillard made a pair of free throws with just under a minute to go and the Timberwolves couldn't catch up.