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Seagull boys still improving

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BANKS — The Seaside boys golf team continues to lower scores and climb the Cowapa League rankings, as the Gulls finished second behind Valley Catholic in the Banks Invitational, held Monday at Quail Valley Golf Course.

It was the fourth time in four events that the Gulls have lowered their team score, finishing at 361 in Monday's tournament. Valley Catholic posted a 325 for the team title, with Banks (387) third and Astoria (408) fourth.

Individually, the top four spots went to Valley Catholic golfers, led by medalist Cole Schmidlin with a 78.

Seaside's Samson Sibony was fifth overall with an 87 (42-45), with Jackson Kunde (88) one stroke behind.

Astoria's Kirk Fausett and Seaside's Connor Merrell tied for seventh with a 90.

Seaside was within eight strokes of the Valiants at the turn.

"We looked really good for the first 10 holes today," said Seaside coach Jim Poetsch. "It looked like we might get four guys into the 80s. Samson was just two strokes off the lead at the turn and Jackson and Connor were just a stroke back. Colby (Lupfer) was just a couple of strokes behind them."

"I saw a lot of good shots out there and saw guys starting to scramble after hitting errant shots," he said. "We still need to work on that part of our game. As young as we are, we sometimes let bad shots lead to more bad shots. I think as we mature we will be able to avoid those kinds of mistakes and then we will be able to compete with the top teams for a full round."

See Scoreboard for complete scores.

Athletes honored for efforts at Daily Astorian Invitational

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The eight Athletes of the Meet for the Daily Astorian Invitational were announced Monday.

For the girls, Astoria's Natalie Cummings and North Marion's Emily Scanlan were awarded Athletes of the Meet for the track events, while Astoria's Taylor Cosner and Ilwaco, Washington's Eliza Bannister won for the field events.

Cummings won the 100- and 200-meter races, and took part in both winning relay teams. Scanlan was second in the 100, third in the 100-meter hurdles and ran for the third-place 400-meter relay team.

Cosner was first in the javelin, second in the discus and third in the shot put, while Bannister won the triple jump.

On the boys' side, the Athletes of the Meet for the running events were Vernonia's Clay Sullivan (first in the 110 hurdles, second in the 300 hurdles, second in the 100) and Seaside's Juneau Meyer (first in the 400 meters, took part on both winning relays).



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Seaside's Juneau Meyer was one of eight athletes named Athlete of the Meet, following Saturday's performance at The Daily Astorian Invitational.

Field event winners were Astoria's Tim Barnett (won the shot put and discus, second in the javelin) and

Warrenton's Tyler Whitaker (first in long jump and triple jump, second in the 200 and 400 races).



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Portland Trail Blazers guard Shabazz Napier, third left, jumps onto forward Noah Vonleh, center, with forward Jake Layman (10) in front of San Antonio Spurs guard Bryn Forbes (11) after Vonleh hit the game-winning shot during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Portland Monday.

Vonleh's layup gives Blazers win over Spurs

By ANNE M. PETERSON

Associated Press

PORTLAND — Noah Vonleh is not sure how the ball ended up with him, though he thinks it may have bounced off of teammate Meyers Leonard.

No matter how it happened, Vonleh's layup at the buzzer gave the Portland Trail Blazers a 99-98 victory over the San Antonio Spurs on Monday night despite resting starters Damian Lillard and CJ McCollum.

"I didn't know the ball was going to bounce that way," Vonleh said. "It just magically fell into my hands and we ended up winning the game."

Shabazz Napier scored a career-high 32 points for Portland, which won its third straight a day after Denver's loss to Oklahoma City gave the Blazers the eighth and final playoff spot in the West. Kawhi Leonard led the Spurs

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- Portland Trail Blazers (41-40) at New Orleans Pelicans (33-47)
- Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
- TV: ESPN, KGW

with 18 points.

Portland took an 88-87 lead on Napier's 3-pointer before Bryn Forbes answered with a 3 for the Spurs. San Antonio extended the lead on Jonathon Simmons' dunk and Kyle Anderson's basket.

After Pat Connaughton's long jumper for Portland, Jake Layman dunked to narrow the gap to 98-97 with 12 seconds to go. The Spurs threw an inbound out of bounds to give the ball back to Portland, and Vonleh's layup fell amid the scramble under the basket.

Vonleh finished with 12 points and 11 rebounds.

"I have no idea what hap-

pened," San Antonio's David Lee said about the final sequence of events. "It was one of those weird bounces, we looked at in on replay like 10 times and we still don't know what happened. It was a ricochet play, it went off Kyle's shin and someone's leg ... I can't explain that one."

The Blazers, who became playoff-bound on Russell Westbrook's buzzer-beating 3-pointer in Denver, will open the playoffs against the defending conference champion Warriors.

The Spurs were assured of finishing second in the standings to Golden State. San Antonio will have home-court advantage for its first-round series against the Memphis Grizzlies, who clinched the seventh seed on Friday.

Terry Stotts said before the game he met with McCollum and Lillard on Monday morning and convinced them to take a night off.

Cougars, Warriors split twinbill

The Daily Astorian

PORTLAND — League play is underway for Lewis & Clark League softball, and two of the title contenders opened up with a doubleheader split Monday in Portland.

A pair of home runs helped Warrenton score a 6-1 victory in Game 1, before Portland Adventist had two big innings and salvaged a split with a 9-7 win in the nightcap.



The 2017 Warriors are the official record-holders for the best softball start in school history, as Warrenton's Game 1 win was the eighth victory in a row (breaking the mark of 7-0 held by the 2003 team), before the Game 2 loss.

Originally scheduled to be played at Warrenton, the doubleheader was moved to Portland, with the Warriors serving as the home team.

And Warrenton jumped all over the "visitors" in Game 1, building a 4-0 lead through three innings, highlighted by a second-inning, two-run homer by freshman Natalie Duncan.

Niqui Blodgett belted another two-run shot in the fifth, helping her cause as the winning pitcher, as she struck out five and walked two, allowing three hits over seven innings.

Warrenton out-hit the Cougars in Game 2, nine to seven, but Portland Adventist overcame five errors with two big innings to win.

The Cougars scored four runs in their first at-bat, highlighted by a two-out triple by Katie Blank. The Warriors rallied with two in the first and three in the third to tie the game at 5-5.

Portland Adventist scored another four runs in the top of the sixth, and the lead held up for winning pitcher Tori Johnson.

Landree Miete, Blodgett and Melia Kapua all had two hits apiece in Game 2, with Blodgett blasting another home run with a double and two runs scored.

Blodgett, who threw 238 pitches on the day, took the loss in Game 2, striking out seven with six walks.

Astoria girls second in Seaside Invite

The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — The Astoria Golf & Country Club was the host course for the Seaside Invitational girls golf tournament Monday.

Golfers from five Cowapa League schools and Ilwaco, Washington, took part in the invite, which was shortened to nine holes because of windy conditions.

Valley Catholic was the team champion, as the Valiants fired a 221 team score to finish ahead of Astoria (259), Scappoose (268) and Seaside (302). Ilwaco and Tillamook fielded incomplete teams.

Defending Cowapa League champion Morgan Hall of Scappoose captured medalist honors with a 49, a stroke ahead of Valley Catholic's Caroline Hobson (50), followed by Valiant teammates Lizzy Osborn (54), Torrie Webb (57) and Ann Marie Gallardo (60).

Ilwaco's Aslyn Fisher carded a 61, tied with Jenna Travers of Astoria.

Rounding out the Astoria scores were Sadie Wooldridge (64), Sam Hemsley (65), Kristen Travers (69) and Sarah Lertora (76).

Maddy Brown paced Seaside with a 66, followed by Caroline Kotsen (66), Emma Harvey (72), Caitlin Hillman (99) and Xcaret Bello (108).

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

Baseball — Valley Catholic at Astoria, 5 p.m.; Tillamook at Seaside, 6 p.m.; Knappa at Neah-Kah-Nie, 3 p.m.

Softball — Tillamook at Astoria, 5 p.m.; Banks at Seaside, 4 p.m.; Knappa at Neah-Kah-Nie, 3 p.m.; Ilwaco at North Beach (2), 3 p.m.

Track — Seaside at Corbett, TBA

WEDNESDAY

Baseball — Warrenton at Gaston, 4 p.m.

Softball — Winlock at Ilwaco, 4 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Game 1

Warriors 6, Cougars 1

P.Adventist 000 010 0-1 3 2
Warrenton 121 020 x-6 6 3

WP: Niqui Blodgett (8 K's, 2 walks). LP: Tori Johnson (5 K's, 2 walks). RBI: PA, Grant; War, Blodgett 2, Duncan 2, Dyer.
3B: PA, Holme. HR: War, Blodgett, Duncan. LOB: Portland Adventist 7, Warrenton 3.

Game 2

Cougars 9, Warriors 7

P.Adventist 401 040 0-9 7 5
Warrenton 203 021 1-7 9 3

WP: Tori Johnson (4 K's, 2 walks). LP: Niqui Blodgett (7 K's, 6 walks). RBI: PA, Holme 2, Blank 2, Baker, Grant, Willis; War, Kapua 2, Little, Dyer, Blodgett, Ramsey. 2B: War, Blodgett. HR: War, Blodgett. LOB: Portland Adventist 4, Warrenton 5.

BOYS GOLF

Banks Invitational (at Quail Valley GC)

Team: Valley Catholic 325, Seaside 361, Banks 387, Astoria 408.

Medalist: Cole Schmidlin, Valley Catholic (78)

Seaside (361)

Samson Sibony, 42-45-87
Jackson Kunde, 43-45-88
Connor Merrell, 43-47-90
Colby Lupfer, 45-51-96
Mason Shamion, 52-46-98

Astoria (408)

Kirk Fausett, 45-45-90
Josh Olson, 49-52-101
Brian Wilder, 51-55-106
Connor Long, 58-53-111
Trevor Altheide-Nielson, 76-70-146

GIRLS GOLF

Seaside Invitational (at Astoria G&CC)

Team: Valley Catholic 221, Astoria 259, Scappoose 268, Seaside 302, Ilwaco, Tillamook, inc.

Medalist: Morgan Hall, Scappoose (49)
Astoria (259)

Jenna Travers, 61
Sadie Wooldridge, 64
Sam Hemsley, 65
Kristen Travers, 69
Sarah Lertora, 76

Seaside (302)

Maddy Brown, 65
Caroline Kotsen, 66
Emma Harvey, 72
Caitlin Hillman, 99
Xcaret Bello, 108

Duck's Dorsey declares for NBA draft

Associated Press

EUGENE — Oregon sophomore Tyler Dorsey says he will declare for the NBA draft and hire an agent.

Dorsey was a key to the Ducks' run to the Final Four this past season. It was the first time Oregon had made it to the national semifinals since they

won the first NCAA Tournament in 1939.

He made the announcement on Twitter.

"I have carefully deliberated this decision with my family and feel the timing is now right to pursue my path to a professional basketball career," he said in the post.

The 6-foot-4 two-year starter averaged 14.6 points, 3.5 rebounds and 1.7 assists per game last season. His play picked up as the season went on and he averaged 23.5 points over the Ducks' five tournament games.

Dorsey also declared for the draft last season and went through the evaluation process but never hired an agent.