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Indians blast seven home runs in sweep

The Daily Astorian

SCAPPOOSE — The Astoria softball team scored five runs in their first at-bat Thursday, in a doubleheader at Scappoose.

The rest of the day did not go as well for the Lady Fish, as Scappoose rallied to win Game 1, 25-6, then posted a 12-4 victory in Game 2. Scappoose finished with 37 runs and 28 hits — including seven home runs — in 10 at-bats, but had to rally from deficits in both games.

In the first inning of Game 1, Astoria's Rylee DeMander, Hailey Ranta and McKailyn Rogers drew consecutive walks to load the bases with no outs.

Abi Danen reached on an error, with DeMander scoring.

Julia Norris followed with a line drive single to center, scoring Ranta for a 2-0 lead.

Lexx Lyngstad's base hit to center brought in Rogers; a bases-loaded walk to Brooklynn Hankwitz scored Danen; and Hailey O'Brien's sacrifice fly to center plated Norris for a 5-0 lead.

Unfortunately for the Fishermen, Scappoose responded with 14 runs in the bottom of the first, and the Indians led 17-5 after three innings. Scappoose tacked on eight runs in the fourth.

Scappoose pitcher Nicole Dougherty finished with a three-hitter, with three strikeouts and eight walks.

Rogers and DeMander also combined to strike out three with eight walks, but the Indians collected 17 hits, six for extra bases.

Nicole Lukinbeal led the Indians with a double and a home run, as she went 4-for-4 with five RBIs and four runs scored.

Hadley Enos and Hannah Galey also hit home runs for the Indians.

After two scoreless innings of Game 2, DeMander homered on a line drive to center field to give Astoria a 1-0 lead in the third.

The Indians answered with six runs in the bottom of the fourth, then scored four in the fifth and two in the sixth.

Hankwitz highlighted a three-run sixth inning for Astoria with a double, and Rogers added a single as the Fishermen had nine hits in the second game.

Scappoose had another four home runs, two by Belle Erhardt, who was 3-for-4 with five RBIs.

Gulls, Valiants split

BEAVERTON — In other Cowapa League softball action, Seaside and Valley Catholic split a doubleheader on the Valiants' home field. The Gulls won Game 1, 10-7, and Valley Catholic won Game 2, 10-8. No details were available.

Baseball

Astoria, Seaside rained out

Cowapa League baseball games involving Astoria at Valley Catholic and Seaside at Tillamook were both postponed Thursday, and will be made up Monday.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

Baseball — Warrenton at Rainier (2), 3:30 p.m.; Knappa at Neah-Kah-Nie (2), 3 p.m.
Softball — Knappa at Neah-Kah-Nie (2), 3 p.m.

SATURDAY

Track — Lower Columbia Invitational, St. Helens, 12:30 p.m.; Rob Frank Invitational, Banks, 10 a.m.
Baseball — Wilson at Astoria, 1 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Game 1

Scappoose 25, Astoria 6
Astoria 500 10-6 3 4
Scappoose (14) 12 8x-25 17 1
WP: Nicole Dougherty (3 K's, 8 walks). **RBI:** McKailyn Rogers (1 K, 5 walks). **RBI:** Ast, Danen 2, Lyngstad, O'Brien, Hankwitz, Norris; **Scp,** Lukinbeal 5, Enos 5, Krueger 3, Dougherty 3, Galey 2, Johnson 2, Erhardt 2, Mills. **2B:** Scp, Lukinbeal, Krueger, Dougherty. **HR:** Scp, Lukinbeal, Enos, Galey. **HBP:** Scp, Cates, Fry. **LOB:** Astoria 5, Scappoose 4.

Game 2

Scappoose 12, Astoria 4
Astoria 001 003 0-4 9 2
Scappoose 000 642 x-12 11 1
WP: Masyn Clark (2 K's, 0 walks). **LP:** Julia Norris (4 K's, 3 walks). **RBI:** Ast, DeMander, Lyngstad, Hankwitz, Rogers; **Scp:** Erhardt 5, Lukinbeal 3, Enos 2, Krueger, Galey. **2B:** Ast, Hankwitz, Rogers; **Scp,** Lukinbeal. **HR:** Ast, DeMander; **Scp,** Erhardt 2, Krueger, Galey. **LOB:** Astoria 4, Scappoose 4.



Submitted Photo

Seaside's Colby Lupfer shot a career-low score Thursday, helping the Gulls score a Cowapa League match win over Banks at Gearhart Golf Links.

Gulls golfers top Banks

The Daily Astorian

GEARHART — The Seaside boys golf team is quickly become a "player" in 4A golf, once again.

For the fifth consecutive match in competition, the Gulls lowered their team score, this time in a league dual with Banks, Thursday at Gearhart Golf Links.

Seaside finished with a 351, to 383 for the Braves, helping the Gulls improve to 2-1 in league matches.

Jackson Kunde led the way for Seaside, shooting a career-low 80. Colby Lupfer (88) and Connor Merrell (90) also shot career lows. Samson Sibony added a 93 to the Gulls' score, while John Whittle shot 95.

"Our kids did pretty well out there today," said Seaside coach Jim Poetsch. "Our focus lately has been to

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Jim Poetsch
 Seaside coach

work on scoring despite hitting some bad shots. It is something that comes with maturity, but in a short season we need to mature fast.

"Last tournament, we had 30 holes that were double bogey or worse," he said. "Today we cut that almost in half. Jackson went the whole round with nothing worse than a bogey and carded 10 pars along the way. He became our first player this year to break 40 on a nine as he shot three-over-par 39 on the back. It was really nice to see him finish strong today."

Lupfer "also cut back on bad scores, as he had only two doubles blemishing his card," Poetsch said. "Having him shoot in the 80s from the fifth position really gave our score a boost. This team has been working harder each week. It really showed today as eight of our 10 players had career lows."

Seaside travels to Quail Valley Golf Course Tuesday, for a Cowapa League match with Scappoose.



AP Photo/Ted S. Warren

Seattle Mariners Hall of Famer Ken Griffey Jr. poses for a photo with Moose, the Mariners' mascot, after a statue of Griffey was unveiled Thursday in front of Safeco Field in Seattle.

Mariners unveil statue honoring Ken Griffey Jr.

By CURTIS CRABTREE

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Ken Griffey Jr. is captured in full follow through from his swing, gazing toward an unseen baseball.

It's a pose he struck many times during his Hall of Fame career, and it's the way he's been immortalized in bronze outside Safeco Field.

The Seattle Mariners on Thursday unveiled the statue of Griffey, the most recent way they've honored one of the franchise's greatest players.

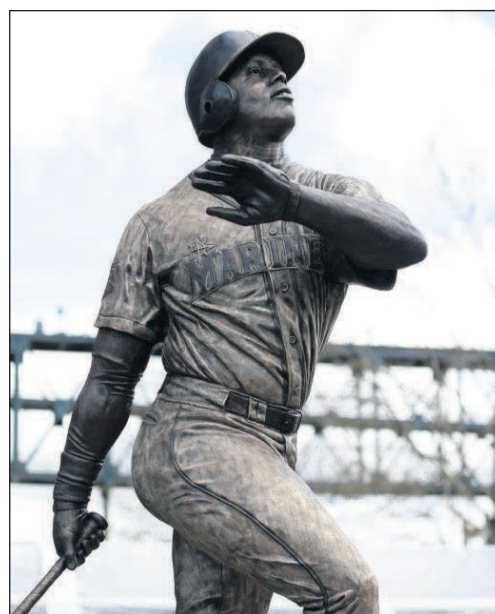
"One of the things I'm known for is my swing and I think it was pretty much going to be a given (that would be the pose)," Griffey said during the unveiling ceremony. "They pretty much nailed it. It was overwhelming to see something like that."

The 7-foot-tall statue stands on top of a 4-foot granite base. It includes a Mariners 20th anniversary patch and a patch recognizing the 50th anniversary of Jackie Robinson breaking the color barrier in baseball. Griffey helped lead the charge toward all major leaguers wearing Robinson's No. 42 each year in recognition of Robinson's trailblazing career.

The statue was sculpted by Lou Cella, who also created a statue of former Mariners broadcaster Dave Niehaus that sits on the right field concourse of the stadium.

Griffey became the first Mariners player to be elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame last year. The Mariners officially retired his No. 24 in August, making him the first player to have his number retired by the franchise.

"When people do things for you, you have to show your appreciation," Griffey said. "Seattle has gone over and above my expectations of an organization. It's been a whirlwind for 18



AP Photo/Ted S. Warren

A statue of Seattle Mariners Hall of Famer Ken Griffey Jr. stands in front of the home plate entrance to Safeco Field, Thursday.

months — January of last year to even now — it's hard to describe. I just try to sit back and not do anything because I don't want to mess it up."

Griffey played 22 big-league seasons with the Mariners, Reds and White Sox. A 13-time All-Star and 10-time Gold Glove Award winner in center field, Griffey hit 630 home runs, sixth all-time, and drove in 1,836 runs. He also was the American League MVP in 1997, drove in at least 100 runs in eight seasons, and won seven Silver Slugger Awards.

NCAA BASEBALL

Washington ends OSU's 23-game win streak

EO Media Group

SEATTLE — For the first time in 23 games, the Oregon State Beavers finished a game on the wrong side of the scoreboard.

The Washington Huskies beat the Beavers 3-2 in the series opener on Thursday night, ending OSU's ninth-inning rally with the tying run stranded on second base.

It's just the second loss of the season for Oregon State (28-2, 12-1 PAC-12), with last loss coming on Feb. 24 to Ohio State.

Trevor Larnach opened up the scoring in the game with an RBI double in the first inning, but that would be the last run OSU would get until an



RBI single by KJ Harrison in the ninth.

Luke Heimlich started for OSU, pitching 6 1/3 innings giving up seven hits and three runs with seven strikeouts.

The series continues today at 4:05 p.m. at Husky Ballpark in Seattle.

NHL PLAYOFFS



AP Photo/Molly Riley

Washington Capitals right wing Tom Wilson (43) celebrates his overtime goal with center Jay Beagle (83) and left wing Daniel Winnik (26) against the Toronto Maple Leafs during Game 1 of an NHL hockey Stanley Cup first-round playoff series in Washington, Thursday. The Capitals won 3-2.

Wilson's OT goal lifts Capitals to 3-2 victory

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Toronto native Tom Wilson scored his first NHL playoff goal 5:15 into overtime and the Washington Capitals survived a scare to beat the Maple Leafs 3-2 on Thursday night in Game 1 of their first-round series.

The top-seeded Capitals came back from a two-goal deficit to take the early lead in the series and at least momentarily stop the panic about a slip-up. Justin Williams scored twice in regulation, and Washington showed it could handle the adversity of falling behind.

Braden Holtby was up to the task in goal, stopping 35 of the 37 shots he faced. Toronto counterpart Frederik Andersen was arguably the best player on the ice with 41 saves before being beaten by Wilson with an absurd shot on the winner. Mitch Marner and Jake Gardiner scored in the first period for Toronto, back in the playoffs for the first time since 2013. Game 2 is Saturday night in Washington.

Predators 1, Blackhawks 0

At Chicago, Pekka Rinne made 29 saves, Viktor Arvidsson scored in the first period and Nashville beat Chicago in Game 1. Rinne's second career postseason shutout sent Nashville to just its second playoff win in Chicago in seven tries. The Predators did not have a 1-0 victory during the regular season.

Corey Crawford had 19 saves for Chicago. Game 2 is Saturday night at the United Center.

Ducks 3, Flames 2

At Anaheim, Calif., Jakob Silfverberg scored the tie-breaking power-play goal late in the second period, and captain Ryan Getzlaf had a goal and an assist to lead Anaheim in the series opener. Rickard Rakell scored the tying goal after Calgary made a horrendous line change in the second period, and John Gibson made 30 saves for the Ducks. Brian Elliott stopped 38 shots for the wild-card Flames. Game 2 is Saturday night at Honda Center.