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Scappoose golfers win Cowapa League title

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WARRENTON — Scappoose carded a 339 team score to win the team title Monday at the Astoria Golf & Country Club, site of the Cowapa League boys golf championships.

Valley Catholic took second with a 355, ahead of third-place Seaside (359). Tillamook was fourth (365), followed by Astoria (397) and Banks (421).

Tillamook's Carter Lee earned medalist honors with a two-under-par 70, his second league title after winning as a freshman two years ago. Nathan Mapes of Scappoose was the only other player to break 80, carding a 77. Scappoose freshman Chase Elliot took third with an 80.

Seaside junior Jackson Kunde led the Gulls with an 82 to finish fourth overall, while Taylor Palmberg paced Astoria with a 93.

Kunde was joined on the Cowapa All-League team by sophomore teammate Mason Shamion, who finished sixth with an 87. Rounding out the all-league team: Valley Catholic's Coe Schmidlin, Cole Heinsen, Nik Thoma and Joey Braun; Scappoose's A.J. Miltich and Jake Gray; and Tillamook's Logan Wilks.

"It was nice that Jackson and Mason were able to shoot well enough to get on the all-league team," said Seaside coach Jim Poetsch. "Jackson kept battling and after being 11 over after 14 holes was able to hit back-to-back birdies and finish strong for his fourth place finish.

"Mason also did a good job of competing for a full round today," Poetsch said. "He had a rough patch early but didn't give up and came in with his best score of the year. I also like where we finished as a team. We were close to Valley Catholic and edged out Tillamook for third."

Rounding out Astoria's scores were Brian Wilder (96), Kirk Fausett (101), Josh Olson (107) and Dylan Altheide-Nielson (108).

All Cowapa League schools will compete in next week's district tournament, which will decide state qualifying.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE
TODAY

Baseball — Rainier at Warrenton, 3:30 p.m.

Softball — Scappoose at Astoria, 5 p.m.; Valley Catholic at Seaside, 5 p.m.; Rainier at Warrenton 3:30 p.m.

Girls Golf — Cowapa League Championships, Astoria, 10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Baseball — Astoria at Scappoose, 5 p.m.; Seaside at Valley Catholic, 5 p.m.

Track — Scappoose at Astoria, 3:30 p.m.; Seaside at Valley Catholic, 3:30 p.m.; Warrenton at Rainier L&C Meet, TBA

BASEBALL
Astoria 3, Banks 1

Banks 001 000 0—1 3 0
Astoria 002 100 x—3 6 1

Renne, Goble (4), McGough (6) and Herb; Englund, Lyngstad (3) and Gohl. W: Lyngstad. L: Renne. RBI: Banks, Jake Evans; Ast, Strange. 2B: Ast, Gohl. LOB: Banks 4, Astoria 8. DP: Astoria 2.

Scappoose 7, Seaside 3

Seaside 100 002 0—3 12 3
Scappoose 040 102 x—7 7 2

Thompson and Walsh; Gross, Knight (7) and Gill. W: Gross. L: Thompson. RBI: Sea, Thompson 2, Blanchard; Scp, Rieman 2, Holmason, Teeter, Mizze. 2B: Scp, Holmason. HBP: Scp, Teeter. LOB: Seaside 8, Scappoose 3. DP: Scappoose.

BOYS GOLF
Cowapa League Championships at Astoria G&CC

Team: Scappoose 339, Valley Catholic 355, Seaside 359, Tillamook 365, Astoria 397, Banks 421.

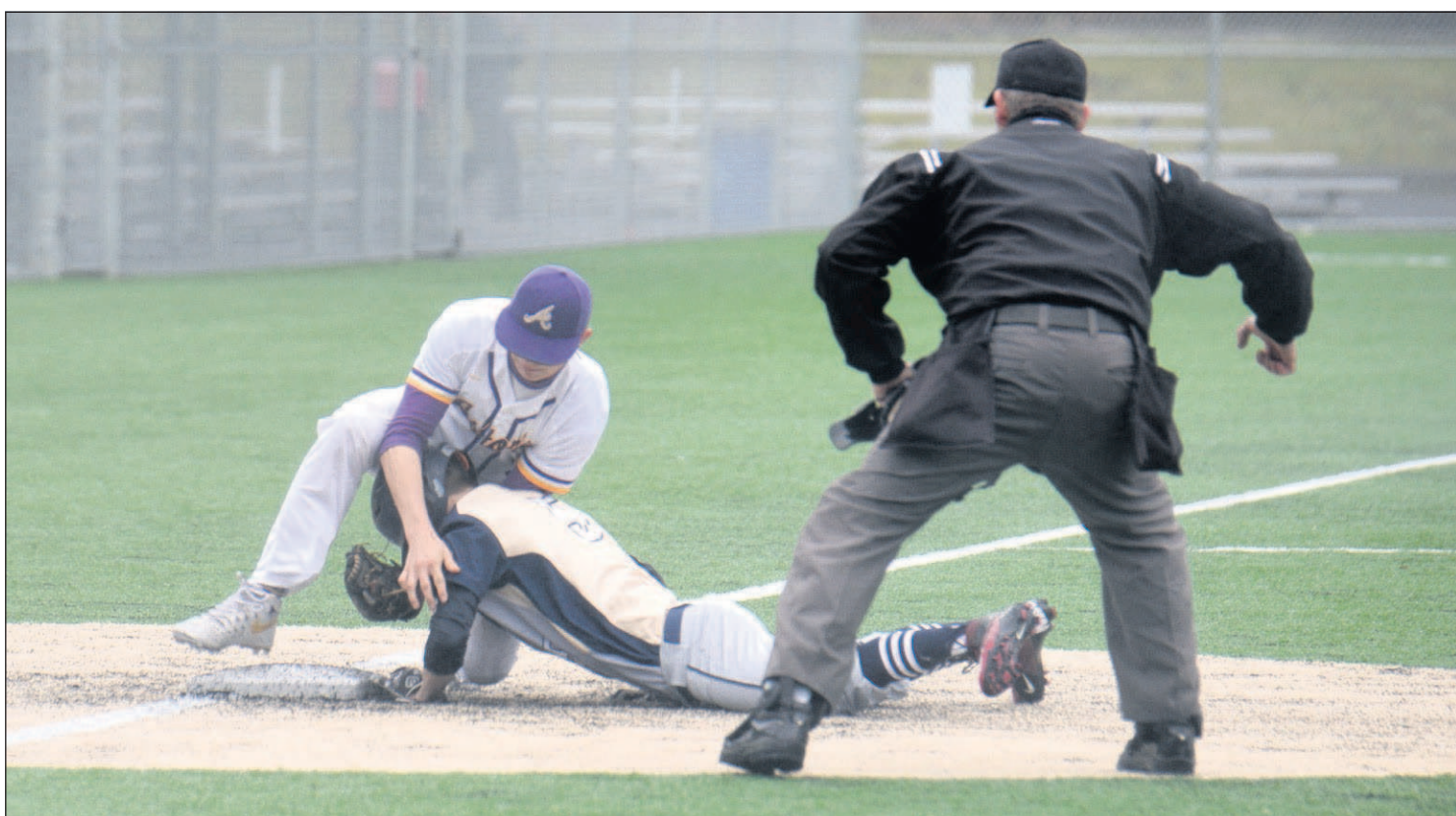
Medalist: Carter Lee, Tillamook (70)

Seaside (359)

Jackson Kunde, 43-39—82
Mason Shamion, 45-42—87
Samson Sibony, 48-46—94
Connor Merrell, 46-50—96
Colby Lupfer, 49-51—100

Astoria (397)

Taylor Palmberg, 48-45—93
Brian Wilder, 44-52—96
Kirk Fausett, 51-50—101
Josh Olson, 53-54—107
Dylan Altheide-Nielson, 57-51—108



Photos by Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

Trey Hageman, left, applies the tag at third for the Astoria Fishermen during a game Monday against Banks.

Astoria wins big at soggy CMH

By GARY HENLEY

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The Astoria baseball team was hoping that the new month would bring a fresh start and, hopefully, the beginning of another win streak.

Which it did, as pitchers Olaf Englund and Tyler Lyngstad combined on a three-hitter, helping the Fishermen to a 3-1 victory over Banks Monday night at CMH Field.

Unfortunately, the new month did not bring a change in the weather, with the Braves and the Fishermen having to move the game right back to Astoria's home on the hill, where the teams played the first four innings in a light rain.

But the Fishermen — now 9-1 in league play — did manage to score a much better outcome than their last meeting with Banks, which drops to 7-3.

After feeling like they "let one get away" in a 3-2 loss to the Braves last Friday at Hillsboro Hops Stadium, Astoria stole one back.

The Braves "pitch well, and they play good defense," said Astoria coach Dave Gasser. "They've got good team speed and they can create runs ... but we just made some really, really good plays to keep them from scoring."

And of course, three "really's" is kind of a big deal for Gasser.

"We're channeling 2010," said the coach, who picked up career win No. 744.

While Englund and Lyngstad were busy shutting down the Braves' bats, the Fishermen did just enough at the plate and let their defense do the rest.

The Braves scored the first run in the top of the third, Gunnar Partain scoring on an infield hit by Jake Evans.

But Astoria's "Win The Inning" philosophy held true in the bottom of the third, when Englund opened with a base hit to center and stole second.

After a walk and an out, Kyle Strange knocked in the tying run on a single up the middle to score Englund.

Astoria loaded the bases with another walk, and the Fishermen attempted to grab the lead with a steal of home. The throw from Banks' pitcher Dalton Renne beat Samboy Tuimato to the plate, but a balk call on Renne before the throw allowed the go-ahead run to stand.



Olaf Englund sends a pitch to the plate for the Astoria Fishermen during a game against Banks on Monday.

Astoria tacked on a much-needed run in the fourth, as Burke Matthews drew a one-out walk and took second with two outs on a single by Tuimato.

Matthews advanced to third on a wild pitch, then sprinted home on a passed ball.

With Lyngstad on in relief, the Braves were unable to mount any rallies with the big left-hander on the mound, as he closed out the game by retiring the last six batters in order.

It was the most work Lyngstad had seen since returning from a knee injury last week, after a month off. He relieved Englund with two outs in the top of the third.

"Tyler did a great job by keeping a really good offensive team off-balance," Gasser said. "That's about as much as he can work right now, but it really wasn't that many pitches. He was in the 40s. But that was about the limit. I put him out there (in the seventh inning), and said 'if they get one base runner, you're done.' It had to be a fast one, because we're out of pitches."

The Fishermen had six hits and stranded eight more base runners (after leaving seven on base in Friday's loss), but Astoria's defense came to the rescue.

After walking the first two Braves in the top of the third, the Fishermen turned a double play when outfielder Cade O'Brien caught Hayden Vandehey's fly ball to left, then a relay throw to third caught Kylan Taylor for a double play, after Taylor had tagged up on the hit.

And the Fishermen were just warming up.

Trevor Thiessen reached on an infield hit in the fourth, took second on a ground out, but was picked off by Astoria catcher Jasyn Gohl to end the inning.

In the fifth, Vandehey drew a leadoff walk, but Astoria turned a 4-6-3 double play.

Even Astoria's errors turned into big plays.

Following the double play, Lyngstad walked Gunnar Partain, and an errant pickoff attempt by Lyngstad went into right field, where Tuimato fielded the ball and came up throwing, gunning down Partain at third base for a 9-5 out to end the inning.

One more for good measure?

In the top of the sixth, Trey Hageman fielded a sharp grounder near third base, and his long throw across the diamond was dug out of the turf by first baseman Jackson Arnsdorf to nip Trask Applegate at first.

As much as the Fishermen want to play at their No. 1 park (Tapiola), Gasser admits playing at CMH isn't all bad.

"The bottom line is, this place has become a real edge for us," he said. "We are out here ALL the time in exactly these conditions, and we've just figured out how to play here. There's a comfort level that's going to be hard to give up when the weather gets good, but at the same time, we can play on grass, too."

"Nine-to-five outs, double plays when we have to have them, a pickoff play ... it was everything we needed, and this game was really, really important for us in the standings."

And it will be hard to catch Astoria in the Cowapa League standings, as the Fishermen now have a two-game lead with five games remaining.

Banks and Valley Catholic (tied for second at 7-3) still have one game left against each other, while two of Astoria's five games are against Seaside and Tillamook (a combined 2-18).

NBA PLAYOFFS

Cavs, Rockets take home wins

Associated Press

CAVALIERS 116, RAPTORS 105

CLEVELAND — LeBron James considered swinging a beer while scoring 35 points, Kyrie Irving added 24 and the Cleveland Cavaliers picked up where they left off following a long lay-off and throttled the Toronto Raptors 116-105 on Monday night in the opener of their Eastern Conference semifinal.

The Cavs hadn't played since April 23, when they completed a four-game sweep of Indiana. But the defending champions didn't show signs of rust and were well-prepared to face the revenge-seeking Raptors, who lost to Cleveland in last year's conference finals.

Toronto dropped to 1-12 in playoff openers.

Game 2 is Wednesday night.

Kyle Lowry scored 20 and DeMar DeRozan 19 for the Raptors, who were within seven in the third quarter before James dropped a 3-pointer, converted a three-point play, drained another 3 and then considered washing down a brew.

ROCKETS 126, SPURS 99

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Trevor Ariza scored 23 points, James Harden added 20 points and 14 rebounds, and Houston stormed past San Antonio in Game 1 of the Western Conference semifinals, the Spurs' worst loss in a series opener under Gregg Popovich.

The Rockets were 22 for 50 on 3-pointers, the most 3s attempted and made against the Spurs in their long postseason history.

Houston had six players in double figures, including 20 points and 13 rebounds from Clint Capela.

Game 2 is Wednesday in San Antonio.



AP Photo/Tony Dejak
Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James dunks against the Toronto Raptors in the second half in Game 1 of a second-round NBA basketball playoff series, Monday in Cleveland. The Cavaliers won 116-105.

Indians rally past Gulls

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SCAPPOOSE — Seaside scored first and had more hits, but Scappoose rallied for a 7-3 win Monday, in Cowapa League baseball action.

The Gulls collected 12 hits, including two apiece for Duncan Thompson, Dawson Blanchard, Otto Hoekstre, Dylan Meyer and Ashton Boyd.

Seaside also led 1-0, as Blanchard drove in Payton Westerholm with a single in the top of the first.

The Indians responded with four runs in the bottom of the second, highlighted by a two-run single from Nate Rieman.

The Gulls narrowed the deficit to 5-3 with two runs in the top of the sixth, but Scappoose answered with two in the bottom half of the inning to secure the win.

Thompson went the distance on the mound for Seaside, allowing seven hits with one strikeout and three walks. Scappoose junior J.C. Gross picked up the win, with Zach Knight earning the save.