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Astoria now 15-4, with 15-4 win

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BEAVERTON — It was an active first three innings Friday at Valley Catholic, where the Valiants hosted Astoria for a Cowapa League baseball game.

The two teams were tied 4-4 after one inning, before the Fishermen scored six in the second and five in the third on their way to a 15-4, five-inning win.

Astoria had 12 hits, with six walks. The Fishermen were also hit by pitch three times. Astoria batters have been hit by 28 pitches this season, in 19 games.

Eight Astoria players had hits and nine different players scored runs for the Fishermen, who improved to 10-2 in league play, 15-4 overall.

Kyle Strange led the Astoria offense, as the senior went 3-for-5 with two doubles, drove in five runs and scored twice.

Astoria pitchers Tyler Lyngstad and Ole Englund combined on a six-hitter, with six strikeouts and three walks.

Gull boys score third win over Tillamook

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SEASIDE — Seaside finished off a sweep of the season series with Tillamook Friday at Broadway Field, where the Gulls posted a 4-2 win over the Cheesemakers.

Scott Plampin went the distance on the mound for the Gulls, allowing five hits with five strikeouts and no walks. He threw just 71 pitches, 54 for strikes.

Duncan Thompson had two of Seaside's five hits, while Duncan Thompson had a triple and Plampin had the lone RBI for the Gulls, who improve to 3-9 in league.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

Baseball — Astoria at Tillamook, 5 p.m.; Seaside at Banks, 5 p.m.

Softball — Portland Adventist at Warrenton, 4 p.m.

Girls Golf — Regionals, at Quail Valley, 11 a.m.

Boys Golf — Regionals, TBA

BASEBALL

Astoria 15, Valley Catholic 4
Astoria 465 00-15 12 1
Valley C. 400 00-4 6 5

Lyngstad, Englund (1) and Gohl; Rapp, Tranquill (2), Weber (3) and Pruitt. W: Englund. L: Rapp. RBI: Ast, Strange 5, Gohl 3, Fremstad 2, O'Brien, Englund, Hageman, Lyngstad; VC, Rapp, Magenheimer, Pruitt, Tranquill. 2B: Ast, Strange 2, Englund. HBP: Ast, Fremstad, Tuimato, Englund; VC, Nakamura. LOB: Astoria 10, Valley Catholic 5.

Seaside 4, Tillamook 2
Tillamook 000 011 0-2 5 6
Seaside 000 310 x-4 5 1

Withoff and Wagner; Plampin and Walsh. W: Plampin. L: Withoff. RBI: Til, Withoff, McRae; Sea, Plampin. 2B: Til, Withoff, McRae. 3B: Sea, Thompson. LOB: Tillamook 3, Seaside 5. DP: Tillamook.

Game 1
Royals 6, Warriors 0

P.Christian 222 000 0-6 9 0
Warrenton 000 000 0-0 4 3

Duckett and Wright; Morrow, Little (3) and Breitmeyer. W: Duckett. L: Morrow. 2B: PC, Wright.

Game 2
Warriors 4, Royals 3

P.Christian 102 000 0-3 6 2
Warrenton 001 102 x-4 4 1

Osborne, Dailey (4) and Wright; Jackson and Morrow. W: Jackson. L: Dailey. 2B: PC, Duckett 2, Clark; War, Morrow.

SOFTBALL

Game 1
Warriors 19, Royals 0

Portland C. 000 00-0 0 7
Warrenton 049 6x-19 13 0

WP: Niqui Blodgett (8 K's, 1 walk). LP: Elaina Chinchilla (0 K's, 10 walks). RBI: War, Mieth 3, Blodgett 2, Ramsey, Duncan, Bue, Bussert, Ru.Dyer. 2B: War, Little, Ra.Dyer, Blodgett, Mieth, Bue. HBP: War, Blodgett, Duncan.

Game 2
Warriors 20, Royals 0

Portland C. 000 00-0 1 5
Warrenton (10)64 0x-20 6 0

WP: Niqui Blodgett (9 K's, 0 walks). LP: Josie Ernst (1 K, 20 walks). RBI: War, Little 5, Ramsey 3, Blodgett 2, Kapua 2, Ra.Dyer, Mieth, Bue, Ru.Dyer. 2B: War, Little. HR: War, Little. HBP: War, Duncan, Bussert. LOB: Portland Christian 1, Warrenton 9. DP: Portland Christian.



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Natalie Cummings and the Astoria girls track team are big favorites to win the Cowapa League title later this week, and another state championship after that.

North Coast athletes dominate Baker Invite

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GLADSTONE — With the Cowapa League championships coming up later this week, the Astoria girls track team is primed and ready for another state title run.

The Lady Fishermen warmed up for the postseason by closing out their regular season schedule with another team championship Saturday, at the annual Dick Baker Invitational, hosted by Gladstone.

Astoria scored 164 points to far out-distance the runner-up (Class 5A Corvallis, with 106.5 points) in the girls' team standings.

The Seaside and Astoria boys were third and fourth, respectively, behind Central and Molalla.

It was a banner day in general for the North Coast, with Astoria or Seaside athletes winning 13 of the combined 34 events, against some of the top competition in the state. The Gulls and Fishermen also combined for 11 second-place and six

third-place showings.

The Astoria girls were led by quadruple winner Darian Hageman, with wins in the high jump (5-2), long jump (17-3¼) triple jump (37-2) and pole vault (10-0). Teammate Shrida Sharma was second in the pole vault.

On the track, the Lady Fish won or placed in the top three in everything from the sprints (sisters Natalie and Gracie Cummings, first and second, respectively, in the 100 meters and Gracie won the 200 meters), the hurdles (Nara Van de Grift second in both hurdle races), to the relays (first in the 400-meter relay, second in the 1,600).

On the boys' side, the Fishermen and Gulls showed that the race for the league title could be a two-team battle between Astoria and Seaside.

With junior Tim Barnett leading the way, the Astoria boys will have a shot.

Barnett won the javelin with a throw of 159-feet, 1 inch (teammate Donald Dieffenbach was third, 148-0), and took second

in the shot put and discus behind Molalla senior Mont Child.

Lucas Caruana added a win in the 3,000 meters, in a personal best 9:25.37.

For Seaside, senior Jackson Januik — the back-to-back state champion in the 800 meters — is looking at No. 3, following his win Saturday in a personal best 1:57.80, the fourth-fastest individual in school history. Caruana was third.

The Gulls' Bradley Rzewnicki won the 1,500 meters in 4:15.01; Will Garvin took first in the 300 hurdles in 42.07; Juneau Meyer was second in the 100 (11.65), and the Gulls' 1,600 relay of Levi Card, Hunter Thompson, Jackson Januik and Meyer took second in 3:31.97.

In the field events, Seaside's Phoenix Johnson cleared a personal best 6-0 to win the high jump, and also took second in the triple jump and long jump.

Scappoose will be the host team for the Cowapa League Championships, Thursday and Friday.

Fresh horses await Derby winner in Preakness

By BETH HARRIS

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Always Dreaming is headed to the Preakness in two weeks, when the Kentucky Derby winner is likely to face several fresh horses that skipped the first leg of the Triple Crown.

A majority of the 20-horse field that ran on a sloppy Churchill Downs track in Saturday's Derby won't go on to Baltimore.

Trainer Todd Pletcher said Sunday that Always Dreaming will head to Baltimore on Tuesday so the 3-year-old colt has plenty of time to adjust to his new surroundings ahead of the 1 3/16-mile race to be run May 20.

"At Pimlico, there's generally not a lot of horses training there," he said. "It will be a quiet environment, give us time to get him settled in and if we have to make any adjustments, we'll have time to do that."

Always Dreaming will take up residence in stall No. 40, which traditionally houses the Derby winner in the Pimlico stakes barn.

The dark bay colt was difficult to train in the days leading to the Derby, forcing Pletcher to adjust his equipment. Eventually, Always Dreaming settled down and won by 2¾ lengths, equaling the longest streak of favorites to win since five in a row did so in the 1890s.

"He's really got some spring in his step this morning," Pletcher said.

The 49-year-old trainer and jockey John Velazquez won their second Derbies. Pletcher was still sorting through hundreds of congratulatory text messages, including ones from Hall of



AP Photo/Garry Jones

Kentucky Derby champion Always Dreaming watches all the activity outside his Barn 40 stall at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky., Sunday.

Fame basketball coach Lute Olson and Dallas Cowboys coach Jason Garrett.

No horse asserted his dominance in the winter prep races leading up to the 143rd Derby. As the winner, Always Dreaming certainly commands respect. However, the colt isn't scaring away the competition in the Preakness.

The field for the second leg of the Triple Crown is capped at 14 — six fewer than the Derby.

"There's not that much separation from this bunch of 3-year-olds right now, from what I can see, other than maybe the winner yesterday," said trainer Ken McPeck, who is pointing Lexington Stakes winner Senior

Investment toward the Preakness.

Among Always Dreaming's Derby rivals, second-place finisher Lookin At Lee and 13th-place Girvin are possible for the Preakness. If an issue with fourth-place Classic Empire's right eye clears up, he could join them.

Classic Empire got tangled by McCracken in the start of a chain-reaction collision and his eye was nearly closed shut on Sunday.

"I'd like another crack at everybody because he had a trip from hell," trainer Mark Casse said. "He looks a bit like Muhammad Ali after a rough night."

Southern California-based Royal Mo, who didn't get into the Derby, will run in the Preakness.

Warriors baseball gets first victory

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WARRENTON — It took 15 games and most of the regular season schedule, but win No. 1 is in the books for the Warrenton baseball team, which split a doubleheader with Portland Christian Friday at Huddleston Field.

The Royals won Game 1, 6-0, before the Warriors rallied for a 4-3 victory in Game 2, their first win of 2017.

"These kids haven't won a lot this year," said Warrenton coach Lennie Wolfe, referring to subpar seasons in football, wrestling and basketball. "So I'm real proud of them tonight."

"We're young, and they've been focused on this doubleheader all year long as a place where we could kind of reverse our fortunes," he said.

Warrenton had just four hits in the opener, but left runners stranded in every inning.

The Warriors only had four hits in Game 2 as well, but Warrenton managed to push runs across in the fourth and fifth, then scored two in the sixth to take the lead.

Devin Jackson gave up six hits, and struck out eight with two walks to pick up the complete game win. He completed all seven innings in 93 pitches.

"Devin threw a fantastic game," Wolfe said. "The real key was that he did a great job of maintaining his composure when he had runners on base."

In Game 2, Warrenton's Jake Morrow had a one-out double in the bottom of the sixth. Austin Little reached on a bunt with two strikes, and Kale'o Kapua walked to load the bases.

Derek Ham drew another walk to force in the tying run, and a sacrifice fly from Gabe Breitmeyer scored Little with the eventual game-winner.

Morrow — Warrenton's catcher in Game 2 — threw out a runner at third for a key out in the top of the seventh to help the Warriors close it out.

Another no-no for Blodgett; Royals walk 30

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WARRENTON — After two losses in two days, the Warrenton softball team bounced back with two easy wins Friday at home, with a 19-0, 20-0 doubleheader sweep over Portland Christian.

The Warriors scored in six of their eight at-bats, and collected 19 hits (seven for extra bases), with 30 walks and four hit batters. Warrenton improves to 5-4 in league, 15-5 overall, while the Royals fall to 0-16.

Warrenton had 13 hits in the opener, including five doubles. The Warriors also drew 10 walks, while the Royals committed seven errors.

The Warriors only had six hits in Game 2, but drew 20 walks and two hit batters, with the Royals committing five more errors.

Tyla Little had a home run, a double and five RBIs in the second game, and Niqui Blodgett threw her second no-hitter of the season in Game 1. Blodgett allowed just one hit in Game 2, as she finished with 17 strikeouts on the day, with just one walk.

Elaina Chinchilla had the lone hit for Portland Christian.