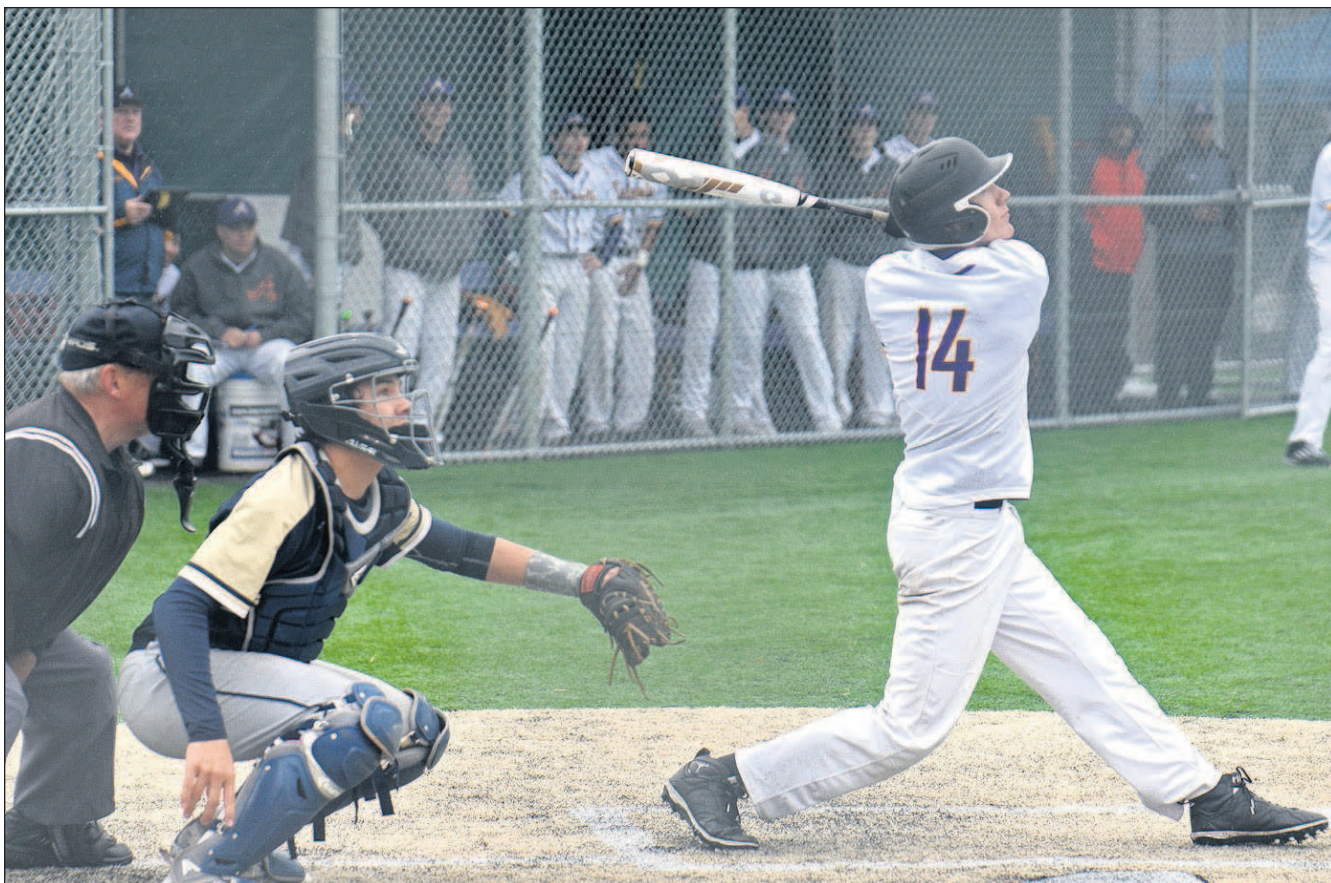


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Jason Gohl makes contact with a pitch for the Fishermen during Friday's game between Astoria and Banks.

## Banks, Astoria share Cowapa title

By GARY HENLEY  
*The Daily Astorian*

Considering that they were just 8-7 in league play a year ago, "Cowapa League co-champions" isn't such a bad title for the 2017 Astoria baseball program.

Still ... the Fishermen let a golden opportunity slip through their rain-soaked gloves Friday night at CMH Field, where Astoria was hosting Banks with the league title on the line.

The Fishermen entered with a one-game lead in the league standings, but when it was over, the Braves held a one-run lead on the scoreboard, 5-4.

"I'll tip my cap to Banks," said Astoria coach Dave Gasser. "They stole some runs from us, they had some timely hits, made a few big defensive plays, and their coach told me that (starting pitcher Dalton Renne) had the best command over his pitches that he's had all year."

And as a result of winning two-out-of-three vs. Astoria, the Braves will be the No. 1

seed out of the Cowapa and get a bye in the Regional Play-in round, while Astoria will host a game Thursday (opponent to be determined).

Banks set the tone early in Friday's game, as junior Gunnar Partain belted a solo home run to left, with the ball landing nearly 20 feet beyond the fence.

Two walks and two wild pitches later, a grounder by Jake Evans scored Hayden Vandehy to make it 2-0.

A ground rule double by Evans in the third inning plated Partain for a 3-0 advantage.

The Fishermen came charging back in the bottom of the third.

Three of the first four batters drew walks off Renne, with a ground-out by Samboy Tuimato scoring Trey Hageman with Astoria's first run.

The game was tied moments later, when Jasyn Gohl's base hit scored Ole Englund and Kyle Strange. Gohl was thrown out at third on the play.

Banks answered with a run in the fourth, Dakota Bunn

drawing a leadoff walk and scoring on a fielder's choice grounder by Justin Bral.

The defensive play of the game belonged to the Braves in the bottom of the fourth.

Tristin Wallace drew a leadoff walk, took second on a sacrifice bunt by Burke Matthews and advanced to third on Cade O'Brien's ground-out.

Hageman followed with a drive to deep left-center, where Bunn tracked it down and made the catch before colliding with the fence.

Renne pitched a solid six innings (114 pitches, four strikeouts, six walks), and retired the Fishermen in order in the fifth and sixth.

Bral took over in the seventh, and gave up another leadoff walk (Astoria's fourth). Two outs later, the Braves committed their second error on a throw to first, allowing Matthews to score, bringing Astoria to within a run.

But Bral held on, getting Fritz Fremstad to fly-out to shallow right field for the final out.

There were a combined 12 walks in the contest — not bad, considering that most of the game was played in a light- to heavy downpour.

"That's going to have an affect on anybody's control," Gasser said. "It's the worst conditions that I've ever seen to play a game in. But we were both here, there were no A.D.s and no other options ... Noah didn't come by with the ark, so we just decided to slog it out."

The Braves had the mob celebration after the final out, but the two teams will both get a trophy.

"We're still co-champs," Gasser said. "We'd love to have a bye, but we'll take it. Seventeen-and-5 (overall), the kids still get a trophy — that's quite an accomplishment for this senior group."

"Kyle Strange is playing with a steel rod in his leg; Fritz has been wearing an ankle brace all season; and Linky (Tyler Lyngstad) had a torn patella. We have guys that are just grinding it out."

## Knappa preps for league playoffs

*The Daily Astorian*

VERNONIA — Knappa traveled to Vernonia Friday, for a Northwest League softball doubleheader to close out the regular season.

Having already clinched first-place, Vernonia scored a 14-8, 19-3 sweep over Knappa.

Knappa finishes the regular season in third place, but

can still gain the league's No. 1 or 2 seed to the state playoffs, in the league playoffs Wednesday.

Knappa (6-6) opens against fourth-place Neah-Kah-Nie (2-10) at 3 p.m., at Pacific University. The winner will play Gaston for the No. 2 seed, and the winner of Game 2 will play league champion Vernonia for the No. 1 seed.

Knappa pitcher Madelynn Weaver allowed 14 hits in Friday's first game, with eight strikeouts and eight walks.

Paris Vanderburg was 3-for-4 at the plate, with a double. Kaitlyn Truax had a double and was intentionally walked three times.

Vernonia had 15 hits in Game 2, while Weaver had two hits for Knappa.

## Knappa sweeps 'Late Night at CMH'

*The Daily Astorian*

The No. 2-ranked Knappa baseball team closed out another league championship season with a doubleheader sweep Friday night, 13-3 and 14-3 over Vernonia.

The twinbill was part of a tripleheader at CMH Field (following Banks vs. Astoria), and even though Knappa won both games in five innings, the last pitch of Game 2 came at 11:58 p.m.

Despite the scores, Game 1 was tied 1-1 in the top of the fourth, and Vernonia held an early 2-0 lead in Game 2.

"It was nice to escape with both wins," said Knappa coach

Jeff Miller. "The games were definitely closer than the scores indicated."

Still, Knappa pitching was stellar, as Vernonia only scored two earned runs on the night.

Michal Goodman and Mason Hoover teamed up on a one-hitter in the opener, with Goodman pitching four innings.

Knappa snapped the 1-1 tie with nine runs in the bottom of the fourth.

Dale Takalo and Eli Takalo had three hits apiece as part of Knappa's 13-hit attack. Logan Bartlett, Hoover, Reuben Cruz and Jason Miller all had doubles, with Cruz also drawing three walks and scoring three runs.

Goodman and Hoover struck out eight with five walks. The only Vernonia hit came in the fifth.

Knappa had just seven hits in Game 2, taking advantage of seven walks and four hit batters.

Kaleb Miller and Eli Takalo allowed just three hits, with 10 strikeouts.

Hoover and Dale Takalo were each 2-for-3 with a double, while Jason Miller was 1-for-1, was hit by pitch three times, with three steals and four runs scored.

Before opening the state playoffs May 24, Knappa hosts Dayton for a nonleague game Tuesday.

## Gulls baseball team ends season with a victory

*The Daily Astorian*

SEASIDE — The Seaside Gulls saved their best for last, as they scored a 10-5 win over Scappoose in a Cowapa League baseball season finale Saturday afternoon at Broadway Field.

Seaside scored six runs in its first at-bat and finished with 11

hits, while senior Scott Plampin pitched a complete game to conclude his high school career.

He threw 103 pitches, allowing nine hits with seven strikeouts and no walks.

Gage McFadden led the offensive attack, going 3-for-4 with a run scored. Teammates Payton Westerholm and Otto Hoekstre had two hits apiece,

with Hoekstre adding a triple and two runs scored.

Leadoff hitter Duncan Thompson scored twice, and No. 9 hitter Ashton Boyd drove in two runs for the Gulls, who finish the season 7-15 overall, 4-11 in league.

Seaside loses just four seniors — Hoekstre, Plampin, Dylan Wallis and Brent Walsh.

## Dynasty right on track for Astoria girls

*The Daily Astorian*

ST. HELENS — The Astoria girls track team gave a sneak preview of what fans will likely see Friday and Saturday in Eugene — wins, wins and more wins for the Lady Fishermen.

The odds-on favorite to win another 4A state championship later this week at historic Hayward Field, the Lady Fish cruised to their third straight Cowapa League title Friday in St. Helens, where the Astoria girls racked up 177 points, ahead of second-place Scappoose (170). The competition began Thursday and wrapped up Friday.

In addition to the win for the Astoria girls, the Astoria boys scored 129 points to take second behind the Indians (162), with Seaside (110) third.

North Coast athletes won 17 of the 34 total events, and qualified even more athletes with second-place finishes.

"It was a great meet," said Astoria coach Garrett Parks. "We had some young kids who were a little shell-shocked on the big stage, but they came through and pulled it off."

"Seven points — Scappoose made it close with some incredible performances, and took it right down to the final events."

The Lady Fishermen still held the upper hand, winning seven of the 17 events.

Coming off a four-win performance at Gladstone's Baker Invitational, Astoria junior Darian Hageman again swept the jumps.

She highlighted her meet with a season-best in the pole vault, clearing 10-feet, 6-inches to win, and added victories in the long jump (16-10) and triple jump (37-3/4). She tied for first in the high jump with Valley Catholic's Kate McNaughton at 5-2.

Hageman heads to state as the defending state champion in the high jump, long jump and triple jump.

The Lady Fishermen also own the top sprinters in the Cowapa, and they're both from the same family.

Natalie Cummings won the 100-meters in 12.74 seconds, ahead of sister Gracie; and Gracie took the 200 meters in 26.73, ahead of Natalie (26.83). Both will contend for titles in their events at the state meet, where Natalie is the defending state champion in the 100.

"It was huge to get (the Cummings sisters) through," Parks said. "I was worried about Julia Clark of Valley Catholic knocking out one of the two in either race, which would have been huge for state."

As it was, Clark finished third in both races.

### UP NEXT: ASTORIA

**What:** 2017 OSAA Track and Field State Championships  
**Where:** Hayward Field in Eugene  
**When:** Friday-Saturday

In the relays, Astoria's foursome of Andrea Harris, Nara Van de Grift and the Cummings' sisters won the 400-meter relay in 51.08.

Elsewhere, sophomore Nara Van de Grift was a state qualifier in the 100-meter hurdles (second, 16.77).

Other Astoria state qualifiers included Shrida Sharma, second in the pole vault; and Kes Sandstrom, second in the discus.

The Seaside girls finished sixth in the team standings, with 50 points.

Gretchen Hoekstre provided the highlights, winning the shot put with a toss of 38 feet, 4 1/4 inches, and a personal best 123-8 to take the discus.

### Several boys to state

Meanwhile, the Astoria boys will send several athletes to state, including double-winner Tim Barnett in the discus (152-8) and shot put (49-9 1/2); and league champions Lucas Caruana in the 1,500 meters (4:11.74) and Michael Kee in the long jump (19-7, ahead of Seaside's Phoenix Johnson).

"We came in with high hopes for the boys," Parks said. "Michael Kee came out of nowhere to win the long jump; Lucas was real proud of his finish. I know he wanted to go in the 800, but it was incredibly tough with (Jacob)Godshalk from Valley Catholic and Jackson (Januik) from Seaside — those are probably the top two times in the state, and Lucas was a little tired coming off the 1,500."

The Seaside boys did most of their scoring on the track.

Januik, the two-time defending state champion in the 800 meters, ran a personal best 1:56.72 to win that event, where Januik held off the second-place Godshalk (1:57.89).

Senior Bradley Rzewnicki was a state qualifier in the 3,000-meters, taking second (9:07.13) behind John Kavulich of Scappoose.

In the hurdles, Will Garvin suffered a disqualification in the preliminaries of the 110-meters, but as always, he came back strong in the 300's, winning in a personal best time 41.13.

Senior Juneau Meyer qualified for state in the 400 meters (second, 51.53), and the Gulls added crucial points in the field with wins for Phoenix Johnson in the triple jump (40-3/4) and high jump (6-0), ahead of Astoria's Karsten Johnson (5-10).



Submitted Photo

For the third year in a row, the Astoria girls track team poses with another Cowapa League championship trophy.

## SCOREBOARD

### PRE SCHEDULE

**TODAY**  
**Baseball** — Warrenton vs. Clatskanie (at The Dalles), 11 a.m.

### BASEBALL

**Banks 5, Astoria 4**  
**Banks 201 100 0—5 3 2**  
**Astoria 003 000 1—4 3 2**  
 Renne, Bral (7) and Herb; Arnsdord, Fremstad (4), Englund (7) and Gohl. W: Renne. L: Arnsdorf. S: Bral. RBI: Banks, Evans 2, Partain, Bral, Bunn; Ast, Gohl 2, Tuimato. 2B: Banks, Evans; Ast, Gohl. HR: Banks, Partain. HBP: Banks, Partain. LOB: Banks 8, Astoria 4.

**Seaside 10, Scappoose 5**  
**Scappoose002030 0—5 9 4**  
**Seaside 601 210 x—1011 1**  
 Plampin and Walsh; Travis, Anicker (1), Searle (4) and Gill. W: Plampin. L: Travis. RBI: Scp, Rieman 2, Holmason, Gross; Sea, Boyd 2, McFadden, Plampin, Walsh, Blanchard, Hoekstre, Thompson, Meyer. 2B: Scp, Rieman; Sea, Thompson. 3B: Scp, Holmason; Sea, Hoekstre. HBP: Scp, Gross; Sea, Walsh, Blanchard, Thompson. LOB: Scappoose 5, Seaside 8. DP: Scappoose.

**Game 1**  
**Knappa 13, Vernonia 3**  
**Vernonia 000 12—3 1 2**  
**Knappa 100 93—13 13 2**  
 Cieloha, Morrison (4) and Everett; Goodman, Hoover (5) and K. Miller. W: Goodman. L: Cieloha. 2B: Kna, Bartlett, Hoover, Cruz, J.Miller.

**Game 2**  
**Knappa 14, Vernonia 3**  
**Vernonia 200 10—3 3 2**  
**Knappa 533 3x—14 7 1**  
 Johnson, Elliott (3), Harral (4) and Everett; K. Miller, E. Takalo (5) and Goozee. W: K. Miller. L: Johnson. 2B: Kna, Hoover, D.Takalo.

### TRACK

**Cowapa League Championships**  
**Girls Team: Astoria 177**, Scappoose 170, Valley Catholic 98, Tillamook 89, Banks 72, Seaside 50.  
**Boys Team: Scappoose 162**, Astoria 129, Seaside 110, Tillamook 96, Banks 87, Valley Catholic 72.