

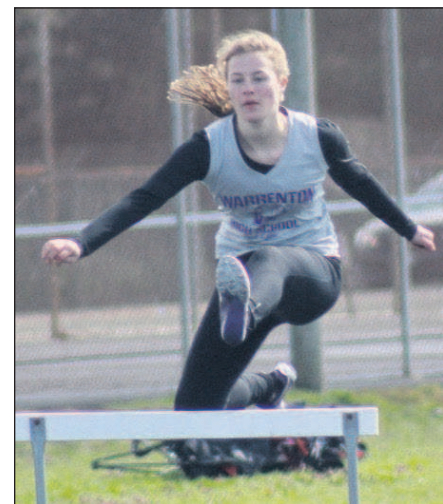
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ABOVE: Robert Pina-Morton finished second out of 17 runners in the 3,000 meters, qualifying for the state meet. **RIGHT:** Knappa's Devin Vandergriff qualified for this week's state meet in both the 400 and 800-meter races.



ABOVE: Warrenton freshman Kaisa Liljenwall won the 300 hurdles in last week's league championship meet. **LEFT:** Warrenton senior Tyler Whitaker scored big points for the Warriors in the league meet, and qualified for state in three different events.

Sapp wins triple jump for the Lady Loggers

The Daily Astorian

PORTLAND — Knappa had one district champion and two other state qualifiers, after competition last week in the Northwest League track and field championships, held at Portland Christian Friday and Saturday.

Senior Chelsea Sapp won the triple jump competition, soaring 29 feet, 3 inches to qualify for state, and help the Lady Loggers to a seventh-place team finish with 34 points. Neah-Kah-Nie won the girls' team title with 140 points, edging Faith Bible (138).

Elsewhere, Knappa senior Devin Vandergriff took second in the 400 meters with a season-best 1 minute, 3.26 seconds, behind Vernonia's Lene Jacobsen (1:03.07).

Vandergriff also qualified for state in the 800, placing second in 2:44.46.



Junior Ressa Inman had a PR toss of 29-9 for fourth in the shot put.

On the boys' side, Logger freshman Robert Pina-Morton placed second out of 17 runners in the 3,000 meters, qualifying for state with a personal best time of 9:55.45.

He was also fourth in the 1,500 meters, running a personal best 4:36.54. Teammate Cody Hobbs was seventh in the 3,000, eighth in the 1,500.

Senior Noah Gothro was fourth in the 100 meters (12.03) and fourth in the 200 meters (24.61); senior Noah Bagnall took fifth in the 800 meters (2:14.10); and freshman Spencer Teague placed fifth in the long jump (17-8) and cleared 5-6 for sixth in the high jump.

The Knappa boys also took seventh in the team standings, with Columbia Christian (117) clipping Faith Bible (114) for the championship.

Seven Warriors qualify for state track meet

The Daily Astorian

PORTLAND — The Warrenton track team will send seven athletes to Eugene later this week, after qualifying in last week's Lewis & Clark League championship meet, hosted by Portland Christian Friday and Saturday.

The Lady Warriors definitely specialize in the hurdles, as freshman Kaisa Liljenwall won the 300-meter hurdles and senior Taylor Owens placed second in the 100-meter hurdles, both securing spots in the state meet.

Liljenwall has the fourth-fastest time in the state at the 3A level, after running a personal best 48.57 seconds to win the 300's, and Owens' 17.56 was a career-best in the 100 hurdles.

Sophomore Fernanda Alvarez added a victory in the shot put — with freshman Faith Peterson taking third — to help the Warrenton girls place fifth in the team standings.

The winning toss by Alvarez in the shot put (33 feet, 3¾ inches) was a PR, as was the 29-9 posted by Peterson.

Portland Christian won the girls' team title with 116 points, followed by Catlin Gabel, De La Salle, Oregon Episcopal and the Warriors.

The Warrenton boys also finished fifth, behind Rainier, Catlin Gabel, Clatskanie and Portland Christian.

Freshman Mark Warren scored big points for the Warriors by winning the javelin with a personal best throw of 140-10. Senior Devin Bowser added a second-place finish in the discus (111-3) and a third-place showing in the shot put (39-10½).

Meanwhile, Warrenton's athlete of the meet was senior Tyler Whitaker, a double-winner in the jumps.

Whitaker soared 20-7½ (PR) to win the long jump; cleared 5-8 to place first the high jump; and went 40-1 to take second and qualify for state in the triple jump.

He added points by taking third in the pole vault (10-0). Whitaker is ranked sixth in the state in the long jump.

Senior Luke Liljenwall added a second-place finish in the 800 meters, qualifying for state with a 2:06.11.

OSAA TRACK AND FIELD STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Where: Hayward Field in Eugene • **When:** Friday-Saturday

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

Baseball — Astoria at Rainier, 4:30 p.m.

Softball — Warrenton vs. Clatskanie (2), at Hillsboro Stadium, 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Softball — NWL Playoffs (at Pacific U.); Neah-Kah-Nie vs. Knappa, 3 p.m.; Knappa vs. Gaston, 5 p.m.

TRACK

Lewis & Clark Championships
Girls Team: Portland Christian 116, Catlin Gabel 107, De La Salle 105, Oregon Episcopal 85, Warrenton 67, Clatskanie 66, Riverdale 57, Rainier 39.

Boys Team: Rainier 114, Catlin Gabel 104, Clatskanie 96, Portland Christian 82, Warrenton 79, Oregon Episcopal 76, De La Salle 66, Riverdale 38.

NWL Championships

Girls Team: Neah-Kah-Nie 140, Faith Bible 138, Nestucca 110, Vernonia 97, City Christian 52, Columbia Christian 47, Knappa 34, Delphian 26, Life Christian 2.

Boys Team: Columbia Christian 117, Faith Bible 114, Vernonia 100, Delphian 84, Neah-Kah-Nie 82, Nestucca 72, Knappa 49, City Christian 38.

BASEBALL

Game 1

Clatskanie 0, Warrenton 0
 Warrenton 000 000 0—0 2 4
 Clatskanie 101 240 x—8 9 2
 Morrow, Breitmeyer (3) and Breitmeyer, Morrow (3); Luquette, D.Evenson (4) and Cade Warren. W: Luquette. L: Morrow. RBI: Cla, Caleb Warren 2, Helmen 2, Luquette 2, F.Evenson, D.Evenson. 2B: Cla, Helmen 2, F.Evenson, D.Evenson, Combs. HBP: Cla, Bochner, Caleb Warren, Osborn. LOB: Warrenton 6, Clatskanie 11.

Game 2

Clatskanie 12, Warrenton 2
 Warrenton 002 00—2 3 4
 Clatskanie 300 72—12 15 2
 Jackson, Little (4) and Morrow; Helmen, Caleb Warren (3) and Cade Warren. W: Caleb Warren. L: Jackson. RBI: War, Breitmeyer; Cla, Cade Warren 3, D.Evenson 2, Sterba 2, Caleb Warren, Luquette, F.Evenson, Helmen, Patterson. 2B: Cla, Caleb Warren, Helmen, Cade Warren. 3B: Cla, Patterson. HBP: Cla, Caleb Warren 2, F.Evenson. LOB: Warrenton 5, Clatskanie 6. DP: Warrenton.

Celtics seeking validation against Cavaliers in East finals

By KYLE HIGHTOWER
 Associated Press

BOSTON — Ever since the Boston Celtics broke up their Big Three in 2013, they've sat idly this time of year while LeBron James, Stephen Curry and Kawhi Leonard have battled for NBA championships.

With Isaiah Thomas leading the charge, the Celtics have rejoined the fray. Now it's time to see if they belong.

Boston beat the Washington Wizards 115-105 in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference semifinals Monday night. That earned the Celtics their toughest test yet, maybe the hardest in basketball: a series against James and the well-rested Cleveland Cavaliers.

This is Boston's first trip to the conference finals since 2012, the last year of an era fueled by Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen. The top-seeded Celtics are seeking an 18th NBA championship, and first since beating the Los Angeles Lakers in the 2008 NBA Finals.

The defending champion Cavaliers won three of the four meetings between



AP Photo/Charles Krupa

Fans congratulate Boston Celtics guard Isaiah Thomas after Game 7 of a second-round NBA basketball playoff series on Monday in Boston.

the teams in the regular season, including a dominant victory in early April with the Cavs back at full strength after some early season injuries.

These Celtics aren't short on belief, though, and their confidence has been intensified by a postseason filled with

adversity. They rallied around Thomas following his sister's sudden death in the first round, coming back from an 0-2 deficit against the Chicago Bulls. Then Kelly Olynyk and the bench came up huge in Game 7 against the pesky Wizards.

Tiger sweep ends Warriors' season

The Daily Astorian

THE DALLES — The Clatskanie and Warrenton baseball teams both traveled to get their last league games in Monday.

Originally scheduled to be played at Clatskanie, the wet weather forced the Tigers and Warriors all the way to The Dalles, where Clatskanie swept a Lewis & Clark League doubleheader at Quinton Street Ballpark, 8-0 and 12-2.

The two losses brought an end to the season for Warrenton, while Clatskanie finishes third in the league standings behind Rainier and Catlin Gabel. The Tigers will host a league playoff

with Portland Christian.

Clatskanie pitchers Dustin Luquette and Dawson Evenson teamed up on a two-hitter in Game 1, striking out 15 with two walks.

Leadoff hitter Jacob Morrow had the only two hits for the Warriors, while James Helmen was 3-for-4 with two doubles for the Tigers. Luquette scored three runs.

Clatskanie scored three runs in the first inning of Game 2.

Warrenton answered with two runs in the top of the third, but the Tigers responded with a seven-run fourth inning.

Helmen again went 3-for-4 with a double, and teamed on the mound with

Caleb Warren to limit Warrenton to three hits.

The Warriors finish 1-17 overall.

"It's extremely disappointing on one hand, but we have reason to feel optimistic about this summer and next year," said Warrenton coach Lennie Wolfe.

"It was a difficult year for the Warrenton boys, but I'm proud of the guys who stuck it out for the entire season and how hard they competed," he said. "We had to ask some kids to step up and play at a higher level a lot sooner than they normally would (the Warriors had five freshmen, three sophomores and a junior in Monday's lineup)."

Zych saves Mariners in 6-5 win over A's

By JIM HOEHN
 Associated Press

SEATTLE — After expecting the night off, Tony Zych made the most of a surprise call in the ninth inning.

Nelson Cruz and Kyle Seager each hit a two-run homer, and Zych bailed out struggling closer Edwin Diaz with a game-ending strikeout with the bases loaded to preserve Seattle's 6-5 victory over the Oakland Athletics as the Mariners made the most of four hits on Monday.

Oakland scored twice in the ninth, when Diaz walked four of the five batters he faced to force in a run. Zych relieved, and the second run scored on Khris Davis' groundout. After an intentional walk to Yonder Alonso loaded the bases again, Zych struck out Adam Rosales looking on a 3-2 pitch for his first major league save.

"I knew it was close, and got excited when he called it," said Zych, who had 20 saves in the minors. "I've been a closer forever. You don't close here. We've got an unbelievable guy, Eddie, and obviously he was a little shaky tonight, but with his stuff, he'll be fine. It was special for me."

Diaz, who had 18 saves last season as a rookie after moving into the closer's role on Aug. 1, gave up the game-winning home run Sunday in a 3-2 loss at Toronto, where the Mariners were swept four straight.

UP NEXT: MARINERS

• Oakland Athletics (16-22) at Seattle Mariners (18-21)
 • Today, 7:10 p.m.
 TV: NSCA, RTNW