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Tigers sweep Warrior girls

The Daily Astorian

HILLSBORO — Clatskanie's Olivia Warren had three doubles and two home runs on the day, and teammate Maris Jackson drove in four runs with a double and a triple in Game 2, helping the Tigers score a 7-2, 9-6 sweep over Warrenton.

The Lewis & Clark League softball doubleheader was played at Hillsboro Stadium.

Clatskanie's two wins forced a three-way tie in the league standings (Clatskanie, Portland Adventist and Warrenton, all 6-6), so the three teams held a drawing, with Portland Adventist drawing the No. 2 slot, Warrenton No. 3 and Clatskanie No. 4.

Clatskanie will play Warrenton again Thursday (3:30 p.m., Hillsboro Stadium), with the winner to play Portland Adventist immediately following for the No. 2 seed to state.

Clatskanie jumped on the scoreboard early in Tuesday's opener, scoring a run in the first and three in the second.

The Tigers tacked on three runs in the fifth before the Warriors scored their lone two runs in the sixth.

Clatskanie pitcher MacKenzie Mitchell scattered four hits, with six strikeouts and two walks. She finished the game in just 87 pitches.

Clatskanie had seven hits off Warrenton pitcher Niqui Blodgett in Game 1, which included a 4-for-4 effort by Warren, who had two doubles and a home run, scored three times and drove in three runs.

The Warriors bounced back and held a 3-0 lead after a half-inning of Game 2, and added runs in each of the next two innings for a 6-3 lead.

But Clatskanie answered with one run each in the third and fourth, then scored two in the fifth and two in the sixth.

Seven different players had hits for the Tigers in Game 2, with Jackson (4-for-4, four RBIs) leading the way. Warren was 3-for-3 with a home run and three runs scored.

Blodgett pitched both games, finishing with 13 strikeouts and seven walks on the day.

Landree Miethe had two triples in Game 1, with a double, two runs scored and four stolen bases in the second game.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

Softball — NWL Playoff: Neah-Kahn vs. Knappa, 3 p.m.; Knappa vs. Gaston, TBA

THURSDAY

Softball — 4A Regional Play-in: Astoria at North Bend, 4 p.m.; Lewis & Clark Playoff: Clatskanie vs. Warrenton (at Hillsboro Stadium), 3:30 p.m.

Track — 3A/2A/1A OSAA State Meet, Eugene, TBA

FRIDAY

Baseball — 4A Regional Play-in: Gladstone at Astoria, 5 p.m.

Track — 6A-1A OSAA State Meet, Eugene, TBA

SATURDAY

Track — 6A/5A/4A OSAA State Meet, Eugene, TBA

SOFTBALL

Game 1

Tigers 7, Warriors 2
Warrenton 000 002 0—2 4 2
Clatskanie 130 030 x—7 7 0

WP: MacKenzie Mitchell (5 K's, 2 walks). LP: Niqui Blodgett (7 K's, 5 walks). RBI: War, Miethe, Bue; Cla, Warren 3, Hamm, Jackson, Lindblom. 2B: Cla, Warren 2, Hamm. 3B: War, Miethe 2. HR: Cla, Warren. HBP: Cla, Hamm. LOB: Warrenton 3, Clatskanie 8.

Game 2

Tigers 9, Warriors 6
Warrenton 312 000 0—6 3 1
Clatskanie 301 122 x—9 15 2

WP: MacKenzie Mitchell (2 K's, 1 walk). LP: Niqui Blodgett (5 K's, 2 walks). RBI: War, Duncan 2, Dyer, Miethe; Cla, Jackson 4, Hamm, Warren, Lindblom, Schwartz. 2B: War, Miethe; Cla, Hamm, Jackson, Warren. 3B: Cla, Jackson, Lindblom. HR: Cla, Warren. LOB: Warrenton 5, Clatskanie 7. DP: Warrenton.



Jewell's Sean Hinson took fifth in the javelin, and won the discus event in last week's Casco/Valley 10 district track meet. Jewell qualified three athletes for the 1A state meet in Eugene.

Jewell tracksters qualify for 1A state track meet

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The Jewell girls finished fifth and the Blue Jay boys took sixth in the team standings, in last week's Casco League/Valley 10 district track championships at Portland Christian.

Jewell qualified three athletes for the 1A state meet, which begins Thursday at Historic Hayward Field in Eugene.

In a district dominated by private schools, Damascus Christian won the girls' team title for the Casco/Valley 10 district, ahead of St. Stephen's Academy, Falls City, Southwest Christian and Jewell.

Southwest Christian won the boys' team championship, in front of Damascus Christian, North Clackamas Christian, Falls City, Oregon School for the Deaf and Jewell.

The Jewell boys had one individual champion, as senior Sean Hinson won the discus with a toss of 120 feet, 7 inches. He took fifth in the javelin (138-6).

Junior Ben Stahly added points by taking third in

UP NEXT: JEWELL

What: OSAA Track and Field State Championships
Where: Hayward Field in Eugene
When: Thursday-Friday

the 100 meters, fourth in the 200 meters and third in the pole vault (a personal best 9-6); junior Thomas Meehan placed fourth in the 1,500 meters and fourth in the 3,000 meters, in a career-best time of 10 minutes, 15.19 seconds.

On the girls' side, Jewell's Gabi Morales was a state qualifier in two events, as the junior won the 300-meter hurdles in 50.49, and ran a personal best 17.48 for second in the 100-meter hurdles.

Jewell sophomore Lily Kaczynski was one of just two competitors in the pole vault, and qualified for state by clearing 7-0 for second-place.

Junior Emma Guillen was fourth in the discus (77-8), fifth in the shot put (26-11½) and fifth in the javelin (76-0).

Favorite Cavs open East finals on road vs. underdog Celtics

By KYLE HIGHTOWER
 Associated Press

BOSTON — The Celtics are heading to the Eastern Conference finals with the No. 1 seed and home court advantage. But they are still very much underdogs to the defending champion Cleveland Cavaliers.

That's because throughout this season the conversation hasn't so much been about which team would come out of the East, as much as how much resistance any team could offer the Cavs.

So far it hasn't been much, with Cleveland posting back-to-back sweeps in the first two rounds.

After waiting more than a week for an opponent, the Cavs have their latest challenger. It's a Boston team that many wrote off after the Celtics fell into a 0-2, first-round hole against the Bulls.

Now, fresh off a Game 7 semifinal win over the Washington Wizards, the Celtics in many ways find themselves playing with house money as they prepare to host a LeBron James-led Cleveland team carrying all the expectations into today's Game 1 in Boston.

"We've been counted out since I've been here, so it's nothing new," Celtics guard Isaiah Thomas said. "We're not really focused on the outside noise and what they think we're going to... We're just going to take care of business as we go."

That's easier said than done.



AP Photo/Tony Dejak

Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James (23) drives past Boston Celtics' Jae Crowder (99) in the second half of an NBA basketball game, in Cleveland on March 5. Crowder is expected to be the primary defender on James in the Eastern Conference Finals.

Boston has yet to beat the Cavs this season with Cleveland at full strength. The Celtics' lone victory came on March 1, with Kevin Love out after minor left knee surgery. Cleveland won the other games by a combined 35 points, including a 114-91 romp on April 5.

Still, James respects not only the

Celtics, but also their winned history. "There's only two winning franchises in the history of the game, the Lakers and the Celtics," James said. "Just respect that and look out up in the stands and see the banners, see the jerseys retired and things of that nature. You respect what the history has created at that point."

A's rally with five in ninth to beat Mariners

By TIM BOOTH
 Associated Press

SEATTLE — Matt Joyce hit a two-run homer and Mark Canha added a three-run shot in a five-run ninth inning that rallied the Oakland Athletics to a 9-6 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Tuesday night.

Oakland squandered a 4-1 lead thanks to a key two-run error in the seventh and Kyle Seager's solo home run in the eighth that gave Seattle a 5-4 lead. But with a struggling Edwin Diaz removed from the closer role earlier in the day, Steve Cishek was asked to get the final three outs for the Mariners in just his second appearance of the season.

Cishek (0-1) was unable to finish the job, giving up a leadoff single to Rajai Davis and watching Joyce hit his fifth homer of the year to give Oakland the lead. Mark Rzepczynski took over and allowed Canha's first homer on a 3-2 pitch.

The decision to let Cishek face the left-handed-hitting Joyce was debatable, with Rzepczynski warming up in the bullpen. Lefties began the day 1 for 24 against Rzepczynski this season, but it was the right-handed-hitting Canha that provided the knockout blow with a drive to left-center that bounced off the top of the wall and over.

Ryan Madson (1-3) got the win despite giving up Seager's homer.

Seattle's rally started an inning earlier when third baseman Ryon Healy's error on a potential inning-ending double play allowed two runs to score. Seattle loaded the bases with one out and Carlos Ruiz chopped a slow grounder to third. Healy shuffled to his left, but the grounder slid past his glove, between his legs and into left field to score a pair.

Jean Segura followed with a grounder to shortstop, and Oakland appeared to turn a double play that time. But after a replay review, Segura was ruled safe at first and Jarrod Dyson scored to make it 4-all.

Healy hit a 443-foot home run into the second deck in left field off Seattle starter Chase De Jong to give Oakland an early 2-1 lead, and the A's led 4-1 going to the seventh thanks largely to starter Andrew Triggs, who permitted only four hits.

UP NEXT: MARINERS

• Oakland Athletics (17-22)
 at Seattle Mariners (18-22)
 • Today, 7:10 p.m.
 TV: RTNW, NSCA

Mowins to be first woman to call NFL since 1987

Associated Press

BRISTOL, Conn. — ESPN has tapped Beth Mowins to call the second part of a season-opening "Monday Night Football" doubleheader in September, making her the first woman

to do play-by-play duties on an NFL game in 30 years.

The network says Mowins will team with former NFL Coach Rex Ryan when the Los Angeles Chargers visit the Denver Broncos on Sept. 11.

Mowins joined ESPN in 1994 and has called college football for the network since 2005. She has also done play-by-play for locally broadcast preseason Oakland Raiders games.



Beth Mowins