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Tough end to a good season for Lady Warriors

The Daily Astorian

ST. HELENS — The Clatskanie softball team certainly had the right number against the Warrenton Warriors this week.

For the third time in three days, the Tigers defeated the Warriors in a crucial Lewis & Clark League showdown.

In the latest game, a loser-out league playoff Thursday at St. Helens, Clatskanie had two big innings on its way to a 9-4 win over the Warriors.

In a three-way tie-breaker between Clatskanie, Portland Adventist and Warrenton, Clatskanie came out the big winner, advancing to the state playoffs with wins Thursday over the

Warriors and Portland Adventist.

Against Warrenton, Clatskanie pitcher MacKenzie Mitchell allowed five hits with five strikeouts and two walks, while the Warriors committed seven errors, which led to four unearned runs.

The Tigers grabbed an early lead with one run in the first and three in the top of the third, before Warrenton scored three times in the bottom of the third, highlighted by singles from Kenz Ramsey and Landree Miethe, and a run-scoring double by Niqui Blodgett. Melia Kapua singled later in the inning to score Blodgett, and Rachel Dyer scored on an error.

Clatskanie answered with a run in the fourth and four in the top of the

fifth, as the Tigers scored on a bases-loaded walk and consecutive singles by Olivia Warren and Sage Miller with the bases loaded.

Warren finished 2-for-4 with two runs and two RBIs, with a solo home run in the first inning, her third home run of the week against Warrenton. Miethe was 2-for-3 with a triple, while the rest of the Warrior lineup was just 3-for-24. Blodgett was 1-for-4 with a double and drove in a run.

“It was one of the most rewarding and disappointing seasons I have ever had,” said Warrenton coach Staci Miethe, whose team started with an 8-0 record and finished 16-8. “We doubled our wins from last year,

which was amazing. I am proud of the softball players the girls have become.

“However, we had such high expectations with valid reason, so having it end in such an abrupt and honestly unexpected way is something I will carry with me for a long time,” she said.

On the other hand, “With only one senior, next year looks bright and I will once again set our goals high. And with the experience they gathered this year, I believe we will reach them.”

The lone senior was her daughter, Landree.

She graduates as the school record-holder in several categories, including single season and career hits; sin-

gle season and career batting average; and single season and career stolen bases.

“Her leadership this year with the freshman will carry over, and I know they will all work together to fill that gap nicely as sophomores,” coach Miethe said. “We have Niqui back for one more year, and because she works hard every summer on her travel team, she will come back for her senior season ready to dominate.”

“We just need to figure out how to expect to win in the post-season,” she said. “It’s a culture I am working very hard at changing ... the culture of ‘we are good enough.’ I’m certain next year you will see a team that will not be satisfied with just ‘good enough.’”

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Bulldogs blank the Lady Fish

The Daily Astorian

NORTH BEND — For the second year in a row, the Astoria softball team came up one win short of the state playoffs.

North Bend pitcher Cheyenne Datan tossed a no-hitter, helping the Bulldogs to a 10-0 win over the Lady Fishermen in a Class 4A Regional Play-in game Thursday at North Bend.

The No. 9-ranked Bulldogs (18-7 overall) advance to the state playoffs for the first time ever, while Astoria finishes 11-14.

Datan allowed only two base runners, both in the first inning.

Hailey Ranta was hit by a pitch and Abi Danen drew a walk to put two runners on with one out, before Datan was able to get out of the jam.

Datan finished with 10 strikeouts and retired every Astoria batter in order for the remainder of the game.

Meanwhile, North Bend pounded out 15 hits and scored three or more runs in four at-bats.

Every player in the Bulldog lineup had a hit and six players scored runs for North Bend. No. 9 hitter Hannah Robison was 3-for-3 and teammate Carlie Paquette was 2-for-3 with three RBIs and a home run. Maddie Finnigan had a two-run double and Mekenzie Brock added a triple in the first inning, helping the Bulldogs to a quick 3-0 lead.

STATE TRACK

Whitaker takes fifth in long jump

The Daily Astorian

EUGENE — The North Coast has its first point-scorer of the 2017 OSAA state track meet, as Warrenton’s Tyler Whitaker finished fifth in the 3A long jump competition Thursday at Hayward Field.

Whitaker’s best jump of the day was 19 feet, 11¼ inches. Scott Labhart of La Pine won the event (22-7¼).

Knappa’s Robert Pina-Morton finished 11th in the 2A 3,000-meter final, in 10 minutes, .03 seconds.

Finals in the 1A, 2A and 3A classes conclude today, with preliminary action beginning for 4A, 5A and 6A athletes.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

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

Clatskanie 9, Warrenton 4
Clatskanie 103 140 0—9 10 2
Warrenton 003 010 0—4 5 7
 WP: MacKenzie Mitchell (5 K’s, 2 walks). LP: Niqui Blodgett (1 K, 5 walks).
 RBI: Cla, Miller 2, Warren 2, Mitchell, Hamm; War, Blodgett, Kapua. 2B: Cla, Hamm; War, Blodgett. 3B: War, Miethe.
 HR: Cla, Warren. LOB: Clatskanie 10, Warrenton 4.

HOMETOWN REPORT



Submitted Photo

Seaside High graduate Cameron Sorter had a busy week, setting school records for the York College track team. The junior broke three records for the Nebraska college this month.

School record for Sorter; a (Nick) Strange victory

By GARY HENLEY
The Daily Astorian

CRETE, Neb. — Seaside High graduate Cameron Sorter (Class of 2014) is a new school record-holder for the York College track team.

Sorter, a junior at the Nebraska college, broke the school record — three times over the last month — in the 1,500 meters. He also set a new York College record in the 800 meters.

Running in the recent Jim Dutcher Memorial Classic track meet April 23, the former Gull finished fourth in 4 minutes, 9 seconds, a new record for the Panthers.

He broke his own school record in the next meet, finishing third in 4:05.27 in the KCAC Championships, May 4-5 at McPherson (Kan.) College.

And last week, Sorter ran even faster, finishing in 4:04.01 to place 12th in the 1,500 final at the NCCAA (National Christian College Athletic Association) Championships in Shawnee, Okla.

The same weekend, he ran a 1:56.50 in the 800, failing to qualify for the final, but setting a new school record.

In other news involving local athletes, Astoria’s Nick Strange picked up the win on the mound last week for Tacoma Community College in Washington, in a 6-5 victory over Lower Columbia College, as the two NWAC teams split a doubleheader in Longview, Wash.

Strange allowed two hits with two strikeouts in two innings.

A sophomore with the Titans, Strange is 2-2 this season. He has a 2.94 ERA with 10 strikeouts, four walks and 15 hits allowed in 13 appearances.

Local athletes competing at the professional or collegiate levels this spring:

ASTORIA

Conor Harber, Carolina Mudcats
 Halie Korff, Fr., Western Oregon track
 Nick Strange, So., Tacoma CC baseball
 Kelsey Wullger, Fr., Highline softball

SEASIDE

Josh Chesnut, So., NW Christian track
 Sam Hinton, So., Willamette golf
 Paige Ideue, Fr., Centralia softball
 Cam Sorter, Jr., York College track
 Danielle Willyard, Fr., NW Christian track
 Kelly Willyard, So., NW Christian track

KNAPPA

Devin Lewis-Allen, So., Eastern Oregon track

ILWACO

Kenneth Sheldon, So., Willamette golf
 Clark Wilson, Sr., Willamette golf
 (Both golfers recently earned second-team All-NWC honors)

NASELLE

Taylor Eaton, Fr., Lower Columbia softball

Athletes from regional schools:

Banks

Kindel Bailey, So., Oregon State track
 Lucas Hidalgo, Fr., Eastern Oregon track
 Amy Hilger, Jr., Oregon State track
 MaKenna Partain, Fr., U. of Minnesota softball
 Madison Seed, So., Clark softball
 Tiffany Snyder, So., Blue Mountain CC softball
 Eric Sommerfeld, Fr., Chemeketa baseball
 Hannah Vandomelen, So., Clackamas CC softball

Clatskanie

Codi Blodgett, So., Western Oregon track

Nestucca

Max Kirkendall, So., Pacific golf

Rainier

Jessica Gibson, So., Lower Columbia softball
 Sarah Probasco, Fr., Colorado Christian softball

Scappoose

Kendal Bailey, Fr., Chemeketa softball
 Stephen Gift, So., Pacific track
 Kenny Klippel, Jr., Western Oregon track
 Owen Parsons, Fr., Tacoma CC baseball
 Allison Wedgworth, So., Blue Mountain CC softball

Tillamook

Colin Atchison, Jr., George Fox track
 Valley Catholic

Letters-of-intent (spring sports)

Astoria
 Jackson Arnsdorf, Corban baseball
 Natalie Cummings, Portland State track
 Abi Danen, Highline softball
 Fridtjof Fremstad, Linn-Benton baseball
 Tyler Lyngstad, Lower Columbia baseball

Seaside

Juneau Meyer, NW Christian track
 Brad Rzewnicki, Gonzaga track

Warrenton

Landree Miethe, Lower Columbia softball
 Ilwaco

Ilwaco

Zac Tapio, George Fox baseball

Banks

Emma McCourt, Yakima Valley softball
 Katie Ragsdale, Clackamas CC softball
 Mary Schorn, Clark softball

Rainier

Kami Gray, Lower Columbia softball
 Mason Schimmel, Clackamas CC baseball

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Mariners blow lead, rally in 9th to beat White Sox

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Jarrod Dyson needed every bit of his speed to get into scoring position. Guillermo Heredia’s clutch hit allowed Dyson a chance to jog home with winning run.

Heredia’s pinch-hit, two-out single in the ninth inning scored Dyson from second base to give the Seattle Mariners a 5-4 win over the Chicago White Sox on Thursday night.

Seattle’s bullpen squandered a 4-0 lead giving up three late home runs to the White Sox. But the Mariners were able to piece together a late rally that was highly reliant on Dyson’s speed and Heredia’s hit.

“A little bit of everything. That’s kind of what we need right now. Everybody has to chip in one way or another,” Seattle manager Scott Servais said.

Facebook to stream MLB game Fridays, starting today

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Baseball fans can like their team’s games with a click starting today.

Major League Baseball announced Facebook will carry a live game nationally each Friday starting with Colorado at Cincinnati this week. The Facebook package of 20 games will use the broadcast feed of one of the involved teams.

Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred made the announcement Thursday. He calls it “really important for us in terms of experimenting with a new partner in this area.”

The Twitter feed of a game each Friday, which started April 7, will be moved to Tuesdays.

Play ball ... faster! MLB, union to meet to speed games

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Acknowledging that games have gotten even slower this season, Commissioner Rob Manfred says MLB will meet with players in an attempt to find a solution.

The average time of a nine-inning game is a record 3 hours, 5 minutes this season, up from 3 hours last year and 2:56 in 2015, Manfred’s first season as commissioner.

“We’ve probably gone backwards a little bit,” Manfred said Thursday after an owners’ meeting.

Management proposed making changes for this year, such as installing pitch clocks and limiting trips to the mound by catchers, but players’ association head Tony Clark said his side would not agree. Management can implement changes unilaterally with one year advance notice.