

Dynasty: Astoria girls win with 57 points

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Suddenly, the Pirates were leading the team chase by eight points.

But while Phoenix was piling up points on the track, Astoria junior Darian Hageman was wrapping up a stellar performance on the runways. She was the start-to-finish winner of the triple jump, putting in her best mark of 38-feet-5.5-inches on her final attempt to score 10 points and put the Fishermen on top to stay.

"It was a full team effort, and we had a lot of stuff line up for us today, the triple jump just happened to be the last straw that put us over the top," Hageman said. "I hadn't jumped 38 all year, and it was the end of the meet where you usually have tired legs, but I felt really good. That last jump was great — going 38 has been my goal all year."

Hageman had six of the top seven marks of the competition.

She finished the meet with 31 team points, clearing 5-4 on her first try to win the high jump on Friday. Hageman also took second in the long jump (17-4.5) on Friday and was sixth in the pole vault during early action Saturday.

Astoria secured the team championship about 15 minutes later when the Cummings sisters returned to the podium in the 200 where Natalie came in third and Gracie took eighth.

Astoria won the meet with 57 points, while Phoenix and Molalla tied for second with 48 apiece.

Caruana takes second place in 1,500

On the boys side, Astoria senior Lucas Caruana was the pacesetter the entire way in the 1,500-meter final with a revolving door of contenders taking turns chasing his heels. He broke to front off the gun and found himself a stride ahead of a tightly bunched pack after the first lap. By the halfway point of the race, North Bend teammates Michael Brown and George LaGessee were working



Astoria's Gracie Cummings gets the baton away to Andrea Harris on the first exchange during the Fishermen's win in the 400-meter relay to start the racing finals Saturday.

in tandem in his shadow, and by the bell Caruana was two strides ahead of John Kavulich of Scappoose.

"I wanted to stay at the front and try to spread out the pack in that second lap," Caruana said. "I felt pretty comfortable most of the way, then that last lap got a lot faster and that's where it got tough."

Caruana matched a surge by Kavulich on the corner to maintain his lead heading down the backstretch. The Scappoose runner faded back into the pack — one challenged fended off.

Up next was Brown out of North Bend, who pulled up onto his shoulder to start the final corner. Caruana shifted

gears once more to maintain inside position on the turn. Coming off the corner, he took a quick glance over his shoulder.

"I saw Michael coming up on me, and I tried to pick it up — I wanted to win it really bad," Caruana said.

Brown pulled up alongside in lane 2, and the racers sprinted side-by-side the final 100 meters to the finish line.

"We hit the line and I knew I didn't have it," Caruana said.

Brown squeezed in front and leaned through the line in 4:06.87 — 0.05 hundredths ahead of Caruana.

Astoria also got points from Tim Barnett, who was third in the shot put and discus.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Beavers set Pac-12 record

CORVALLIS — Top-ranked Oregon State defeated Washington State 14-3 on Sunday to set the Pac-12 record for most baseball league wins in a season with 27.

The Beavers (45-4, 27-3) topped the mark of 26 conference victories set by Arizona State in 1981.

Drew Rasmussen made his second start and fourth appearance since having Tommy John surgery, allowing three hits in 5 2/3 for the win. Rasmussen has allowed one earned run in his 11 2/3 innings.

Triple Crown not in play

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Cloud Computing stole the Preakness, and any hope of a Triple Crown in the Belmont Stakes.

The 13-1 shot did it on six weeks' rest, having skipped the 20-horse roughhouse that is the Kentucky Derby even though he had enough points to get in that race. With another three weeks until the Belmont in New York, Cloud Computing could return to run on his home track.

Bradley, Celtics stun Cavaliers

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Leprechauns are imaginary. Celtic pride is very real.

Avery Bradley's 3-pointer danced on the rim and dropped with less than a second left and Boston, blown out in the first two games of the Eastern Conference finals and playing without star Isaiah Thomas, stunned the Cleveland Cavaliers 111-108 on Sunday night in Game 3 to end the champions' 13-game postseason winning streak.

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you know they're going to do well. And one of those things is that they're going to have a really good pitcher with a great breaking ball.

"And their kid (senior Logan Saltares) was hard for our kids to pick up," Gasser said. "He was changing speeds really well, and he was just wild enough not to get comfortable against."

Saltares allowed seven hits, with four strikeouts and four walks.

Gladstone scored first, Matthew Lehrbach sprinting home on a ground-out RBI by Derek Lee in the top of the first.

Later in the first, Saltares had an infield single, but was stranded at second.

After that, Arnsdorf was virtually untouchable over the next four innings, retiring 13 in a row.

But with Astoria unable to score, Gladstone's Tyler Meyers reached on an error to start the sixth, and scored on a single by Lee for a 2-1 lead.

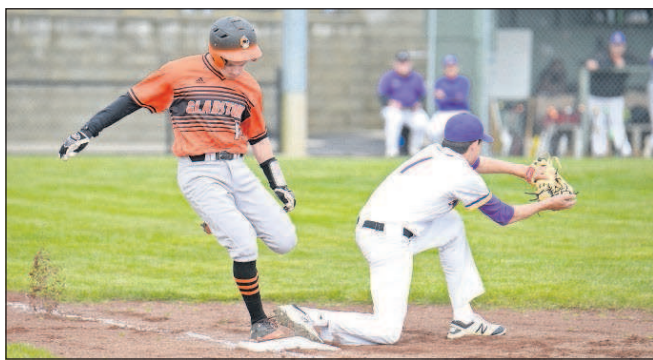
With the Fishermen facing the end of their season — and Gasser facing the end of his career — Olaf Englund reached on a line drive off the first baseman's glove with one out in the bottom of the seventh.

And with Astoria down to its final out, Kyle Strange delivered a first-pitch single to right field, scoring Englund with the game-tying run.

The Gladiators were able work their way out of the seventh, as the game went to the eighth inning, tied 2-2.

But the writing was on the wall for Gladstone — there was no way the Fishermen were going to let this one get off the hook. Astoria outthrew, outpitched and outplayed the Gladiators in just about every phase of the game.

So, in the bottom of the



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Astoria first-basemen Burke Mathews gets the out for the Fishermen during Friday's game against Gladstone.

eighth, Astoria's Tristin Wallace was hit by a pitch, took second on a sacrifice bunt, then scored the game-winner on a walk-off error, as the Gladiators threw the ball away on a bunt by Cade O'Brien with two outs.

Astoria had seven hits (to Gladstone's three), and the Fishermen stranded 10 base runners (to Gladstone's three). But four big errors by the Gladiators ultimately proved to be the difference, leading to two unearned runs for the Fishermen.

"I love the way we competed," Gasser said. "We're down to our last out, and Kyle coming through is not strange. No pun intended. He's been doing that all year, knocking in runs and hitting line drives when we need 'em."

Arnsdorf picked up the well-earned victory, as the senior tossed a three-hitter and threw just 88 pitches over his eight innings. He struck out four, with no walks.

"The first inning was a little rough, and coach (Ralph Steinback told me a couple things, that I needed to focus on the team, and reminded me 'what's important now,'" Arnsdorf said. "I knew we were going to get some runs. I kept thinking, 'it's gonna happen, it's gonna happen.' We

finally got one, and that just gave me more motivation."

After throwing 20 pitches in the first inning, Arnsdorf averaged just over nine pitches per inning after that.

"That was super-key," he said. "I think I had quite a bit left in the tank."

And the pitch that was working best for Arnsdorf was "the fastball," he said. "We were playing good ol' country hardball today."

Gasser added, "I love the way Jackson settled down, and the way we played defense. That we could struggle at the plate and all that stuff, focusing on what we did to win it, we played top-notch defensive baseball, and had a pitcher who settled down and threw beautifully. We had five three-up, three-down innings."

The Gladiators had the leadoff runner on base just twice over eight innings, while the Fishermen had the leadoff runner reach base six out of eight times.

Astoria also loaded the bases with no outs in the bottom of the fourth, but failed to score.

"We're going to bring a voodoo doll or something, and bring it out when we have the bases loaded," Gasser said. "We need to figure out what to do."



Astoria's Lucas Caruana led through most of the 1,500-meter race before being edged down the stretch and coming in second 0.05 hundredths off the lead.

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