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Gulls split twinbill with Glencoe

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SEASIDE — Seaside bounced back from a 10-0 loss in Game 1, with a dramatic 8-7 win in Game 2 Saturday, in a Junior Baseball doubleheader with Glencoe on a scorching hot Broadway Field.

Alex Teubner pitched a strong 2 1/3 innings to pick up the Game 2 victory, and the Gulls rallied from a 7-3 deficit after four innings.

After tying the game at 7-7, Seaside's Jake Black had a single to start the bottom of the eighth inning, and pinch-runner Brayden Johnson raced home on a sacrifice fly by Payton Westerholm for the walk-off win.

McMinnville sweeps

McMINNVILLE — McMinnville rallied from an early 6-2 deficit in the first game, and scored a pair of runs late in Game 2, for an 11-7, 4-3 sweep over Seaside Thursday in Junior Baseball action.

Seaside had 10 hits in Game 1, to eight for McMinnville. A triple by Duncan Thompson in the first inning scored a run, and helped the Gulls build a 6-3 lead through four innings.

McMinnville scored five runs in the fifth to take the lead, then tacked on three in the sixth.

Gage McFadden, Dawson Blanchard and Thompson had two hits apiece for Seaside. The Gulls had five extra-base hits, including doubles for Brayden Johnson, Payton Westerholm and McFadden; and triples by Blanchard and Thompson.

Alex Teubner had two stolen bases, while Johnson started on the mound and allowed five hits with four walks and three strikeouts.

Game 2 was another near-win for the Gulls, who led 3-2 going into the bottom of the seventh, when McMinnville scored twice to win.

Blanchard had two of Seaside's four hits.

Warriors score win over Kennedy

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WARRENTON — The Warrenton Junior Baseball summer team went 1-2 in a three-game series with Kennedy over the weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Huddleston Field.

In Friday's first game, Kennedy scored seven runs over the first two innings, and took advantage of six Warrenton errors.

Dalton Knight and Austin Little had two hits apiece for the Warriors, who bounced back with a 5-1 victory Saturday morning.

Knight recorded the win on the mound, allowing four hits with seven strikeouts, while the Warriors had seven hits of their own.

Kennedy won Sunday's game, 7-2.

"The big thing for us is that we played error-free defense in the second and third games," said Warrenton coach Lennie Wolfe. "We're improving — we're just paying our dues right now at the plate. (Saturday's game) looked like a return to Warrenton baseball — bunts, small ball and running the bases."

Knight had five hits in the three games, while Duane Falls hit safely in each game. Jake Morrow returned to the lineup and had a double for Warrenton, which is scheduled to host a doubleheader with Seaside, 4 p.m. Thursday.

The Warriors will also host their fifth annual Alumni Game, July 1 at Huddleston Field.

At least 40 former Warriors will be taking part. The day will feature raffles and a Home Run Derby sponsored by Fultano's, with action starting at noon.

Astoria Ford holds off Knappa, 4-3

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A Clatsop Clash that always brings out the fans took place Sunday afternoon at Aiken Field, where the Astoria Ford Fishermen hosted Knappa for a Junior Baseball contest.

And a young Astoria squad won its third straight, as Will Reed drove in the game-winning run in the bottom of the sixth inning for a 4-3 win over the 2A/1A state champion Loggers.

Knappa was missing a few big names from the lineup — including Reuben Cruz, Kaleb Miller, Dale Takalo and Colton Weirup — while the Fishermen collected nine hits off two Logger pitchers.

The game was shortened to six innings because of a time limit, as part of a triple-header with the Lower Columbia Baseball Club, a Double A 17U team from Longview, Wash.

Lower Columbia defeated Knappa in the second game, then beat Astoria in the third contest, 13-2.

Meanwhile, three Astoria Ford pitchers held Knappa to just five hits in the opener.

Starter Dylan Rush and relievers Dylan Junes and Adam Feldman combined for nine strikeouts and five walks, with Feldman — a transfer who will be a sophomore in the fall — picking up the victory.

After a scoreless first inning, the Loggers scored a run in the second, as Eli Takalo had a leadoff single to right

SCOREBOARD

SPORTS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY

Junior Baseball — Neah-Kah-Nie at Astoria Ford (2), 5 p.m.

THURSDAY

Junior Baseball — Seaside at Warrenton (2), 4 p.m.

SATURDAY

Baseball — Warrenton Alumni Day at Huddleston Field, Noon

JUNIOR BASEBALL

Astoria Ford 4, Knappa 3
 Knappa 011 100—3 5 2
 Astoria Ford 003 001—4 9 0
 Patterson, Flues (4) and Takalo; Rush, Junes (4), Feldman (5) and Hillard. **W:** Feldman. **L:** Flues. **RBI:** Kna, Patterson, Takalo; Ast, Reed 2, Hageman, Stutznegger. **2B:** Ast, Reed, Hageman. **HBP:** Kna, Goodman, Bartlett; Ast, Feldman. **LOB:** Knappa 9, Astoria Ford 6. **DP:** Knappa 2.

field, took second on a passed ball and scored on Ryson Patterson's base hit to right.

Knappa made it 2-0 in the top of the third. Mason Hoover had a one-out single to left, advanced to second on a fielder's choice, and scored on an infield single by Takalo.

The Astoria Ford bats came alive in the bottom of the third, as the Fishermen collected five hits, along with a passed ball and a hit batter to score three runs.

Rush had a leadoff single and scored on a double from Reed; Reed sprinted home on a single by Trey Hageman; and Ryan Stutznegger lined a single up the middle to bring in Hageman for the go-ahead run.

Knappa answered with a run in the top of the fourth, as Patterson led off with a single, followed by a pair of walks and a wild pitch that scored Patterson.

But with runners at second and third and no outs, Junes — on in relief of Rush — worked his way out of the jam with three straight strikeouts to end the rally.

Both teams had opportunities in the fifth but failed to score, with each team stranding two base runners. Knappa had a total of nine runners left on base.

The Fishermen managed to push across the game-winner in the bottom of the sixth, as Michael Moore drew a leadoff walk, stole second, then scored on Reed's single to right.

Defensively, the Loggers turned double plays in the second and third innings, while Stutznegger made a diving catch in center field for an out in the top of the third.

Astoria Ford returns to action Wednesday for a home doubleheader (5 p.m.) against Neah-Kah-Nie.

Fishermen sweep at Scappoose

SCAPPOOSE — It's a new-look

roster, with a new coach and a new lineup — but not much has changed among the powers of Cowapa League baseball.

The Astoria Ford summer team swept a pair of Junior Baseball games Thursday in Scappoose, with the Fishermen defeating Tillamook 30-2 in a morning game, followed by a 5-0 win over Scappoose in the afternoon.

Two Astoria Ford pitchers combined on a two-hit shutout against the Indians, with Tristin Wallace picking up the win.

Wallace pitched five innings, allowing two hits with 13 strikeouts, while Trey Hageman recorded the last six outs.

Astoria Ford scored a run in the first on a single by Will Reed, and tacked on two in the fourth to build a 3-0 lead.

Adam Feldman, Dylan Rush, Reed and Wallace each drove in a run for Astoria Ford, which finished with six hits. Hageman had two triples, and also walked twice.

In the morning win over Tillamook, Astoria Ford scored 10 runs in the first inning, six in the second and 14 in the third, before the game was finally stopped.

Astoria Ford had 24 hits in three at-bats, with Ebin Hillard collecting four hits and seven RBIs. The Fishermen had seven doubles, with triples by Hageman and Hillard.

Knappa softballers win fastpitch tourney



Submitted Photo

Knappa's 12U fastpitch team, which won the recent Father's Day Classic tournament in West Linn.

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Knappa's 12U Fastpitch softball team, O'Brien Timber Falling, took first place in the North American Fastpitch Association's West Linn 12U Fathers Day Classic, June 17-18.

Knappa closed the tournament with a 10-8 win over the Hood River Heat.

Team members for Knappa are Taiyler Roberts, Ryah Lackey, Madison VanGundy, Raelynn Weaver, Carlie Casper, Katelynn Weaver, Lakota Schaffer, Isa Simmons, Taylor Pass, Avery Biederman, Emily Larsen,

Avery Burks, Madalyn Linder and the team's "Girl Bat," Beth Larsen.

Justin Larsen, Mike Pass and Fabron Biederman are the coaches for the Knappa team, which thanked Mike and Cindy O'Brien for their team sponsorship, along with team support from Ag Bag Forage Solutions.

LSU beats Oregon State 6-1 to reach CWS finals

By ERIC OLSON
 Associated Press



Oregon State players leave the dugout following an NCAA College World Series baseball elimination game in Omaha, Neb.

AP Photo/Nati Harnik

OMAHA, Neb. — Nothing LSU encounters in the College World Series championship series will be any more daunting than the task the Tigers had to complete to get there.

The Tigers had to beat an Oregon State team that owned the most formidable record of any team in four decades, and they had to do it twice.

They did in dominating fashion. Caleb Gilbert held the No. 1 national seed Beavers to two hits in 7 1/3 innings, Michael Papierski homered on both sides of the plate and LSU won 6-1 on Saturday a day after beating them 3-1.

"To lose four games the entire season, and we beat them two days in a row, it's hard to predict those things to happen, but that's why you have to play the games," Tigers coach Paul Mainieri said. "Our kids embraced the challenge."

The Tigers (52-18) won their third straight elimination game and will play Southeastern Conference rival Florida (50-19) in the best-of-three finals beginning

today. Florida beat TCU 3-0 on Saturday night.

The Beavers (56-6) had a pair of 23-game winning streaks and finished the season with a .903 winning percentage — the best since Texas' mark of .908 in 1982.

"It's a tough day when you've had such a great year," Beavers coach Pat Casey said. "Now is not the time to really think about that or talk about it, but I know there will be a time when they get to sit back and reflect and realize what they accomplished."

Gilbert allowed an infield single and walk before Michael Gretler homered in the seventh. He struck out a career-high seven in his longest outing in his two seasons at LSU. Zack Hess allowed one hit the rest of the way.

"It's a surreal feeling to be able to pitch your team, when the back's against the wall in an elimination game, into the College World Series final," Gilbert said. "I just had all the faith in the world in my teammates and my coaching staff and just really went out there and pitched my game, tried to attack early with a heater and get ahead and trust my defense behind me."