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Athletes of the Week



Astoria High School

The Astoria girls 200 medley and 200 freestyle relay teams not only qualified for state, the Lady Fish also set school records in both events at the district meet, Feb. 10. The "Fab Four" of seniors Jazzy King and Megan Schacher and freshmen Grace Peeler and Tori Smith placed second in the medley in 2:01.83. In the freestyle, Astoria took third but still qualified for state, swimming a 1:49.13. Both times were school records that had stood since 2005. Peeler and Smith also qualified for state in individual events.



Seaside High School

The junior swimmer was a double winner in the District 1/4A meet Feb. 10. Shipley won the 50 freestyle in a personal best 22.77 seconds. He added a victory in the 100 breaststroke, swimming a PR 1:02.31. He also swam a leg on Seaside's state-qualifying 200 freestyle relay squad, teaming with Isaiah Collins, Dawson Blanchard and Henry Garvin for a third-place finish. At the state meet (begins Friday), Shipley will be the fourth-highest seed in the 50 freestyle, and the No. 2 seed in the breaststroke.

WINTER GAMES 2018

MEDAL TRACKER

As of Thursday morning, Feb. 15

TOP 10 MEDAL WINNERS

	G	S	B
1. Germany	9	2	4
2. Norway	6	7	4
3. Netherlands	5	5	2
4. United States	5	1	2
5. Canada	4	5	4
6. Sweden	3	2	0
7. France	3	1	2
8. Austria	2	1	3
9. Italy	1	1	3
10. South Korea	1	0	1

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Canada takes 1st showdown against US, 2-1

Associated Press

GANGNEUNG, South Korea — Meghan Agosta and Sara Nurse each scored in the second period and defending Olympic champion Canada clinched the top spot in pool play by edging the United States 2-1 on Thursday in an early showdown between the dominant powers in women's hockey.

Genevieve Lacasse made 44 saves, including stopping Hilary Knight at the post inside the final 90 seconds. Brianna Decker hit two posts, the second time coming in the final seconds, before the two rivals ended up in a scrum. Officials reviewed the final play and ruled no goal. The Canadians also had two goals disallowed.

Lillard has 44, Blazers overcome Durant's 50 points

Associated Press

PORTLAND — Damian Lillard said it may have been Portland's best win of the season.

Lillard had 44 points and eight assists, and the Trail Blazers overcame Kevin Durant's 50 points to snap a seven-game losing streak to the Golden State Warriors with a 123-117 victory on Wednesday.

CJ McCollum added 29 points for the Blazers (32-26), who go into the All-Star break six games over .500. Lillard is also the first player in the league this season with at least 39 points in three straight games.

Portland spoiled Durant's fifth career 50-point game and first this season. He added seven rebounds and six assists, but despite his efforts Golden State fell a half-game behind Houston for the league's best record.



Mikaela Shiffrin skis to a gold medal in the second run of the giant slalom in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

AP Photo/Jae C. Hong

ONE DOWN, MORE TO COME

By **TIM DAHLBERG**
 Associated Press

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — The sun was going behind the mountain, and only a handful of diehard spectators remained as workers struggled for what seemed like forever to put a makeshift podium together for Mikaela Shiffrin's latest coronation.

Shiffrin doesn't do everything fast. It just seems that way.

The amazing American who could one day set records that will never be broken dazzled on the slopes once again Thursday, steaming down the mountain in the second run of the giant slalom to blow away the field and capture her second gold medal in as many Olympics.

She could have played it safe and gotten a medal, maybe even a gold.

But that's not Shiffrin's style. Not when she's on the biggest stage of them all.

"The Olympics is not about protecting the lead," she said. "It's about putting your best on the line. You see what happens. It was incredible to take so much risk in that second run."

With the parents who raised her just for this moment watching, Shiffrin put on the kind of run that only the greats can manage to sometimes pull off.

The best news is, there is more to come. Perhaps a lot more.

Shiffrin said in Sochi she wanted five gold medals in these games, a seemingly impossible task. The

way she's skiing she might have gotten them, too, had Mother Nature not tossed her an unfortunate curveball.

Still, four is not out of reach. And that would make her not only the most decorated Alpine star in any Olympics, but a breakout star who could transcend the somewhat insular world of competitive skiing.

"You go for gold, and I really went for it," Shiffrin said. "It's an incredible feeling to know my best effort is good enough."

After days of waiting because of weather delays, Shiffrin made her debut here with a strong first run that placed her second, .20 of a second behind Italy's Manuela Moelgg.

Then she went and did what any 22-year-old would do to calm the nerves between races.

She took a nap.

"It's nice," Shiffrin said. "For me, that's one of my favorite times during a race day, is when I can lie down and take a deep breath and then get ready for the next run."

And ready she was. Shiffrin attacked the course right out of the gate, and by the time she crossed the finish line it was all but over. Moelgg was to follow, but it was quickly clear she didn't have the speed to keep the lead, and fell to eighth place.

Behind the finish line, Shiffrin's father was cheering her on.

"It was marvelous," Jeff Shiffrin said. "Particularly for the 30 seconds after she finished. That felt really marvelous. I don't think it gets any easier, but I think she can take a deep breath and say, 'The pressure's off a little bit.' Maybe."

Ilwaco holds on for win over Wahkiakum

The Daily Astorian

KELSO, Wash. — In a near shocker for the No. 1-ranked Ilwaco girls basketball team, the Lady Fishermen edged Wahkiakum 45-44 in a semifinal game of the Southwest Washington 2B District tournament at Kelso High School.

Ilwaco advances to the District 4 championship game, 6 p.m. Saturday vs. Napavine at W.F. West High School in Chehalis, Washington.

Ilwaco's Makenzie Kaech scored in the final seconds, helping the Fishermen overcome a 44-43 deficit.

Madeline Jacobson scored 14 points to lead Ilwaco. Erika Glenn added 13 points.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY

Girls basketball — Scappoose at Astoria, 6 p.m.; Banks at Seaside, 6 p.m.; De La Salle at Warrenton, 7 p.m.; Knappa at Neah-Kah-Nie, 6 p.m.

Boys basketball — Scappoose at Astoria, 7:45 p.m.; Banks at Seaside, 7:45 p.m.

FRIDAY

Girls basketball — Crosshill Christian vs. Jewell, 6 p.m., at Corban University

SATURDAY

Girls basketball — SW District 2B Championship: Napavine vs. Ilwaco, 6 p.m., at WF West HS

Boys basketball — TBA vs. Knappa, at Forest Grove, TBA; SW District 1B Championship: TBA vs. Naselle, 6 p.m., at Montesano, Wash.

STANDINGS

	Boys Basketball Covapa League	League	Overall
Banks	8-1		22-1
Seaside	6-3		17-5
Valley Catholic	6-3		17-6
Astoria	5-4		14-8
Scappoose	2-7		9-13
Tillamook	0-9		3-20

Girls Basketball Covapa League

	League	Overall
Banks	9-0	21-2
Valley Catholic	7-2	17-6
Astoria	5-4	13-9
Seaside	4-5	7-15
Scappoose	2-7	6-16
Tillamook	0-9	3-19

Mariners' Healy has hand surgery

PEORIA, Ariz. — Seattle Mariners first baseman Ryon Healy had surgery to remove a bone spur in his right hand and is expected to be projected for four-to-six weeks.

Scheduled to start after he was acquired from Oakland in November, the 26-year-old Healy hit .271 with 25 homers and 78 RBIs last season. Healy was operated on Wednesday in a procedure called a metacarpal boss excision.

— Associated Press