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BASEBALL

North Marion
spoils Astoria
season opener

AURORA — The Astoria base- ball program opened a new era Wednesday at North Marion, in a nonleague game with the Huskies. And North Marion spoiled the opener for first-year Astoria coach Glen Fromwiller, with a 6-2 win over the young Fishermen.

The Huskies improved to 2-0, which includes a 2-1 victory Monday over Valley Catholic.

Astoria scored the first run in the top of the first, before North Marion answered with a run in the bottom of the first and three in the third.

Zac Patterson had an RBI single in the fifth for Astoria's second run.

Trey Hageman started on the mound for the Fishermen, allowing no hits with two walks and a strikeout. Burke Mathews, Adam Feldman and Ryan Stutznegger also pitched.

Hageman was 2-for-3 at the plate with a double.

Astoria remains on the road for games Thursday at Gladstone and Friday at Sandy.

SOFTBALL

Gladstone defeats
Astoria, 8-2

GLADSTONE — Gladstone senior pitcher Shaye Pinner shut down the Astoria bats, and the Gladiators went on to post an 8-2 win over the Lady Fishermen in a nonleague softball game Wednesday.

It was the season opener for Astoria, while Gladstone improves to 1-2.

The Gladiators held a 1-0 advantage through three innings, then gradually increased their lead.

Pinner allowed just one hit. "She will probably be the best pitcher we face all season," said Astoria coach Junior Israel. "We had a couple errors. It was pretty good for our first game."

Julia Norris had a double for Astoria's lone hit.

The Fishermen return to the road Friday for a game at North Marion, before their home opener Monday vs. Clatskanie.

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SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE	
TODAY	
Baseball	— Astoria at Gladstone, 5 p.m.
Softball	— Seaside at Ilwaco, 4:30 p.m.
Track	— Seaside/Tillamook at Astoria, 3:30 p.m.
Girls Golf	— Seaside vs. Scappoose (Quail Valley), 12:30 p.m.

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Former Knappa wrestlers who took part in last Saturday's alumni meet at Knappa to benefit Knappa Kids Wrestling.

Photos by Kathy Morgan/For The Daily Astorian

Former Knappa wrestlers
hit the mats to raise funds

The Daily Astorian

KNAPPA — In one of the first local alumni wrestling meets, graduates of Knappa High School gathered last Saturday for some grappling between former Loggers, all to raise money for current and future Loggers involved with Knappa Kids Wrestling.

Gary Newberry, a former Knappa wrestler, organized the meet, in which 17 alumni wrestlers from Knappa took part.

In addition to Newberry, familiar names included Jeff Benthin, Meisha Boettcher, Tyler Boettcher, Justin Germond, Andrew Goozee, Rusty Hebert, Toby Mayes, Pat Morgan, Cody Pember, Cutter Pember, Andrew Richardson, Chase Roe, Nate Truax, Dawson Whiteside and Chris Whitworth.

"They had an enjoyable time and were a riot to watch," said current Knappa coach Dan Owings, who was presented a plaque for his 30 years of coaching.



Cindy Owings, left, with husband Dan Owings, the Knappa wrestling coach who was honored Saturday for his 30 years of coaching.

"Most of them had moved up a few weights from when they participated in high

school," said Owings, who coached many of the wrestlers when they were at Knappa. "The ages ranged from the early 30s to late teens. They wrestled their hearts out and were getting pretty sore by the time they wrestled their second match. Some even got sick to their stomach."

Newberry, Morgan and Goozee won all of their matches.

"The fundraiser was a huge success and will probably become an annual fundraising event," Owings said.

Newberry stated on his Facebook page, "The alumni meet raised \$3,590.70 for the team. This town is truly amazing. The wrestlers had a good night ... I think we put on a great show. It was an honor to recognize Dan's 30 years."

He added, "We will be able to fully fund our portion of the wrestling mats and buy the team some more singlets so we can all match next year. All and all a great success, and I plan on continuing this as a Knappa tradition."

Zags are back, this time hoping
for one more win and a title

By EDDIE PELLIS
Associated Press

BOISE — A handful of players from Gonzaga's history-making Final Four team have moved on.

As a program, though, the Zags are right where they expect to be: In the tournament, playing well and, as always, a threat to stick around for a while.

Gonzaga is in March Madness for the 20th straight time, making it only the sixth program to accomplish that. Hoops fans have heard of the others: Kansas, North Carolina, Arizona, Duke, Michigan State.

Despite losing four of their top

five scorers, including lottery pick Zach Collins, to the NBA and other corners of pro basketball, the Bulldogs (30-4) rolled through the 2017-18 season, winning their conference regular-season and tournament titles en route to a No. 4 seed in the West. Their path to the program's second Final Four starts Thursday against 13th-seeded UNC-Greensboro (27-7), which last made the tournament in 2001, when Gonzaga was in Year 3 of its current streak.

"Gonzaga is basically, like, almost an ideal blueprint for what a mid-major program aspires to be," Spartans forward Jordy Kuiper says.

Part of the sustained success

involves not taking anything for granted, especially this time of year.

Junior guard Josh Perkins has been harping on the mantra "Little things matter in March" — a nod to the notion that every rebound and every loose ball could be the difference between going home early and getting to San Antonio for the Final Four.

"We're heading into the tournament with a little chip on our shoulder because of memories of last year," senior Silas Melson said, referencing the 71-65 loss to North Carolina in the final. "I wouldn't say it's a burden. It's more motivation than anything."

Seaside baseball team
tops Molalla in opener

The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — With many of its players having had just two practices, the Seaside baseball team opened the season Wednesday with a 9-7 win over Molalla at Broadway Field.

Tied 5-5, the Gulls scored a run in the fourth and three more in the fifth to pull away.

Seaside had eight hits, with Isaias Jantes (3-for-4) leading the way. Astor Landwehr came off the bench to catch in the second inning, and went 2-for-3. Gage McFadden was 2-for-2 at the plate with an RBI, and also started on the mound.

Travis Fenton came on in relief in the fifth and picked up the victory.

Seaside hosts its annual spring break tournament Friday through Sunday at Broadway Field. The Gulls open with Fort Vancouver at 3:45 p.m. Friday.

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