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**BOYS GOLF**

## Valiants defeat Seaside on the golf course

The Daily Astorian

BEAVERTON — The Seaside boys golf team was in action Wednesday, as Valley Catholic hosted the Gulls for a Cowapa League dual at Meriwether Golf Course.

The Valiants scored a 20-stroke team victory, carding a 324 to Seaside's 344.

Valley Catholic's top two golfers vied for medalist honors, with Cole Heinsen (38-36—74) topping teammate Andrew Plambeck (37-38—75) for the top spot.

Jackson Kunde led the Gulls with an 82 (42-40), followed by Connor Merrell (39-44—83), Samson Sibony (47-42—89) and Chris Kunde (47-43—90) for the top four scores. Mason Shamion (43-48—91) rounded out the scoring.

"We played a lot of good holes of golf today," said Seaside coach Jim Poetsch. "Every one of our players had a birdie and we had plenty of pars, but we took ourselves out of this match with too many blowup holes."

The Seaside junior varsity team defeated Valley Catholic. John Whittle was medalist for the Gulls with a 101, followed by Mason Crawford (110), Chris Bodner (111), Nick Mace (126) and Leif DeWinter (150).

Seaside will take part in the annual Fish Invitational on April 3 at Astoria Golf & Country Club.

## Mariners' bullpen reeling after Phelps tears UCL

By JOSE M. ROMERO

Associated Press

PEORIA, Ariz. — David Phelps was ready to be a primary setup man for the Seattle Mariners ahead of closer Edwin Diaz this season. Manager Scott Servais is going to have to look elsewhere for that role now.

Phelps will have season-ending Tommy John surgery on Monday to repair a torn ulnar collateral ligament in his right elbow. He was injured on the final pitch of his most recent outing on March 17 against the Los Angeles Angels.

Phelps was acquired from Miami last July and then did two stints on the disabled list for right elbow impingements. He had surgery in September to remove a bone spur from the elbow.

"I'd been feeling pretty good all spring, I finally felt locked in that last outing. I was throwing my fastball where I wanted to," Phelps said. "Second to last pitch is when I felt something. Threw another one. ... I thought I felt a crack in the back of my elbow. I was hopeful maybe it was just scar tissue from my (September) surgery. Turns out what I thought was a crack was a pop."

## SCOREBOARD

**PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE**
**TODAY**

**Baseball** — Estacada at Astoria, 4:30 p.m.; Elmira vs. Knappa, 2 p.m., Volcano Stadium

**Softball** — Knappa at Seaside, 4:30 p.m.

**Boys golf** — Seaside at The Dalles Invitational, 10 a.m.

**SATURDAY**

**Baseball** — Warrenton at Monroe (2), Noon; Catlin Gabel vs. Knappa, 11:30 a.m., Volcano Stadium

**Softball** — Warrenton at Monroe (2), Noon

**SUNDAY**

**Baseball** — Western Mennonite vs. Knappa, 11:30 a.m., Volcano Stadium



Curtis Compton/Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Kansas State guard Kamau Stokes and teammates celebrate after defeating Kentucky 61-58 in an NCAA men's college basketball tournament regional semifinal in Atlanta.

# Underdogs again rule in first half of Sweet 16

Associated Press

This Sweet 16 is picking up right where its zany lead-in left off. Two No. 9 seeds and an 11 are in the Elite Eight, and at least one of those underdogs will reach the Final Four.

Fitting for this NCAA Tournament that's cranked up the unpredictability of March Madness to never-before-seen levels.

Barry Brown's tiebreaking layup with 19 seconds remaining helped No. 9 seed Kansas State beat No. 5 seed Kentucky 61-58 in the South Region semifinal in Atlanta on Thursday night. No. 11 seed Loyola-Chicago toppled comeback artists Nevada with yet another player stepping up to snatch a win in the final moments.

And Terance Mann scored 18 points to help No. 9 seed Florida State upset fourth-seeded Gonzaga, 75-60, guaranteeing that the Final Four will have a completely different look from last year.

In the only game won by a favorite, third-seeded Michigan rolled past No. 7 seed Texas A&M 99-72.

NCAA officials say only two 9s had ever advanced to the regional finals before this tournament. And Kansas State goes in as a bracket favorite against Loyola in the top-sy-turvy South, which again bounced its two highest remaining seeds.

In Las Vegas sports books, however, Kansas State and Loyola opened as a straight pick — no favorite, and neither being labeled the underdog anymore in a game for a Final Four berth.

**Florida State 75, Gonzaga 60**

Florida State's upset run in the NCAA Tournament has stretched all the way to the brink of the Final Four.

Terance Mann scored 18 points and the ninth-seeded Seminoles advanced to the Elite Eight for just the third time in school history with a 75-60 victory over fourth-seeded Gonzaga on Thursday night in the West Region semifinal.

C.J. Walker and Braian Angola added 9 points for the Seminoles (23-11), who knocked their third straight higher-seeded opponent in a stunning run out West for a team that went 9-9 in ACC play and lost its conference tournament opener.

Coolly maintaining a lead down the stretch

at Staples Center, Florida State ended Gonzaga's 16-game winning streak and halted the pursuit of a second straight Final Four berth for last year's tournament finalists.

Coach Leonard Hamilton's best post-season run in his 16 years at Florida State is extended to Saturday, when the Seminoles will face third-seeded Michigan for a trip to the Final Four in San Antonio. The Wolverines advanced with a 99-72 rout of Texas A&M.

**Kansas State 61, Kentucky 58**

Kansas State's dream of its first Final Four since 1964 is alive.

Barry Brown's tiebreaking layup with 19 seconds remaining was the difference as Kansas State beat Kentucky 61-58 on Thursday night in the South Region semifinal.

Kansas State, a No. 9 seed, will play No. 11 seed Loyola-Chicago on Saturday in a regional final pairing no one could have predicted.

Kentucky's Shai Gilgeous-Alexander missed a potential tying 3-pointer at the final buzzer for Kentucky (26-11).

Kansas State (25-11) overcame the loss of top scorer Xavier Sneed, who had 22 points before fouling out with 1:14 remaining.

Sneed, who had nine points in the first half, was unstoppable in the second half. He scored 13 points in the first 11:30 of the second half before he was called for his fourth foul with 8:24 remaining.

When Sneed took a seat on the bench, Kansas State lost its momentum. It led 52-44 when Sneed collected his fourth foul and led only 56-55 when he returned with 2:13 remaining, with Kentucky fans chanting "Go Big Blue" to encourage the comeback.

**Michigan 99, Texas A&M 72**

Michigan is back in the Elite Eight for the third time in six years.

The third-seeded Wolverines thoroughly dominated No. 7 seed Texas A&M in a 99-72 victory at the West Region on Thursday night, extending their winning streak to 12 games.

Michigan led the entire game and hit 14 3-pointers, including 10 in the first half. The Wolverines average nine in a game.

The rout was on by halftime with Michigan leading 52-28.

The Aggies never made a run against the hot-shooting Wolverines, who shot 62 percent from the field.

Muhammad-Ali Abdur-Rahkman led Michigan with 24 points.

Texas A&M was led by Tyler Davis with 24 points.

**Loyola-Chicago 69, Nevada 68**

In its first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1985, Loyola is one win away from an improbable trip to the Final Four.

The 11th-seeded Ramblers kept up their amazing run with a 69-68 victory over seventh-seeded Nevada on Thursday night in the South Region in Atlanta.

With the shot clock running down and Loyola clinging to a 1-point lead, Marques Townes knocked down a 3-pointer with 6.3 seconds remaining. He finished with 18 points.

The Ramblers fell behind by 12 points in the early going, but got back in the game when Nevada's run-and-gun offense suddenly went cold. The Wolf Pack's final points of the first half came on Cody Martin's dunk with 7:57 remaining. Loyola closed the half on a 12-0 run and pushed out to a 12-point lead of its own early in the second half.

Nevada rallied and it came to the final seconds. Townes hit the big shot to clinch it.

Loyola improves to 31-5 and will face either No. 5 seed Kentucky or No. 9 seed Kansas State in the regional final Saturday at Philips Arena.

The Wolf Pack finishes the season at 29-8.

Loyola is being cheered on in the regional semifinals by four members of its 1963 national championship team.

Jerry Harkness, Les Hunter, John Egan and Rich Rochelle are sitting together in front-row seats at Philips Arena. They're all smiles with the 11th-seeded Ramblers holding a 9-point lead over Nevada with just under 12 minutes remaining.

Harkness says his alma mater is "playing well, hope they win."

While Loyola is making its first NCAA Tournament appearances since 1985, the school has a storied hoops history. Not only does it have a championship on its resume, it played in one of the most socially significant games in college basketball history during its run to the title.

At the height of the Civil Rights Movement, the team had four black starters when they beat an all-white Mississippi State squad in what became known as the "Game of Change."

## Seahawks re-sign RB Davis after strong end to 2017

Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — The Seattle Seahawks are bringing back running back Mike Davis after a strong conclusion to the 2017 season.

Davis signed his deal with the

Seahawks on Thursday, reportedly a one-year contract. Davis was originally a restricted free agent but Seattle did not tender him, making Davis an unrestricted free agent. The 25-year-old chose a return to Seattle over looking for options elsewhere.

Davis made an impression late in the 2017 season. Promoted off Seattle's practice squad in November, Davis rushed for 240 yards and averaged 3.5 yards per carry. Despite playing in just six games, Davis was Seattle's most productive running

back, although he lagged far behind quarterback Russell Wilson, who was the Seahawks' leading rusher.

Davis started his career in San Francisco, where he appeared in 14 games over two seasons. He was acquired off waivers in May 2017.