

Softball: Knappa opens play in Riverside Tourney

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IRRIGON — The Knappa Lady Loggers went 0-for-2 on their first day of action in the Riverside Softball Tournament in Irrigon.

Actions resumes Wednesday, with Knappa facing host Riverside at 1 p.m., followed by a 3:30 p.m. contest against Irrigon.

The Loggers will remain on their annual eastern road trip with a game Thursday at Heppner.

After a loss to Echo to start the day, Knappa faced a tough Grant Union team in Game 2.

And the Prospectors showed that they will be one of the contenders at the 3A level, defeating Knappa 22-1 in five innings.

Grant Union entered the game ranked No. 2 in the state with a 4-0 record, having outscored their four opponents by a combined 76-10 (now 98-11).

Sophomore Emily Nicholson pitched for Knappa, and gave up nine hits with a strike-out. Offensively, Laicee Hendrickson and Kaitlyn Truax each had two hits for the Loggers.

Echo 4, Knappa 3

IRRIGON — Knappa's Madelynn Weaver pitched a rare no-hit loss Tuesday afternoon, in the Loggers' first game of the Riverside Tournament.



Gary Henley/The Daily Astorian
Knappa pitcher Madelynn Weaver, pitching last week at Seaside, tossed a no-hitter Tuesday in a 4-3 loss to Echo.

The sophomore struck out 10, gave up three walks and did not allow a hit over seven innings, but Echo took advantage of three Knappa errors for a 4-3 victory over the Loggers.

Knappa had five hits, including 2-for-4 efforts by Kaitlyn Truax and Weaver.

Truax had a double for the Loggers, who held an early 1-0 lead.

Echo scored twice in the bottom of the first and tacked on two runs in the fourth.

Cougar pitcher Alyssa Ray did the rest, as the senior struck out 12 Loggers and gave up just two walks.



AP Photo/Gerald Herbert

Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard goes to the basket against New Orleans Pelicans forward Solomon Hill in the second half.

Lillard's 41 points lift Blazers past Pelicans

By BRETT MARTEL
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Damian Lillard couldn't get out of New Orleans fast enough. The Pelicans could only wish the Portland All-Star had been in even more of a hurry.

Lillard scored 20 of his 41 points in the fourth quarter to lift the Trail Blazers to a 107-103 victory on Tuesday night, then booked a flight straight home in hopes of arriving in time for the birth of his first child.

Lillard, who's been expecting a son, said he found out when he got back to the locker room after the game that his girlfriend had gone into labor. He said the message was along the lines of: "Get home."

He said he'd head straight

to the hospital as soon as he landed.

"I'm excited. I've been waiting," Lillard said.

He'd stuck with his team as long as he could because the Blazers are in a tight playoff race, and the two teams closest behind them in the standings — Oklahoma City and New Orleans — are the past two they've played. They beat both to strengthen their hold on third place, moving 2 1/2 games ahead of the Thunder and 3 1/2 ahead of New Orleans with eight games left.

Portland coach Terry Stotts said he planned to rest Lillard to start the fourth quarter, when the Pelicans led by four. Lillard asked to stay in the game. "We were just fighting, fighting, fighting, and I was like, 'Man, we've got to roll,'" Lillard said.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

p.m.; Knappa at Heppner, 10 a.m.

TODAY

Baseball — Naselle at Astoria, 4 p.m., CMH Field

Softball — Knappa at Riverside Tournament (vs. Riverside, 1 p.m.; vs. Irrigon, 3:30 p.m.)

THURSDAY

Baseball — Seaside at Madras Tournament, TBA; Amity at Warrenton, 4 p.m.

Softball — Amity at Warrenton, 4

SOFTBALL

Echo 4, Knappa 3

Knappa 101 010 0-3 5 3

Echo 200 200 x-4 0 3

W: Alyssa Ray (12 Ks, 2 walks). L:

Madelynn Weaver (10 Ks, 3 walks).

RBI: Kna, Miller, Weaver, Truax;

Echo, Keltz, MacPherson, Putman,

Weems. 2B: Kna, Truax. HBP: Echo,

Ray. LOB: Knappa 7, Echo 4.

Harrisburg tops Seaside, 9-2

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Day 2 of the Seaside Spring Break Tournament.

Seaside falls to 5-1 overall.

Seaside's next scheduled game is April 3 at Valley Catholic, the Cowapa League opener for both teams.

SEASIDE — The Seaside softball team tasted defeat for the first time this season, as Harrisburg scored a 9-2 win over the Gulls at Broadway Field on

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