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Astoria rallies to beat Naselle in nine innings

By **GARY HENLEY**
The Daily Astorian

The Naselle baseball team was on the verge of a signature win Wednesday night at CMH Field.

The Comets held a 4-3 lead over the Astoria Fishermen in the bottom of the seventh inning, with two outs and no runners on base.

Unfortunately for the Comets (and everyone else Astoria plays), Trey Hageman is one tough out.

The Astoria senior drew a walk and later scored on a wild pitch to tie the score, sending the game to extra innings.

And that's where the Fishermen eventually won it, 5-4, in nine innings.

The Comets gave it their best shot, holding a 3-0 lead at one point, before the Fishermen staged one of their old-time rallies to escape with the win over Naselle, a Class 1B Washington school.

"Naselle's tough," said Astoria coach Glen Fromwiller. "And we just couldn't put together many hits. How many times did we fly out? We need to straighten some things out."

Hageman had three hits, scored three times and drove in a run, while three Astoria pitchers combined for nine strikeouts and just one walk, with Dylan Rush picking up the win in relief.

Meanwhile, Naselle pitchers Cole Dorman, Corey Gregory, Ethan Lindstrom



Astoria senior Trey Hageman had three hits, scored three times and drove in a run for the Fishermen in their 5-4 win.

and Donny Edwards scattered six hits, and the Fishermen stranded nine baserunners.

Naselle scored three runs in the top of the third. The Fishermen were nearly out of the inning when an infield error allowed freshman Jimmy Strange to reach safely and Gregory to score the game's first run.

Dorman and Carson Bergeson followed with RBI singles for a three-run lead.

Gregory relieved Dorman in the third, and the Fishermen

greeted the sophomore with a leadoff double by Burke Matthews and a run-scoring single by Hageman, who eventually reached third, then scored on an errant pickoff throw.

Astoria tied the game at 3-3 in the fifth, as Hageman had a leadoff single and scored on a sacrifice fly by Josiah Hirsch.

The inning was highlighted, however, by a diving catch in center field by Edwards.

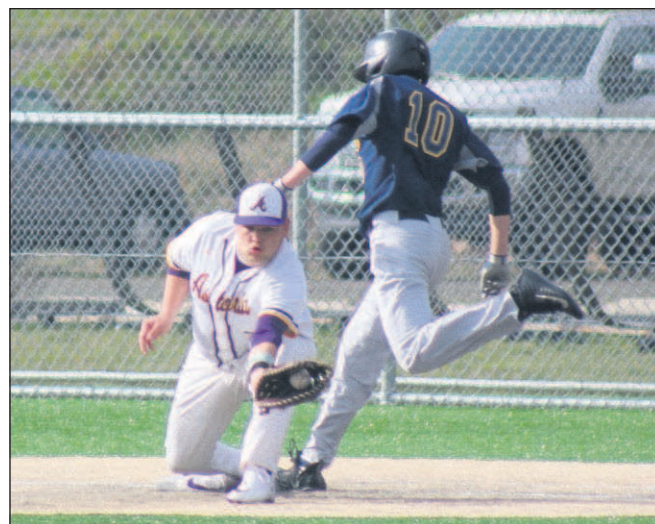
The Comets retook the lead in the top of the sixth, when Dorman led off with a single

and scored on a single to right from Warren Wirkkala.

Dorman was 4-for-4 at the plate for the Comets.

In the bottom of the seventh, Hageman drew a two-out walk, took second on another walk, advanced to third on a balk call, then scored on a wild pitch to tie the game.

After the teams battled through a scoreless eighth, the Comets had a leadoff double by Holt in the top of the ninth, but the freshman was stranded at third as Rush retired the



Naselle's Cole Dorman beats out an infield hit to lead off the second inning.



Astoria third baseman Zac Patterson, left, can't make the tag in time on Naselle's Donny Edwards, who was safe at third.

next three in order.

Matthews led off the bottom of the ninth for Astoria with a single to center, before Edwards retired the next two.

But the Comets never made it out of the inning, as a pop fly by Hirsch into shallow right field was dropped,

allowing Matthews to race home with the winning run.

"Credit again to Naselle," Fromwiller said. "They saw three of our top pitchers, and they handled us pretty well."

"Matthews and Hageman had five of our six hits, and those two are taking the load on their shoulders right now."

Knappa holds off Irrigon, 8-6

The Daily Astorian

IRRIGON — It took four tries, but Knappa was finally able to score a victory in the Riverside Tournament, which concluded Wednesday at Irrigon High School.

After losing two games Tuesday and another Wednesday afternoon, the Lady Loggers defeated Irrigon 8-6 in their final game Wednesday evening.

Knappa built an 8-2 lead, then held off a rally by the Knights in the seventh to win.

Knappa leadoff batter Jaden Miethe went 3-for-3 with a double, and was also hit by a pitch.

Logger pitcher Emily Nicholson took the win, allowing seven hits with three strikeouts.

Pirates 5, Loggers 3

IRRIGON — In Wednesday's first game, Knappa's Mikayla Rethati was 3-for-3 with two doubles, but Riverside scored a 5-3 win.

The teams were tied 1-1 through four innings, before the Pirates scored four in the fifth. Knappa came back with two in the sixth before Riverside retired the Loggers in the seventh.

Knappa pitcher Madelynn Weaver allowed just four hits, with six strikeouts and two walks.

Brooks scores 21 as Grizzlies beat Trail Blazers 108-103

By **CLAY BAILEY**
Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — With a 10-day contract to make an impression, MarShon Brooks got off to a very nice start.

Brooks scored 14 of his 21 points in the fourth quarter in his first game with Memphis, helping the last-place Grizzlies beat the Portland Trail Blazers 108-103 on Wednesday night.

Brooks made each of his four 3-point attempts in the final period in his first NBA appearance since April 16, 2014, with the Lakers. He signed a 10-day contract with Memphis on Tuesday.

"You don't really have time to get comfortable on a 10-day. You just don't," Brooks said. "Thank God I made shots. That helps."

Brooks, who averaged 36.6 points for the Jiangsu Dragons of the Chinese Basketball Association this year, was 7 for 12 from the field.

Dillon Brooks had 18 points for the Grizzlies (21-54), who trailed 93-86 with 7 minutes left. Chandler Parsons finished with 15 in Memphis' second straight win.

CJ McCollum led Portland (46-29) with 42 points, and Wade Baldwin IV added 15 points on 5-for-6 shooting.

The Trail Blazers went 3 for 8 at the line in the final 7 minutes. A handful of turnovers in the fourth only made



Memphis Grizzlies guard MarShon Brooks shoots between Portland Trail Blazers center Zach Collins, left, and forward Al-Farouq Aminu.

matters worse.

"In the fourth quarter, you have to make free throws," Portland coach Terry Stotts said. "You can't miss free throws, and you have to guard better. You can't give up 32 points in the fourth quarter

and have turnovers and missed free throws. Not going to win many games like that."

Trail Blazers star Damian Lillard, who had 41 points in Tuesday's win over New Orleans, was not with the team after the birth of his son.

TIP-INS

Trail Blazers: Played their third game in four days. ... Shabazz Napier started his eighth game of the season in place of Lillard. ... Portland had won seven in a row on the road. ... The Blazers have scored at least 100 points in 18 straight games. ... McCollum's 42 points were his second-highest of the season. He scored 50 on Jan. 31 against Chicago.

Grizzlies: Had not won consecutive games since a three-game winning streak from Jan. 15-19. ... Jarell Martin had a career-high 14 rebounds. ... Of Memphis' 21 victories this season, 11 have come against teams currently in playoff spots.

PLAYOFF WATCH

The Trail Blazers hold a two-game lead over fourth-place Oklahoma City in the Western Conference standings.

DRAFT WATCH

The Grizzlies moved into a tie with Atlanta for the second-worst record in the NBA. The Hawks lost Wednesday night to Minnesota. Both still have a better record than the Phoenix Suns.

UP NEXT

Trail Blazers: Host the Los Angeles Clippers on Friday
 Grizzlies: Play the Jazz in Utah on Friday.

Big inning lifts Mark Morris past Astoria

The Daily Astorian

LONGVIEW, Wash. — A seven-run third inning was all Mark Morris needed Wednesday afternoon in a 13-6 win over Astoria in a nonleague softball game.

The Monarchs tacked on four runs in the sixth, as Mark Morris avenged last season's loss to Astoria.

Astoria pitchers McKa-

ilyn Rogers and Julia Norris gave up 10 hits, and struck out seven with four walks.

The Fishermen had seven hits and drew seven walks, while Lexxi Lyngstad led Astoria with a double and a triple. Halle Helmersen also had a double for the Lady Fishermen, who open Cowapa League play at Scappoose next week.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

Baseball — Seaside at Madras Tournament, TBA; Amity at Warrenton, 3:30 p.m.

Softball — Warrenton at Amity, 4 p.m.; Knappa at Heppner, 1 p.m.

FRIDAY

Baseball — Seaside at Madras Tournament, TBA

SATURDAY

Baseball — Seaside at Madras Tournament, TBA; Warrenton at Willamina (2), Noon

Softball — Warrenton at Willamina (2), Noon

BASEBALL

Astoria 5, Naselle 4

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Astoria 002 010 101—5 6 2

Dorman, Gregory (3), Lindstrom (6), Edwards (8) and Ji.Strange; Hageman, Matthews (5), Rush (7). **W:** Rush. **L:** Edwards. **RBI:** Nas, Dorman, Bergeson, Wirkkala; Ast, Hageman, Hirsch. **2B:** Nas, Holt; Ast, Kolee. **LOB:** Naselle 5, Astoria 9. **DP:** Astoria.

SOFTBALL

Knappa 8, Irrigon 6

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Irrigon 200 000 4—6 7 1

W: Emily Nicholson (3 Ks, 3 walks). **L:** Princesa Chavez (4 Ks, 4 walks). **RBI:** Kna, Nicholson 2, Miethe, Ramvick, Weaver; Irr, Collins 3, K.Luna 2, A.Luna. **2B:** Kna, Miethe; Irr, K.Luna 2, Collins, Botefuhr.

HBP: Kna, Miethe; Irr, Mendoza, K.Luna. **DP:** Knappa.

Suzuki to be in lineup as Mariners open vs Indians

By **TIM BOOTH**
Associated Press

SEATTLE — The lingering question of whether Ichiro Suzuki would be ready for opening day was solved on Wednesday.

Yes, he'll be on the Seattle Mariners 25-man roster, despite a lingering calf injury. And, yes, he'll be in left field tonight when the Mariners open the season hosting the Cleveland Indians.

"It was a crazy spring for him getting in late and having a little setback with the calf injury but I think he showed us enough here the last couple of days that he can get out there, run around and help us out a little bit," Seattle manager

Scott Servais said. "As I said when we brought him in he'll hit at the bottom of the lineup, he'll help in a number of different ways. But obviously he'll be in the lineup tomorrow night."

This isn't turn back the clock night, although the nostalgia will be thick — let alone the challenge of facing Cleveland ace Corey Kluber and one of the powerhouse clubs in the American League. It'll be Suzuki's first regular season game in a Seattle uniform since July 22, 2012. He made his mark as a right fielder with Seattle, though that spot now will be manned by Mitch Haniger.

And there's a very real chance this is a temporary assignment. Suzuki must perform better than he did in his limited

spring training opportunities to justify receiving playing time ahead of Guillermo Heredia or Ben Gamel when Gamel returns from his oblique injury.

At least for the opener, it'll be Suzuki's stage in left field.

"Obviously being out there on the field is one thing, but just driving from my house to the stadium, just the views that I remember," Suzuki said through an interpreter. "Just an awesome thing that I'm here. I'm just so happy."

It's hard to know what to expect from the 44-year-old, who was hitless in the five spring training games he played in, not counting side field games against minor leaguers. A year ago, Suzuki hit .255 in limited at-bats for Miami.