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Darian Hageman competes in the long jump for Astoria.

Valiants score second win over Seaside

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BEAVERTON — Valley Catholic overcame a 3-0 deficit through three innings, scoring four in the fifth on its way to a 5-3 win over Seaside in Cowapa League baseball action Monday.

James Baglai highlighted the fourth-inning rally by the Valiants with a two-run double, as Valley Catholic topped Seaside for the second time in a week.

In a three-run third inning for the Gulls, Isaias Jantes had a run-scoring single, and Duncan Thompson drove in two runs with a double.

Seaside pitchers Brayden Johnson and Gage McFadden allowed just five hits, with six strikeouts, four walks and two hit batters.

Meanwhile, Valley Catholic pitchers Porter Agnew and George Eisenhardt combined on a three-hitter, with 10 strikeouts and four walks.

Warrenton rallies to defeat Tillamook

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WARRENTON — Tillamook and Warrenton battled back and forth in a nonleague game Monday afternoon at Huddleston Field, with the Warriors finally scoring an 8-6 win over the Cheesemakers.

Warrenton pitchers Devin Jackson, Jacob Morrow and Dalton Knight combined on a four-hitter, while the Warriors collected 15 hits off two Tillamook pitchers.

Alec Herrera and Knight were both 3-for-4, while Gabe Breitmeyer's two-run single in the bottom of the sixth gave the Warriors the lead for good, after Tillamook had taken a 6-4 lead in the top of the fifth.

Jackson started on the mound and struck out eight with three walks, and took a no-hitter into the fourth inning.

Offensively, Austin Little had a pair of doubles for Warrenton, while Jackson, Morrow and Duane Falls each had a pair of hits for the Warriors, now 5-1 overall.

Warrenton tops Knappa, 5-1

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WARRENTON — Two runs in the first inning held up for the Warrenton softball team Monday, in a 5-1 nonleague win over Knappa.

Warrenton pitcher Niqui Blodgett scattered six hits with seven strikeouts and one walk. She also led the Warriors' 10-hit attack, going 3-for-4 with two RBIs.

Madelynn Weaver went the distance in the circle for the Loggers, allowing 10 hits. She was also the leader at the plate for Knappa, finishing 2-for-4 with a run scored.

Both teams stranded eight baserunners.

Seaside blanks Valley Catholic

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SEASIDE — The Seaside softball team needed just five innings and their No. 2 pitcher to beat Valley Catholic in a Cowapa League game Monday, 10-0.

Sophomore pitcher Emma Meyer picked up her second win of the season, allowing just one hit.

Meyer also went 2-for-3 at the plate, as did junior Bri Hill and Jetta Ideue.

Seaside freshman Kandice Flaigg added a two-run double.

Wonderful day for a track meet by the sea

By **GARY HENLEY**
 The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — And the award for best move of the week goes to ... Seaside High School.

Meet organizers for the annual Daily Astorian Invitational decided (wisely) not to hold the meet in Saturday's giant windstorm, rescheduling the event for Monday.

It turned out to be a great move. Instead of sitting through the wind and rain, spectators enjoyed almost summer-like temperatures Monday, while athletes were setting personal or season-best marks all day, on the track and in the field.

Yes, it was well worth the wait. "Thank God (the meet) wasn't Saturday," said Darian Hageman, Astoria's all-star, Oregon State Beaver-bound jumper. "That would have been really bad. I'm glad it was today."

Hageman certainly enjoyed her day, winning four events.

Seaside coach Jeff Kilday and a team of volunteers managed to pull things off in record time for a meet of its size.

"For a meet with a 3 o'clock start and an invitational that should have lasted all day, we made it quick," Kilday said. "And we just kept it right on schedule. Of course without wind and rain, it's a lot easier."

In fact, Kilday and the Gulls brought the 30th annual Daily Astorian meet to a close in just under his 7 o'clock deadline, as the



Athletes compete in the 100-meter race.

last event wrapped up at 6:57 p.m.

"We made a couple modifications that sped things up," he said. "And all the teams that came brought a volunteer. We had a lot of kids, parents and coaches helping. I don't think we could have made this meet half as good without all that."

And, as always, the meet was a "Who's Who" of some of the top athletes in the area.

Chances are, some of the athletes who were winning events Monday will be winning events at the state meet in May.

Astoria senior Tim Barnett had a solid day with a sweep in the discus, javelin and shot put.

His best mark in the javelin was 160 feet, 8 inches.

"That's about in the middle of

what I usually throw," he said. "It was definitely better than the last meet."

Barnett is ranked No. 1 in the state in the discus and shot put. "I'm looking for about 180 in the jav, but we'll see. The school record is 184," he said. "Jason Thiel holds a couple records, and I'm looking to break the discus one. I'm looking for 170. In the shot, probably 55 feet."

He won Monday's discus with a throw of 153 feet, 10 inches, and the shot put at 50-9.

Michael Kee was Astoria's only other multiple winner, in the 110-meter hurdles and the long jump.

Hageman was a four-time winner on the girls' side. She swept the jumps, winning the high jump, long jump, triple jump and pole vault.

Still, her marks "could be better,"

she said. "The triple jump (37-8 1/4) wasn't bad. The triple jump is probably going to be my main event this year. And the pole vault. That's probably what I'm doing next year (at Oregon State)."

"I just want to get close to my PRs," she said. "In the triple jump, I'm hoping to break 39 or 40 (feet)."

Hageman cleared 5-2 to win Monday's high jump competition. Elsewhere, Ilwaco's Daniel Whiting won both the 1,500- and 3,000-meter races, topping Knappa's Robert Pina-Morton in each race. Whiting's times were 4 minutes, 35.08 seconds in the 1,500, and 10:19.74 in the 3,000, both personal bests.

Astoria freshman Sophie Long won the 800 meters in a personal best 2:35.50. The Lady Fishermen also swept the relays.

Seaside junior Gretchen Hoekstre scored wins in the shot put (40-1) and discus (129-8), with the Gulls' Anna Huddleston taking the javelin (112-1, personal best).

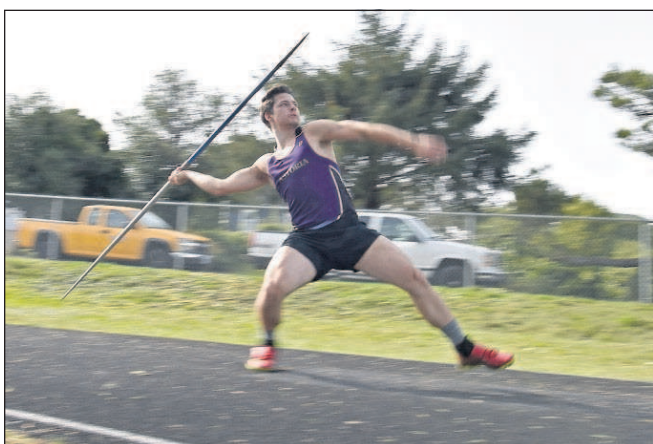
Seaside senior Rafi Sibony won the 800 meters, then capped the meet by running the anchor leg for the win in a close finish with Astoria.

Athletes of the Meet:
Girls track — Eliza Bannister, Ilwaco; Gabi Morales, Jewell.

Girls field events — Darian Hageman, Astoria; Gretchen Hoekstre, Seaside.

Boys track — Rafi Sibony, Seaside; Daniel Whiting, Ilwaco.

Boys field events — Tim Barnett, Astoria; Michael Kee, Astoria.



Timothy Barnett throws the javelin for the Astoria Fishermen.



Kajsa Jackson hurls the discus for Astoria.



Nedi Morales takes the baton from Aspen Searls for Jewell during a relay.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY

Baseball — Astoria at Valley Catholic, 5 p.m.; Seaside at Tillamook, 5 p.m.; Vernonia at Knappa, 4:30 p.m.

Softball — Valley Catholic at Astoria, 5 p.m.; Tillamook at Seaside, 4:30 p.m.; Vernonia at Knappa, 4:30 p.m.

Boys golf — Valley Catholic at Astoria, 2 p.m.; Seaside at Banks, 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Girls golf — Seaside at Riverdale, 1 p.m.

BASEBALL

Valley Catholic 5, Seaside 3
Seaside 003 000 0-3 3 1
Valley C. 000 140 x-5 5 2

Johnson, McFadden (5); Agnew, Eisenhardt (4). W: Eisenhardt. L: McFadden. RBI: Sea, Thompson 2, Jantes; VC, Baglai

2, Pruitt. 2B: Sea, Thompson; VC, Baglai. HBP: VC, Pruitt, Weber. LOB: Seaside 5, Valley Catholic 6.

HR: Til, Webber.

SOFTBALL

Warrenton 5, Knappa 1
Knappa 000 001 0-1 6 1
Warrenton 200 012 x-5 10 3

W: Niqui Blodgett (7 Ks, 1 walk). L: Madelynn Weaver (3 Ks, 3 walks). RBI: Kna, Truax; War, Blodgett 2, Baker, Ra.Dyer, Kapua. LOB: Knappa 8, Warrenton 8.