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Astoria athletes score big in Meet of Champions

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SALEM — In cold, cloudy, windy conditions, it was no surprise to see athletes from the North Coast outperforming athletes from other parts of the state Saturday, in the annual Meet of Champions.

Held at Willamette University in Salem, and showcasing the top track and field athletes from around the state, athletes from Astoria and Seaside combined to win eight events, with numerous top three placers.

The big winner, again, was Astoria senior Darian Hageman.

Following a four-win performance in the Daily Astorian Invitational earlier in the week, Hageman won three of the four jumping events Saturday.

She soared 17 feet, 4½ inches to win the long jump, cleared 5-3 in the high jump

and 10-6 for the best mark in the pole vault.

Rebeka Preston of Santiam Christian scored the upset in the triple jump with a 3A state record 38-11¼, with Hageman placing second.

In the throwing events, the top two throwers in the state reside in Clatsop County.

Seaside junior Gretchen Hoekstre won the shot put with a toss of 40 feet, 1 inch, with Astoria's Kes Sandstrom third. Meanwhile, Sandstrom had a personal best throw of 127-3 to win the discus, with Hoekstre second.

On the track, Astoria freshman Sophie Long took second in the 800-meter final, finishing in 2 minutes, 31.51 seconds, behind Tillamook senior Kara Putman (2:30.61).

Astoria teammates Isabella Clem-

ent and Nara Van De Grift took third and fourth, respectively, in the 300-meter hurdles.

The Fishermen foursome of Elizabeth Barnett, Kelsey Fausett, Long and Van De Grift teamed up for a fourth-place finish in the 1,600-meter relay (4:21.41).

On the boys' side, Astoria senior Tim Barnett continued his dominance of the 4A level by sweeping the throws.

He had personal best marks in the shot put (50-8½), discus (154-0) and javelin (177-1) to win all three events. Warrenton's Mark Warren was third in the javelin with a school record 167-8.

Astoria's Michael Kee was second in the long jump (personal record 19-9¼). Seaside senior Rafi Sibony was third in the 800 (2:02.42), with teammate Levi Card fifth (2:05.39).



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From left to right, the Astoria 1,600-meter relay team of Elizabeth Barnett, Kelsey Fausett, Nara Van De Grift and Sophie Long teamed up for a fourth-place finish in Saturday's Meet of Champions.

Fishermen win Astoria Invitational

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WARRENTON — Four schools took part in the Astoria Invitational boys golf tournament, held last Thursday at the Astoria Golf & Country Club.

The host Fishermen were the winners, scoring 72 points to edge Wahkiakum (70) for the team title. Tillamook (62) and Ilwaco (49) took third and fourth, respectively.

"I am thrilled for our guys," Astoria coach Peter Roscoe said. "Some of the other teams had outstanding individual players, but overall our team had more consistency. We had several personal bests, with a couple of players shooting in the 80s for the first time. That has been a goal since the beginning of the season."

Using a Stableford scoring system, Tillamook's Carter Lee racked up 35 points for the individual win, followed closely by Ilwaco's Blake Kukula with 32.

Taylor Palmberg led Astoria, scoring 21 points for a fourth-place tie.

Also competing for the Fisher-



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Taylor Palmberg led the Fishermen golf team in last week's victory in the Astoria Invitational.

men were Josh Olson (19), Daniel Paswerck (16), Connor Long (16) and Dylan Althiede-Nielsen (14).

"I see no reason for the entire varsity not to regularly break 90 by the end of the season," Roscoe said of his team. "They have the talent and this win may motivate them to work harder."

The Astoria golfers "were up against some terrific players," he

added. "Blake (Kukula) and Carter (Lee) have some serious game, but in our pre-match meeting on the range, I had a feeling that if they just played their game, our team had a chance to win. They took it to heart and went out and won."

Seaside was the easy winner in the junior varsity match, accumulating 94 points to top Astoria (57) and Ilwaco (41).

TRACK

Warrenton girls team second in league meet

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PORTLAND — Before sending select athletes to the Meet of Champions, the Warrenton track team took part in one of the first big league meets of the season last week, as Portland Christian hosted a Lewis & Clark League invitational Thursday.

And the Warriors scored some big points, enough to finish a close second on the girls' side, and third out of four teams for the boys.

Besides the Warriors and Portland Christian, Clatskanie and De La Salle were the other schools competing.

The Lady Warriors scored a 1-4 sweep in the 400 meters, Adriana DeJesus winning in 1 minute, 8.27 seconds, ahead of freshman teammate Kora Carelock.

Fernanda Alvarez had the win-

ning mark in the shot put (32 feet, 5 inches), and took second in the discus, with a personal best throw of 80-10, the fifth athlete in school history to hit the 80-foot mark. Teammate Faith Peterson was second in the javelin with a personal best toss of 86-2.

Warrenton's Cailin Bennett and Serena Moha took second and third, respectively, in the 800 meters. In the 1,500 meters, Moha was second and Bennett took third.

On the boys' side, sophomore Mark Warren won the javelin with a personal best 164-5 (the best mark in the state at the 3A level), and added second-place finishes in the discus (personal record 104-9) and shot put.

Freshman Jalen Maddox was second in the 200 meters (25.24), and sophomore Hobie Beeman took second in the 400 (59.75).

BASEBALL

Knappa draws 28 walks and scores 39 runs

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Knappa scored two more routine Northwest League baseball victories Friday at Astoria's CMH Field, 21-1 and 18-2, in a double-header sweep over the Vernonia Loggers.

In three games vs. Vernonia last week, Knappa outscored the other Loggers, 53-3.

Knappa improves to 8-0 overall (all five-inning games), and has outscored the opposition 86-5.

In Friday's Game 1, Knappa pitchers Kaleb Miller and Mason Hoover allowed just three hits with five strikeouts and one walk.

Knappa led 6-1 through three innings, then tacked on 12 insurance runs in the fourth. Knappa had 13 hits in Game 1, and took advantage of 11 walks and seven hit batters.

Mason Hoover had three hits, scored three times and drove in

three runs. Reuben Cruz was 2-for-3 and scored four runs, and Logan Bartlett was 2-for-2 with three RBIs. Ryker Coffey did not have a hit, but walked three times and drove in four runs.

Knappa also ran the bases at will, stealing 13 bases.

Eli Takalo pitched four innings of Game 2 to pick up the win. Dale Takalo pitched the fifth. The two combined for seven strikeouts and three walks.

Knappa had just five hits in the nightcap, but took advantage of Vernonia's control issues, as two pitchers combining to walk 17 Knappa batters, with just one strikeout.

Eli Takalo (2-for-4) was the only multiple hitter for Knappa. Colton Weirup was 0-for-3, but scored three runs. Miller and Bartlett were both 0-for-0 at the plate, but combined to score five runs, drawing three walks apiece.



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New Orleans Pelicans guard Jrue Holiday and Portland Trail Blazers forward Evan Turner vie for the ball in Portland on Saturday during Game 1 in the first-round playoff series.

Davis scores 35, Pelicans hold off Blazers

BY ERIK GARCÍA
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 Associated Press

PORTLAND — Anthony Davis stole the show and the New Orleans Pelicans stole home-court advantage from the Portland Trail Blazers.

Davis had 35 points, 14 rebounds and four blocks, Jrue Holiday and Rajon Rondo won the backcourt battle, and the Pelicans held on for a 97-95 victory on Saturday night in Game 1 of their Western Conference first-round series.

Holiday added 21 points, outplaying both Damian Lillard and CJ McCollum, and had a big blocked shot in the closing seconds as New Orleans escaped after Portland erased almost all of a 19-point deficit.

"It's the playoffs," Holiday said of his final block. "A lot of excitement and a lot of energy especially in the building. Obviously, that was a

really big stop and at that moment it felt good to get a stop. It felt good to know that all the hard work we put in this game, we got the win, so we did a really good job at that."

Rondo finished with 17 assists, eight rebounds and six points.

Portland made a charge that cut it to 93-92 on McCollum's 3-pointer just inside a minute left. Lillard missed in the lane with 15 seconds remaining with the Blazers still down one, and after Davis made two free throws, Holiday blocked Pat Connaughton's layup with 6.3 seconds to go.

Blazers coach Terry Stotts and several players said that the play was designed for a 3-pointer, but the Pelicans successfully took those options away. Perhaps that had something to do with Rondo knowing everything the Blazers were ready to throw at them and relaying that knowledge to his teammates.

NBA PLAYOFFS: RND 1

No. 6 seed **NEW ORLEANS PELICANS** (48-34) vs. No. 3 seed **PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS** (49-33)

Game 2: New Orleans leads 1-0
 Tuesday, 7:30 PM
 At Portland, Moda Center
 TV: TNT

Manaea, Lowrie lead A's to 2-1 win over King Felix, Mariners

SEATTLE — Sean Manaea admits that last season, giving up a home run in a tight game could have been the start of a rough outing.

It wasn't a problem on Sunday. Manaea pitched seven innings and Jed Lowrie hit an early two-run homer off Felix Hernandez, leading the Oakland Athletics to a 2-1 victory over the Seattle Mariners.

Even when he gave up a long ball to Taylor Motter in the fifth, Manaea

responded by retiring his final seven batters.

"Last year, it was kind of like a dark spot, I guess. Anything that would go bad, immediately terrible thoughts would pop in my head and just keep getting me further and further down, and there were times I couldn't get out of it," Manaea said. "Where I am now, solo home runs aren't going to kill you. That's just kind of the mindset."

The homer was one of just two hits allowed by Manaea (2-2). It was the third time in four starts this season he has lasted at least seven innings, and he's allowed two runs or fewer in each outing.

"I don't know where we'd be without him at this point," Oakland manager Bob Melvin said. "He saves the bullpen. He's pitched great and won games for us. He's had a heck of an April, for sure."

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SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE	
TODAY	
Baseball — Rainier at Warrenton (2), 3:30 p.m.	
Softball — Seaside at Tillamook, 4 p.m.; Rainier at Warrenton (2), 3:30 p.m.; Knappa at Vernonia (2), 3 p.m.	
Girls golf — Seaside Invitational, 10 a.m.	
Boys golf — Scappoose at Seaside, 2 p.m.	
TUESDAY	
Baseball — Tillamook at Astoria, 5 p.m.; Banks at Seaside, 5 p.m.; Portland Christian at Warrenton, 4:30 p.m.; Knappa at Neah-Kah-Nie, 4:30 p.m.	
Softball — Astoria at Tillamook, 5 p.m.; Seaside at Banks, 5 p.m.; Portland Christian at Warrenton, 4:30 p.m.; Knappa at Neah-Kah-Nie, 4:30 p.m.	
BOYS GOLF	
Astoria Invitational at Astoria Golf & CC	
Team: Astoria 72, Wahkiakum 70, Tillamook 62, Ilwaco 49.	
Individual (Top 10)	
Carter Lee, Tillamook, 35	
Blake Kukula, Ilwaco, 32	
Zach Johnson, Wahkiakum, 22	
Taylor Palmberg, Astoria, 21	
Tyler St. Onge, Wahkiakum, 21	

Josh Olson, Astoria, 19	
Daniel Paswerck, Astoria, 16	
Conner Long, Astoria, 16	
Dylan Althiede-Nielsen, Astoria, 14	
Bryce Good, Wahkiakum, 14	
Landon Werner, Tillamook, 14	
BASEBALL	
Game 1	
Knappa 21, Vernonia 1	
Knappa 420(12)3—2113 1	
Vernonia 001 00—1 3 2	
Miller, M.Hoover (4); Johnson, Yu (4), Harral (4). W: Miller. L: Johnson. RBI: Kna, Coffey 4, M.Hoover 3, Bartlett 3, Cruz 2, Stuhr 2, E.Takalo 2, D.Takalo 2, Miller, D.Patterson, Weirup; Ver, Patten.	
2B: Kna, Cruz, M.Hoover; Ver, Harral.	
3B: Cruz, Bartlett. HBP: Kna, Cruz, Bartlett, Miller, D.Patterson. R.Patterson, E.Takalo; Ver, Johnson. LOB: Knappa 9, Vernonia 3.	
Game 2	
Knappa 18, Vernonia 2	
Knappa 137 70—18 5 1	
Vernonia 001 10—2 1 4	
E.Takalo, D.Takalo (5); Harral, Patten (4). W: E.Takalo. L: Harral. RBI: Coffey 2, Goodman, Cruz, D.Hoover, Miethe, D.Patterson, E.Takalo, Weirup; Ver, Johnson. 2B: Kna, Cruz. HBP: Ver, For-ester, Hahn. LOB: Knappa 4, Vernonia 3. DP: Knappa, Vernonia.	