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Athletes of the Week



DARIAN HAGEMAN,
Astoria



TIM BARNETT,
Astoria

Hageman was the only athlete at the Daily Astorian Invitational on April 9 to win four individual events. She cleared 10 feet to win the pole vault and 5-2 in the high jump, in addition to scoring first-place marks in the long jump (16-0¾) and triple jump (37-8¼). She was the big winner at the Meet of Champions on April 14, winning three of the four jumping events — 17-4½ in the long jump, 5-3 in the high jump and 10-6 in the pole vault. Rebeka Preston of Santiam Christian scored the upset in the triple jump with a 3A state record 38-11 ¼, with Hageman placing second.

The senior was 6-for-6 last week, winning everything there was to win in two big meets. He swept the throwing events in the Daily Astorian Invitational, with winning marks in the discus (153-10), javelin (160-8) and shot put (50-9). Five days later, he continued his dominance in the Meet of Champions at Willamette University, again winning the discus (154-0), javelin (177-1, a personal best) and shot put (50-8 ½). He is the No. 1-ranked discus thrower in the state at the 4A level, and ranks second in both the javelin and shot put.

Rainier scores sweep at Warrenton

By **GARY HENLEY**
The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — The Warrenton baseball team put up a challenge that Rainier hasn't seen from the Warriors in a while, but the Columbians still scored the doubleheader sweep Wednesday at Huddleston Field, 11-3 and 3-1.

After winning the three-game series last year by a combined 30-2 (and 40-2 the year before that), the Columbians had to fight and scratch for every run and every hit in Wednesday's twinbill.

The Warriors made stellar plays in the field, their batters and baserunners put pressure on Rainier's defense and pitching, and the Warrenton pitchers — for the most part — held the Columbians in check.

Rainier simply had a few more big innings to win the key Lewis & Clark League showdown.

Warrenton coach Lennie Wolfe said, "For the past few years, we've been looking real hard for the moral victories."

"But at this stage, we know we can compete, and we're no longer

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Lennie Wolfe
 Warrenton coach

looking for those 'moral victories.' We're looking for the actual victories, so we were disappointed in the losses today."

The Columbians scored 10 of their 11 runs in two innings of Game 1 — six in the fourth and four in the seventh.

Warrenton led 2-1 through three innings, highlighted by an RBI single by Gabe Breitmeyer in a two-run first inning that scored Austin Little.

Little was also the starting pitcher, and gave up just one run over the first three innings.

Having played a single game Tuesday, and with another doubleheader Friday, the Warriors had to watch their pitch count very closely.

"From a coaching perspective, the disappointing thing was hav-

ing to deal with the pitch counts," Wolfe said. "Having played (Tuesday) and with two more Friday, the number of games we're playing this week and the pitch count definitely had an impact on the games today."

As a result, Little ran out of pitches and was taken off the mound in the fourth inning of Game 1, and the Columbians scored four runs after his departure.

Rainier had nine hits in the opener, and drew seven walks with four hit batters.

Lost in the loss were a couple of great plays by Warrior infielders Alec Herrera at third base and later Little at shortstop, as the two made diving stops on grounders to throw out the baserunners.

Warrenton catcher Jacob Morrow also gunned down runners at

second base, two Rainier runners were thrown out at the plate, and the Warriors turned a 2-3-2 double play to end an early Rainier threat.

Little had two of Warrenton's six hits in the opener, but the Warriors hurt themselves with five errors in the field.

"Alex and Austin had the web-gems, but we did some other things to ourselves that cost us," Wolfe said. "Both teams made some plays today, but we just didn't finish when we had the opportunities."

"But we're getting past the point of just playing for the moral victories," he said. "We believe we're good enough to start winning these games."

In Game 2, the Columbians scored a run in the second inning and two in the fourth, and the lead held up as three Rainier pitchers limited Warrenton to just two hits.

Devin Jackson had a run-scoring single that brought in Dalton Knight with Warrenton's lone run in the sixth inning.

Freshman pitcher Duane Falls made appearances in both games for the Warriors, and worked his way out of potential jams.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Neah-Kah-Nie goes the distance, Knappa still wins

ROCKAWAY BEACH — The Neah-Kah-Nie Pirates were the first team this season to go all seven innings with the Knappa Loggers, who still scored a 9-2 win over the Pirates in a Northwest League baseball game Wednesday.

Knappa scored seven runs in the third inning to pull away, on its way to a 9-0 overall record.

Reuben Cruz led off the big inning with a home run to left field. Mason Hoover was 2-for-3 with a double and also was the winning pitcher.

Colton Weirup added a two-run double for the Loggers, who host a doubleheader Friday with the Pirates.

Knappa pitchers Dale Takalo, Hoover and Eli Takalo scattered five hits.

Big innings lead Rainier past Warrenton

WARRENTON — Rainier scored the majority of its runs in the first three innings in both games Wednesday at Warrenton, where the Columbians swept past the Warriors, 15-7 and 10-0 in a Lewis & Clark League softball doubleheader.

In Game 1, Rainier built a 14-0 lead over the first three innings, before watching the Warriors rally with six runs in the fifth. Warrenton could not overcome six errors in the field in the opener, while Rainier pitcher Taleah King scattered six hits with 10 strikeouts and four walks.

Rachel Dyer had two of Warrenton's hits, and also drove in two runs.

The Columbians scored nine more runs in the first two innings of the nightcap, which went the entire seven innings. Rainier only had six hits in Game 2, but the Warriors had another five errors in the field.

— *The Daily Astorian*

Astoria teams sweep 3-way meet

The Daily Astorian

TILLAMOOK — With rising hopes of winning league and state titles later this spring, the Astoria track teams scored a first-place sweep Wednesday in a three-way track meet at Tillamook.

Competing against Seaside and the Cheesemakers, the Fishermen were the big point-winners for both the girls (109.5 points to Seaside's 23) and the boys (78.83 points, to Seaside's 37.33).

Most Astoria athletes had personal best times and marks. Multiple winners for the girls included Darian Hageman (three of the four jumping events), and Sophie Long in the 200 meters (27.5) and 400 meters (1:03.7). Hageman did not compete in the high jump, instead placing third in the javelin.

Astoria also swept the hurdles and relays, and won every race between 100 and 800 meters.

Kes Sandstrom won the shot put and discus.

For the boys, Astoria's Tim Barnett again won all three throwing events, but did not set any new personal bests.

Seaside had a 1-2-3 sweep in the 800 (David Schwinoof, Dodger Holmstedt, Luis Moreno), while Rafi Sibony won the 1,500 meters and Schwinoof took first in the 3,000 meters.

Tillamook upsets Seaside, 12-2

The Daily Astorian

TILLAMOOK — Tillamook racked up 15 hits and shocked Seaside 12-2 in a Cowapa League softball game Wednesday, as the Cheesemakers handed the Gulls their first loss in league play.

Seaside (3-1) falls into a second-place tie with Banks in the

league standings. The Gulls host the Braves Thursday at Broadway Field.

The Gulls "struggled today," said Seaside coach Darren Ideue. "A week off and being delayed for a week didn't help us at all. We weren't ready, and Tilly hit the ball where we weren't. They certainly avenged their loss here."

Tillamook improves to 1-4

in league. Tillamook pitcher Hannah Nelson scattered five hits over five innings, with three strikeouts and a walk. Laci Lourenzo and Natilee Dentel had three hits apiece for the Cheesemakers, while the top four players in the Tillamook lineup batted a combined 10-for-12 and scored nine runs.

Houston's big seventh inning dooms Mariners

By **TODD MILLES**
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Houston manager A.J. Hinch warns that "rough patches" on offense don't stick around the Astros too long.

After scoring just six runs total in its past three games, Houston put away the Mariners with a six-run seventh inning, leading to a 7-1 victory Wednesday night.

Astros starting pitcher Gerrit Cole (2-0) struck out five, end-

ing a string of double-digit knockout games at three. He gave up just an unearned run in his fourth consecutive seven-inning start to begin his career in the American League.

The Astros sent 11 batters to the plate in their biggest-scoring inning of the season off Mariners starter Mike Leake and relievers Nick Vincent and James Pazos.

The first five Houston batters reached against Leake (2-1), starting with Josh Reddick's leadoff walk. After Yuli Gurriel hit a double in the

left-field corner, Marwin Gonzalez followed by lining Leake's first pitch to center field for a two-run single that gave the Astros a 3-1 lead.

"As the game went on, our at-bats got better and better, which is encouraging," Hinch said. "We have an explosive offense."

Brian McCann doubled to deep right center, and Houston grabbed a 4-1 lead on a fielding error by right fielder Mitch Haniger, who got a late jump on Evan Gattis' shallow fly ball.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE	
TODAY	
Baseball — Astoria at Tillamook, 5 p.m.; Seaside at Banks, 5 p.m.	
Softball — Tillamook at Astoria, 5 p.m.; Warrenton at Portland Adventist (2), 3:30 p.m.; Knappa at Vernonia (2), 3 p.m.	
Track — NWL meet, Knappa, 3:30 p.m.	
Boys golf — Astoria at Tillamook, 1 p.m.	
FRIDAY	
Baseball — Warrenton at Catlin Gabel (2), 3:30 p.m.; Neah-Kah-Nie at Knappa (2), 3 p.m.	
Softball — Ilwaco at Seaside, 5 p.m.; Neah-Kah-Nie at Knappa (2), 3 p.m.	

BASEBALL	
Game 1	
Rainier 11, Warrenton 3	
Rainier 010 600 4—11 9 3	
Warrenton 200 010 0—3 6 5	
Tripp, Nelson (3), Howell (7) and Guerr; Little, Morrow (4), Falls (5) and Morrow, Breitmeyer (4), Morrow (5). W: Nelson. L: Little. RBI: Rai, Tripp 3, Kangas 2, Ca.Rea, Bouch, Co.Rea; War, Morrow, Breitmeyer. 2B: Rai, Bouch 2, Tripp. HBP: Rai, Bour-saw 3, Guerr. LOB: Rainier 6, Warrenton 5. DP: Rainier, Warrenton.	
Game 2	
Rainier 3, Warrenton 1	
Rainier 010 200 0—3 3 2	

Warrenton 000 001 0—1 2 1	
Ca.Rea, Cantrell (3), Howell (6) and Sorensen; Jackson, Falls (4), Knight (6) and Morrow. W: Cantrall. L: Falls. RBI: Rai, Ca.Rea, Keizur; War, Jackson. 2B: Rai, Cantrall. HBP: War, Little. LOB: Rainier 4, Warrenton 5.	
Knappa 9, Neah-Kah-Nie 2	
Knappa 207 000 0—9 9 0	
NeahKahNie 110 000 0—2 5 2	
D. Takalo, M. Hoover (3), E. Takalo (4) and Miller; Elinsky, Keegan (3), Pieper (4) and Harth. W: M. Hoover. L: Elinsky. 2B: Kna, M. Hoover, Weirup. HR: Kna, Cruz.	

NBA PLAYOFFS: RND 1

No. 6 seed
NEW ORLEANS PELICANS
 (48-34)

No. 3 seed
PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS
 (49-33)

Game 3: Today, 6 p.m.
 At New Orleans, Smoothie King Center **TV: NBA TV**
Series: NO leads 2-0