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## Knappa hosts NWL meet

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KNAPPA — The Knappa track team hosted its only home meet of the season last week, a Northwest League event held Thursday. Warrenton also took part.

Multiple winners for the Loggers included Kanai Phillip in the 100 and 200 meters, and Robert Pina-Morton (1,500 and 3,000 meters). Spencer Teague won the high jump.

Warrenton's Mark Warren won the javelin, but junior Tristan Bennett from Class 2A Neah-Kah-Nie took first over Warren in the discus and shot put.

On the girls' side, the Class 3A Lady Warriors dominated the meet with wins in the 100 (Kaisa Liljenwall), 400 (Adriana DeJesus), Liljenwall again in the 100 and 300-meter hurdles, the 400-meter relay, and Fernanda Alvarez in the shot put.



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Aiden Bixel gets a running start at the pole vault for Jewell.

## Bright new 'blue' day for Jewell Blue Jays

By GARY HENLEY

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JEWELL — Everything was coming up Blue Jays on Saturday afternoon at Jewell High School. In addition to a blue sky and a new blue track, the Jewell Blue Jays had themselves a day to remember.

In the school's first home meet in at least 25 years, the Blue Jays made it a first-class affair for the grand re-opening of their home track, as the Jays hosted the 12-team Jewell Invitational.

And the message for the day was, "we're not little ol' Jewell anymore," which was one of the messages that former Blue Jay Mollie Lee (2006 state champion in the javelin) gave to this year's squad before the meet. If you put the work into it, you can accomplish great things.

Which the school has certainly done. Jewell's new, first-class track would be the envy of any high school in Clatsop County. The Blue Jays took the opportunity and made it a special day all around.

Halfway through the meet, they held a special ribbon-cutting ceremony to open the new track, which was followed by the introduction of some Jewell track alumni, and capped off with a Senior Day presentation for current Jewell track athletes.

In addition to the Blue Jays winning a few events in the meet, it was indeed a Blue Jay-kind of day for Clatsop County's smallest school.

A class 1A high school, Jewell has 18 athletes on the track team (the school's enrollment was 39 students last year).

"I've been running track meets for 50 years," said David Fix, a longtime college coach, a current assistant at Jewell and meet director for Saturday's event. "And I haven't done a perfect one yet. But I could not be more pleased with our first effort here.

"It looks like a three-ring circus out here, but we have good people who keep track of every little thing," he said. "Most of the people who are running the events were longtime officials for me at Lewis & Clark College, or one of my former athletes. They've put on a lot of meets, so they know the routine."

The new track will lead to more home meets, less travel for the team, and possible postseason meets.

"In the future, we'd like to hold this meet every year," said Jewell coach Joe Kaczanski. "And there are talks of having a Casco League meet, just for the Casco schools.

"The feedback I've heard today from coaches, they really like the track," he said. "It's brand new and good for the athletes. Before it was like concrete, now it's a fast track."

Fix has only been at Jewell since 2015, but knew the history.

"Jewell had a track of unknown origins, somewhere in the 1980s, and it was worn out," he said. "So it's a credit to the school, and to the teams."

With no varsity baseball or softball teams, "We had half the school out for high school track," he said. "So the school board accepted the rationale to get a new track, and spent a lot of money on it (\$750,000). It's a beautiful track in a beautiful setting, and for a 1A school, we're really fortunate."

Replacement of the track began July 10, 2017, and was finished by Oct. 27.

And for the record, they never found a boxcar underneath the old track.

"That's a local legend, that there's a boxcar buried out here as a drywell," Fix said. "But we didn't find it."

As for the meet itself, Jewell athletes won three events — two of them by senior Gabi Morales.

She ran the 100-meter hurdles in 17.57 seconds to finish first in that event, then later won the 300-meter hurdles in a personal best time 49.04.

Morales also cleared 4 feet, 9 inches for second in the high jump.

"My ultimate goal is to place first in both hurdles at districts, and top three in state," she said.

The new track "is amazing," she added. "It's so much better. I love it. It's a good way to end the year."

Elsewhere, senior Emma Guillen took third out of 29 competitors in the shot put with a personal record toss of 28-5. Sophomore Aspen Searls was third in the 100 meters (13.89).

On the boys' side, senior Thomas Meehan won the 3,000 meters in 10:28.20, and was second in the 1,500 meters (4:45.80), while Daniel Kuhnly had the second-best time in the 800 meters (2:27.70).

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

#### TODAY

Baseball — Astoria at Seaside, 5 p.m.  
Boys golf — Seaside Invitational (at Astoria CC), Noon

#### BASEBALL

##### Game 1

Warrenton 6, Catlin Gabel 0  
Warrenton 000 211 2-6 6 1  
Catlin G. 000 000 0-0 1 1

Jackson, Breitmeyer (7) and Morrow; Olson, Woodcock (2) and Uan Zo-Li. W: Jackson. L: Olson. RBI: War, Falls 2, Morrow, Jackson, Herrera. 2B: War, Little. HBP: War, Morrow, Jackson, Breitmeyer; CG, Scott. LOB: Warrenton 7, Catlin Gabel 4.

##### Game 2

Warrenton 7, Catlin Gabel 1  
Warrenton 410 010 1-7 7 1  
Catlin G. 100 000 0-1 2 1

Knight, Breitmeyer (7) and Morrow; McGautha, Scott (6) and Uan Zo-Li. W: Knight. L: McGautha. RBI: War, Breitmeyer 2, Herrera 2, Morrow, Kapua; CG, Uan-Zo-Li. 2B: War, Kapua, Jackson, Herrera; CG, Williamson. HBP: Morrow, Jackson, Kapua. LOB: Warrenton 6, Catlin Gabel 5.

##### Game 1

Knappa 4, Neah-Kah-Nie 3  
NeahKahNie003 000 0-3 5 2  
Knappa 300 000 1-4 5 1

Bridge, Davidson (6), Elinsky (7) and Wagner; E. Takalo, M. Hoover (7) and Miller. W: M. Hoover. L: Elinsky. RBI: NKN, Holm 2, Bridge; Kna. D. Takalo 2, Bartlett, E. Takalo. HBP: NKN, Harth, Wagner. LOB: Neah-Kah-Nie 5, Knappa 7.

##### Game 2

Knappa 10, Neah-Kah-Nie 1  
NeahKahNie010 000 0-1 2 5  
Knappa 005 041 x-10 10 0

Davidson, Elinsky (4), Pieper (4); Miller, M. Hoover (7). W: Miller. L: Davidson. RBI: NKN, Pieper; Kna, Cruz, Bartlett, Miller, E. Takalo, Weirup. LOB: Neah-Kah-Nie 2, Knappa 11.

#### SOFTBALL

##### Astoria 11, Tillamook 3

Tillamook 000 200 1-3 8 0  
Astoria 141 302 x-11 19 0

W: McKailyn Rogers (5 Ks, 3 walks). L: Hannah Nelson (0 Ks, 0 walks). RBI: Til, Johnson, Knutsen; Ast, Hankwitz 3, Both 2, O'Brien 2, Lyngstad, Rogers. 2B: Ast, Helligso 2, Lyngstad, Both, Rogers, Helmersen. 3B: Til, Dentel; Ast, O'Brien, Rogers. HBP: Til, Hurliman. LOB: Tillamook 8, Astoria 6. DP: Astoria.

##### Banks 28, Seaside 3

Seaside 001 11-3 10 6  
Banks 895 6x-28 27 1

W: Michaela Shaw (1 K, 0 walks). L: Meyer (0 Ks, 0 walks). RBI: Sea, Ideue; Ban, Davis 5, Herb 4, Hernandez 3, McCourt 2, Saunders 2, Vandomelen 2, Vanloo 2, White, Wise, Campbell, Gibson, Shaw, Vandehy. 2B: Sea, Ideue; Ban, Davis, Gibson, Herb, Hernandez, Storms, Wise. 3B: Ban, Hernandez, McCourt. HBP: Ban, Graham, Shaw. LOB: Seaside 5, Banks 6.

##### Game 1

Knappa 10, Neah-Kah-Nie 0  
NeahKahNie 000 000-0 2 3  
Knappa 300 412-10 7 3

W: Madelynn Weaver (8 Ks, 1 walk). L: Maddie Lambert (5 Ks, 6 walks). RBI: Kna, Miethe 2, Weaver 2, Rethati 2, Ramwick. 2B: Kna, Ramwick. HR: Kna, Rethati. LOB: Neah-Kah-Nie 5, Knappa 4.

##### Game 2

Knappa 12, Neah-Kah-Nie 6  
NeahKahNie204 000 0-6 7 3  
Knappa 014 250 x-12 7 0

W: Madelynn Weaver (4 Ks, 1 walk). L: Maddie Lambert (2 Ks, 7 walks). RBI: NKN, Smith 2, Esplin 2, Meyers, Lilly; Kna, Nicholson 3, Rethati 2, Weaver 2, Carlson, Hellberg, Truax. 2B: NKN, Lambert; Kna, Nicholson, Truax, Weaver. HBP: NKN, Meyers, Nelson; Kna, Hendrickson, Truax. LOB: Neah-Kah-Nie 5, Knappa 11.

## Record pole vault for Astoria's Hageman at Rob Frank Invite

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BANKS — The Astoria girls track team is rounding into state championship form, as the Lady Fishermen scored several victories Saturday at the Rob Frank Invitational in Banks.

Winners for Astoria included Kelsey Fausett (400 meters) and Sophie Long (1,500 meters), while Andrea Harris and Isabella Clement swept the hurdles, and both Astoria relay teams also won.

Seaside's Gretchen Hoekstre continues her dominance in the throws, winning the shot put (PR 43 feet, 4 inches) and discus. Astoria's Kes Sandstrom was second in each event, while Tay-

lor Cosner won the javelin (PR 119-3).

Darian Hageman again swept all four jumping events, high-lighting her meet with an Astoria school record 11-2 in the pole vault, breaking her own record. She won the triple jump by nearly six feet.

The Astoria boys are making themselves the possible frontrunners in the Cowapa League, with Tim Barnett a favorite to sweep the throws at the 4A level.

He won the shot put and discus Saturday, but finished behind Braden Wise of Banks and Parker Conrad of Seaside in the javelin.

Seaside senior Rafi Sibony

won the 800 meters in 2:01.74, ahead of teammate Levi Card.

Astoria's Michael Kee and T.J. Colvin placed second in the 100 and 200, respectively, and Nikolai Boisvert was second in the 3,000. Kee was also second in the 300 hurdles and the long jump. Seaside freshman Henry Garvin placed third in the 400.

Both Astoria relay teams took second behind Banks.

Warrenton also took part, with sophomore Mark Warren setting personal best marks in the shot put (fifth) and discus (sixth). Warrenton's Fernanda Alvarez was third in the girls' shot put with a personal best, and Adriana DeJesus was second in the 800.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### BASEBALL

#### Warrenton takes two at Catlin Gabel

PORTLAND — Warrenton bounced back from a doubleheader loss to Rainier Wednesday with a doubleheader sweep at Catlin Gabel, 6-0 and 7-1, Friday in Portland.

Warrior pitchers Devin Jackson and Gabe Breitmeyer combined on a one-hitter in Game 1, with six strikeouts and one walk.

Jacob Morrow and Breitmeyer scored twice, freshman Duane Falls drove in two and Kaleo Kapua was 2-for-3 for Warrenton.

The Warriors were hit by pitch three times in Game 1, and three more times in the nightcap.

Dalton Knight pitched six innings, and Breitmeyer closed again, as the two gave up just two hits with 10 strikeouts and three walks. Warrenton had hits from six different players. Austin Little was 2-for-3 with three runs scored.

#### Knappa sweeps Neah-Kah-Nie

KNAPPA — Very few baseball teams come to Knappa and play the Loggers to a 3-3 tie through six innings, but that happened Friday with the visiting Neah-Kah-Nie Pirates.

Ultimately, the Loggers avoided the upset and scored a 4-3 win, and also won Game 2, 10-1, for the Northwest League doubleheader sweep.

Knappa improves to 11-0 overall and 6-0 in league (93-3 over the last five years).

Logger Logan Bartlett had a game-winning single in the bottom of the seventh. Both teams finished with five hits, with no extra base hits. Knappa's Dale Takalo drove in two runs.

Kaleb Miller tossed the complete-game in Game 2, allowing two hits with nine strikeouts and a walk. Takalo was 3-for-4 and scored twice.

### SOFTBALL

#### Banks defeats Seaside, 28-3

BANKS — After winning eight of their first nine games, the Seaside softball team has cooled off, as Banks pounded out 27 hits in a 28-3 win over the Gulls in Cowapa League softball action Friday.

It was the third straight loss for Seaside, which trailed 22-1 after just three innings. The Gulls finished with 10 hits, but committed six errors defensively.

Noel Herb was 4-for-5 with four RBIs to lead Banks, while teammate Mackenzie Davis drove in five runs. The Braves had eight extra base hits.

#### Knappa sweeps Neah-Kah-Nie

ROCKAWAY BEACH — Knappa had to rally in Game 2 to complete a 10-1, 12-6 sweep over Neah-Kah-Nie, in a Northwest League softball doubleheader Friday.

The Loggers cruised in the opener, as Madelynn Weaver pitched a one-hitter with eight strikeouts and a walk. Weaver was 2-for-3 at the plate, and Mikayla Rethati belted her first career home run.

Emily Nicholson pitched the first three innings of Game 2, allowing three hits with two strikeouts and two hit batters.

Knappa rallied from a five-run deficit, and Weaver came on to pitch the last four innings, giving up a hit with five strikeouts.

Nicholson was 2-for-3, while Weaver and Kaitlyn Truax each had a double. Nicholson drove in three runs.

Knappa had just seven hits in Game 2, in which the Loggers took advantage of 13 walks and two hit batters. The Pirates also had three errors.

Meanwhile, Nicholson and Weaver struck out seven with one walk and the Loggers did not commit an error.

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## Astoria softball rolls over Tillamook, 11-3

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The Astoria softball team is red-hot at the plate, as the Lady Fishermen collected another 19 hits in an 11-3 win Friday over Tillamook at

CMH Field.

That makes 39 hits in two games for Astoria, and 57 runs in four games.

McKailyn Rogers pitched a complete game Friday, allowing eight hits

with five strikeouts and three walks.

Offensively, Kayla Helligso was 3-for-4 with two doubles, and Rogers had a single, double and a triple.

Astoria has key showdowns this week vs. Seaside and Banks.