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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Knappa baseball hammers Nestucca

KNAPPA — So much for the challenge for first place in Northwest League baseball. Knappa settled that question Tuesday at Teevin Field, where the Loggers scored another easy win, 12-1 over visiting Nestucca.

Knappa improves to 7-0 in league, while Nestucca drops to 6-1. The Bobcats still have two more chances against the Loggers with a doubleheader Friday, but the Loggers showed just how far ahead they are against the Bobcats.

Facing Nestucca's best pitcher, the Loggers racked up 12 hits (including four doubles and a home run), and the Bobcats committed six errors in the field as Knappa pulled away early in the six-inning win.

Dale Takalo pitched a complete game for the Loggers, allowing just five hits with six strikeouts and one walk.

Nestucca starter Mitchell Richwine lasted just three and 2/3 innings, allowing seven hits with four strikeouts and four walks.

Knappa had four players with multiple hits, led by Mason Hoover (3-for-4, two RBIs and two doubles), while Logan Bartlett had a three-run home run.

Knappa softball downs Nestucca

KNAPPA — In the two-team race for the Northwest League championship, the Knappa Lady Loggers kept pace with Gaston by scoring a 10-4 win over visiting Nestucca in a softball game Tuesday.

Knappa starter Madelynn Weaver pitched a complete game, scattering four hits with 10 strikeouts and five walks.

The Logger offense collected 11 hits, including three by Aiko Miller and two apiece for Laicee Hendrickson and Kaitlyn Truax.

Knappa improves to 6-1 and keeps the Loggers within one game of Gaston, while Nestucca drops to 0-7 in league.

The Loggers play a doubleheader against the winless Bobcats Friday in Cloverdale.

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Astoria's Julia Norris fires a pitch toward home plate.

Photos by Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

Astoria edges Seaside in the Clash

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Seaside pitcher Jetta Ideue cooled off the Astoria bats, but the Lady Fishermen still won their fifth straight, a 6-3 decision over the Gulls in a Clatsop Clash softball game Tuesday at CMH Field.

Astoria remained in a three-team chase for the league title, improving to 5-2 in league (6-8 overall), just one game out of first place (Banks and Scappoose are tied at 6-1).

After a combined 39 hits in their last two games, the Fishermen had just six hits off Ideue, who also struck out eight with two walks.

Astoria countered with Julia Norris, who took a no-hitter into the seventh inning before giving up two hits after the first out. She lost the no-hit bid, but finished with seven strikeouts and no walks to pick up the win.

The Fishermen built a quick 2-0 lead,



Seaside's Jetta Ideue delivers a pitch.



Astoria's Hailey Ranta prepares to bunt.

scoring twice on sacrifice fly balls by Lexxis Lyngstad and Norris in the first inning.

Astoria scored a run on a passed ball in the third, before a costly error led to two Seaside runs in the fourth.

Before the Gulls could score the equalizer, Astoria scored three in the sixth, highlighted

by a double from Norris and Halle Helmersen's run-scoring single to left.

Seaside's Bri Hill beat out an infield single with one out in the seventh to break up the no-hitter, and Sidney Owsley's double drove her in for the Gulls' final run.

The two teams play today at Seaside.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY

Baseball — Seaside at Astoria, 5 p.m.; Colton at Warrenton, 4:30 p.m.

Softball — Astoria at Seaside, 5 p.m.

Track — Lewis & Clark League meet, Clatskanie, 3:45 p.m.

Boys golf — Tillamook at Seaside, 2 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Astoria 6, Seaside 3

Seaside 000 010 0—4 5 4

Astoria 201 003 x—6 6 2

W: Julia Norris (7 Ks, 0 walks). L: Jetta Ideue (8 Ks, 2 walks). RBI: Sea, Soprano, Owsley; Ast, Norris 2, Lyngstad, Hankwitz, Helmersen. 2B: Sea, Owsley; Ast, Rogers, Norris. 3B: Ast, Rogers. HBP: Sea, Flaigg, Goin; Ast, Ranta. LOB: Seaside 3, Astoria 3.

Clatskanie 9, Warrenton 1

Warrenton 020 200 5—9 9 6

Clatskanie 240 102 x—9 7 2

W: Shelby Blodgett (6 Ks, 1 walk). L: Niqui Blodgett (9 Ks, 5 walks). RBI: War, Kapua; Cla, Blodgett 3, Warren 2, Jackson 2, Sprague, Smith. 2B: Cla, Smith, Blodgett. 3B: Cla, Sprague. HR: Cla, Blodgett. LOB: Warrenton 5, Clatskanie 7.

Knappa 10, Nestucca 4

Nestucca 000 103 0—4 5 4

Knappa 310 501 x—10 11 1

W: Madelynn Weaver (10 Ks, 5 walks). L: Becca Menefee (0 Ks, 4 walks). RBI: Nes, Hamilton 3, Royster; Kna, Rethati 3, Truax 2, Miller, Nicholson, Ramvick, Weaver. LOB: Nestucca 6, Knappa 6.

BASEBALL

Warrenton 9, Clatskanie 8

Warrenton 020 200 5—9 9 6

Clatskanie 400 013 0—8 10 3

Jackson, Knight (5) and Morrow; D.Evenson, Helmen (4), F.Evenson (7) and Warren. W: Knight. L: Helmen. RBI: War, Herrera 3, Breitmeyer 3, Knight, Morrow; Cla, Bochner 2, Sterba 2, F.Evenson, Patterson. 2B: War, Kapua, Herrera, Breitmeyer. HBP: Nes, Kapua, Morrow; Cla, Sterba. LOB: Warrenton 4, Clatskanie 9. DP: Warrenton 2.

Knappa 12, Nestucca 1

Nestucca 001 000—1 5 6

Knappa 310 332—12 12 0

Richwine, Chatelain (4); D.Takalo and Miller. W: D.Takalo. L: Richwine. RBI: Kna, Bartlett 3, M.Hoover 2, E.Takalo 2. 2B: Kna, M.Hoover 2, Miller, E.Takalo. HR: Kna, Bartlett. HBP: Nes, Hurliman; Kna, Lackey. LOB: Nestucca 5, Knappa 6.

Gonzales, Mariners edge sagging White Sox 1-0

By PAUL LADEWSKI
Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Chicago White Sox experimented with an unusual 4:10 p.m. start time Tuesday, and the early returns are in.

"I love it," Seattle Mariners pitcher Marco Gonzales said, "Talking to a couple hitters in the first inning, guys just said, 'Anything that comes out looks like a fastball. You don't know what it is.'"

Gonzales and four relievers combined on a five-hitter, Mitch Haniger singled home the only run and the Mariners pulled out a 1-0 victory.

"Winning a 1-0 game is a special win," Mariners manager Scott Servais said. "The conditions to hit with the sun and the shadows probably played into that a little bit, but you've got to find a way to win it."

At 5-15, the rebuilding White Sox are off to their worst start since the 1950 season. That year they opened 5-20 on the way to a 60-94 finish.

"We didn't have very many opportunities for me to say I'm disappointed," said manager Rick Renteria, ejected by plate umpire Mike Estabrook after he protested a called third strike to Matt Davidson that ended the sixth.

Gonzales (2-2) was in control almost from the start, allowing five hits and one walk while striking out eight in six-plus innings.

Gonzales allowed singles to Tim Anderson and Yolmer Sanchez, the first two batters. He picked Anderson off second base, induced Jose Abreu to bounce into a double play and didn't allow another hit until the sixth.

Seattle broke out on top against fill-in starter Chris Volstad (0-1) in the fourth when Kyle Seager doubled and

scored on Haniger's hard grounder up the middle, both with two outs.

"Definitely didn't see the ball as good as yesterday, but it's the same for both teams, so you got to get the job done any way you can," said Haniger, whose streak of four straight games with a home run came to an end. "Just trying to hit the ball hard, and it squeaked through and got the run across."

After Yoan Moncada's leadoff double chased Gonzales in the seventh, reliever Dan Altavilla retired the next two batters before Marc Rzepczynski got the final out of the inning.

Juan Nicasio pitched the eighth and Edwin Diaz worked the ninth for his ninth save in as many tries.

Volstad (0-1) allowed one run and four hits in 4 1/3 innings and didn't walk a batter as a replacement for Miguel Gonzalez, who is on the 10-day disabled list with an inflamed right rotator cuff. The start was the first for Volstad after four relief appearances this year.

In Danny's corner

Former Mariners teammates and their wives remained in contact with the family of White Sox RHP Danny Farquhar, who underwent surgery for a brain aneurysm last weekend. He spent the 2013-15 seasons with the team.

"You just want to give his family enough space, but you also want to do all you can to be there for support," said C Mike Zunino. "When you first hear something like this happens, it's really scary because you have don't know what's going to happen. It seems like each day we hear something positive, so that's a really good feeling."

Warrenton rally beats Clatskanie

The Daily Astorian

CLATSKANIE — Warrenton baseball took a major step towards a top three finish in league play Tuesday, with a 9-8 victory at Clatskanie.

The Warriors overcame an 8-4 deficit by scoring five runs — all with two outs — in the top of the seventh, and in the process created more separation between themselves and the Tigers (2-4) in the league standings, with Warrenton improving to 4-2.

"The guys came through," said Warrenton coach Lennie Wolfe, as the Warriors scored their first win over Clatskanie in a boys sport since 2012. "The gratifying thing is that we had a chance to redeem ourselves, after putting ourselves in that spot (down 8-4 in the seventh)."

"Devin (Jackson) didn't have

his best stuff on the mound, and we had a tough time in the field" with six errors. "But our guys stayed focused on a hot day, they didn't bring their defense to the plate with them, and they just grinded it out."

In the top of the seventh, following a strikeout, Warrenton had back-to-back hits by Dalton Knight and Austin Little.

After another strikeout, the Warriors began to pour it on, with a big three-run double by Gabe Breitmeyer highlighting the rally.

The bottom part of the lineup also came through for Warrenton, as Kaleo Kapua and Alec Herrera combined for five runs scored and a pair of doubles. Herrera also drove in three runs.

The Warriors return to non-league action with home games Wednesday vs. Colton, and Thursday at Vernonia.

Clatskanie defeats Warrenton

The Daily Astorian

CLATSKANIE — It was the battle of the Blodgetts in a Lewis & Clark League softball game Tuesday at Clatskanie.

And despite a good game in the circle from Warrenton's Niqui Blodgett, Clatskanie pitcher Shelby Blodgett got the victory.

The Tiger starter pitched five innings, allowing just three hits with six strikeouts and one walk. Kaity Sizemore pitched the final

two innings.

Niqui Blodgett pitched a complete game, allowing seven hits with nine strikeouts and five walks.

And it was Shelby Blodgett who did most of the damage, as she was 2-for-4 at the plate with a double, home run and three runs batted in.

The Tigers also had six steals and built a 6-0 lead through two innings.

Paisley Baker and Natalie Duncan had two hits apiece for Warrenton's four hits.