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SPORTS IN BRIEF

SOFTBALL

Big first inning lifts Banks over Astoria

BANKS — Banks had to rally for a 9-5 win over the Astoria softball team last week, but the Braves pounded out 26 runs on 21 hits in Tuesday’s rematch, a 26-3 win for Banks.

It was a nightmare start for Astoria, which gave up 19 runs in the bottom of the first inning.

Eleven different players had hits for the Braves, led by Mackenzie Davis (3-for-4, six RBIs, three runs scored, two doubles and a triple).

Hailey Ranta (two doubles) and Lexxis Lyngstad had two hits apiece for the Fishermen.

Scappoose blanks Seaside, 10-0

SCAPPOOSE — Scappoose pitcher Nicole Dougherty tossed a no-hitter, and was near perfect in a 10-0 win over Seaside in Cowapa League softball action Tuesday.

Dougherty struck out 10 with no walks and no hits allowed. She hit one batter (Viola Soprano), to give the Gulls their lone baserunner.

Offensively, Hannah Galey had a home run and Sara Mills added a triple to highlight a 10-hit attack for Scappoose.

Gaston edges Knappa, 3-2

GASTON — In a three-game series for the Northwest League softball championship, Gaston took Game 1 Tuesday with a 3-2 win over Knappa.

The Greyhounds improve to 9-0 in league play. Knappa falls to 8-1, but the Loggers host a doubleheader Friday with Gaston to complete the three-game series.

Tuesday’s game took just over an hour to complete.

Knappa led 1-0 after one inning, before the Greyhounds scored two in the second inning and added one in the fifth for a 3-1 lead.

The Loggers scored a run in the sixth and had Kaitlyn Truax at third base before the Greyhounds recorded the final out.

Aiko Miller had two of Knappa’s five hits, while Gaston had hits from six different players.

Rainier defeats Warrenton, 12-2

RAINIER — Rainier scored five runs in the first inning, and the Columbians cruised to a 12-2 win over Warrenton in Lewis & Clark League softball Tuesday.

The Warriors answered with two runs in the top of the second, but Rainier scored twice in the bottom of the second, then added four in the fourth inning.

Rainier collected 10 hits, while Taleah King was the winning pitcher, allowing four hits with two strikeouts and two walks.

Paisley Baker had two hits for the Warriors.

BASEBALL

Knappa pounds Gaston, 12-1

GASTON — Knappa improved to 15-0 overall with an easy 12-1 win at Gaston in Northwest League baseball action Tuesday.

The No. 1-ranked Loggers led 5-0 after just two innings.

Dale Takalo drove in five runs for Knappa, while Mason Hoover earned the pitching victory, striking out nine with no walks and four hits allowed.

Kaleb Miller had two triples for the Loggers (10-0 in league), who host the winless Greyhounds (0-7) for a doubleheader Friday.

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SPORTS



Astoria’s Sam Hemsley tees off on the second hole, which ended with a birdie.

Scappoose wins league title



Sarah Lertora of Astoria watches one of her shots in Tuesday’s round.

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WARRENTON — Morgan Hall of Scappoose carded an 86 over 18 holes Tuesday at the Astoria Golf & Country Club, leading her team to a Cowapa League girls golf championship.

Golfers from all Cowapa schools will compete in a regional tournament next week at Quail Valley, to decide state qualifying for District 1.

Scappoose finished with a 408 team score in Tuesday’s tournament, edging second-place Valley Catholic (425). Astoria was the only other squad to qualify for team scoring, as the Fishermen finished with a 453.

Valley Catholic’s Caroline Hobson was second individually behind Hall with an 88, with Kaitlyn Bakkensen of Scappoose third.

Only four players had birdies in

Tuesday’s round, which included a pair of birdies for Astoria’s Sam Hemsley.

After coming up just short on a long putt on the first hole, Hemsley drained a 20-foot putt on the second hole. She added a second birdie on No. 14.

Meanwhile, Astoria’s top score belonged to Jenna Travers, who tied her personal best score with a 95 (47-48), good enough for fourth overall. Hemsley was fifth with a 101. The top five golfers earned first-team all-league recognition.

Rounding out the scores for the Lady Fishermen were Sierra Adams (122), Sarah Lertora (135) and Gracie Cummings (136).

Down to three players for the remainder of the season, Seaside did not qualify for team scoring.

Tristyn McFadden led the Gulls with a 107 (54-53), followed by Sydney Rapp (120) and Caitlin Hillman (125).

Cruz’s homer leads Mariners past Athletics

By DOUG MILLER
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Felix Hernandez was sharp and Dee Gordon brilliant, but the biggest moment of the game for the surging Mariners came from the team’s biggest bat.

Nelson Cruz’s loud and towering two-out, three-run homer on the first pitch he saw in the fifth inning broke a taut tie and propelled Seattle to a 6-3 win over the Oakland Athletics on Tuesday night.

The Mariners held on over the late innings for their third consecutive victory and sixth in their last seven.

“Nellie has a pretty good idea of what he’s looking for when he goes up there,” Mariners manager Scott Servais said of Cruz. “Certainly, he was looking for a pitch. He got it, and he didn’t miss it.”

A’s right-hander Andrew Triggs kept Oakland in a 1-1 deadlock through four innings, but things



AP Photo/Elaine Thompson
Seattle Mariners’ Nelson Cruz hits a three-run home run during the fifth inning of Tuesday’s game in Seattle.

unraveled in the fifth. Cruz hammered Triggs’ first pitch, a slider, over the fence in left-center to give Seattle a lead it would not relinquish.

“Just one pitch, bad pitch,” Triggs said. “You can’t give them too many chances. It’s frustrating.”

Cruz wasn’t the only player frus-

trating the A’s on Tuesday. Gordon, the Mariners’ leadoff man, went 5 for 5 with two stolen bases, becoming the third player in Mariners history to record four hits in back-to-back games. And Hernandez (4-2) was in vintage form, twirling six innings and giving up three runs on three hits while striking out seven to tie a season high and walking four.

Entering the game, Hernandez had a 2.61 career ERA vs. Oakland. Afterward, Hernandez was asked about the secret to his success against the A’s. He laughed and knocked a few times on the wooden set of drawers in his locker.

“I don’t know,” Hernandez said. “I have no idea why. I just go out and compete every day.”

Servais had some ideas. He mentioned the recent improvement in Hernandez’s curveball, which makes his changeup better. Hernandez struck out A’s slugger Khris Davis twice on changeups.

Warrenton baseball closes in on first-place Rainier

The Daily Astorian

RAINIER — The “moral victories” are long past. The Warrenton Warriors have their sights set on much bigger things, especially after a 2-1 win at Rainier in a Lewis & Clark League baseball game Tuesday.

Warrenton finally took down the mighty Columbians for the first time since April 17, 2015, the Warriors’ only win over Rainier in the last six years before Tuesday’s victory.

“It was a fun day,” said Warrenton coach Lennie Wolfe, whose Warriors snapped a 10-game losing streak to Rainier. “Our pitchers were fantastic and super efficient. So was (Rainier’s Austin) Cantrell — we just did a few things better than they did.”

The Warriors improve to 5-2 in league, a game-and-a-half behind Rainier (7-1).

Warrenton scored its only two runs in the top of the fourth, when Austin Little and Jake Morrow reached on back-to-back singles. Gabe Breitmeyer’s grounder up the middle scored Little.

Morrow scored before the Columbians turned a double play to end the inning.

Rainier also threatened in the third and fourth innings, but Morrow threw out a runner attempting to steal in the third, and Alec Herrera turned a 5-3 double play in the fourth.

The Columbians scored their lone run in the sixth.

Warrenton pitchers Devin Jackson and Dalton Knight combined to limit Rainier to four hits, while Cantrell held the Warriors to four hits.

Warrenton plays a doubleheader Friday at Portland Christian.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE	
TODAY	
Baseball	— Astoria at Scappoose, 5 p.m.; Valley Catholic at Seaside, 5 p.m.
Softball	— Astoria at Scappoose, 5 p.m.; Seaside at Valley Catholic, 5 p.m.
Track	— Astoria at Scappoose, 3:30 p.m.; Lewis & Clark League meet, Clatskanie, 3:45 p.m.
THURSDAY	
Track	— Seaside at Banks, 3:30 p.m.

GIRLS GOLF	
Cowapa League Championship at Astoria Golf & Country Club	
Team:	Scappoose 408, Valley Catholic 425, Astoria 453. Seaside, Tillamook, Inc.
Medalist:	Morgan Hall, Scappoose 86
Astoria (453)	
Jenna Travers,	47-48—95
Sam Hemsley,	52-49—101
Sierra Adams,	62-60—122
Sarah Lertora,	66-69—135
Gracie Cummings,	69-67—136
Seaside	
Tristyn McFadden,	54-53—107
Sydney Rapp,	58-62—120
Caitlin Hillman,	60-65—125

SOFTBALL	
Banks 26, Astoria 3	
Astoria	002 01—3 7 2
Banks	(19)16 0x—26 21 0
W:	Michaela Shaw (2 Ks, 2 walks). L: McKailyn Rogers (3 Ks, 4 walks). RBI: Ast, Lyngstad, Rasmussen; Banks, Davis 6, Hernandez 4, McCourt 4, Shaw 2, Gibson 2, Campbell 2, Vandomelen, Vanloo, Wise. 2B: Ast, Ranta 2, Lyngstad; Banks, Davis 2, Herb, Storms, Vandomelen, Wise. 3B: Banks, Davis, Hernandez, McCourt. HR: Banks, McCourt. HBP: Banks, Davis, Shaw, Vanloo. LOB: Astoria 6, Banks 5.
Scappoose 10, Seaside 0	
Seaside	000 000—0 0 0
Scappoose	033 211—10 10 4
W:	Nicole Dougherty (10 Ks, 0 walks). L: Jetta Ideue (5 Ks, 5 walks). RBI: Scp, Mills 2, Dougherty 2, Galey 2, Johnson, Enos, Fry. 3B: Scp, Mills. HR: Scp, Galey. HBP: Sea, n15. LOB: Seaside 1, Scappoose 6.
Rainier 12, Warrenton 2	
Warrenton	020 00—2 5 6
Rainier	520 41—12 10 2
W:	King (2 Ks, 2 walks). L: Niqui Blodgett (3 Ks, 3 walks). RBI: Rai, O'Brien 2, Kellar, Howell, Larson. 2B: War, Blodgett, Kapua;

Rai, Norman. LOB: Warrenton 5, Rainier 4.					
Gaston 3, Knappa 2					
Knappa	100	001	0—2	6	0
Gaston	020	010	x—3	6	0
W: Charity Hall (2 Ks, 0 walks). L: Madelynn Weaver (6 Ks, 2 walks). RBI: Kna, Weaver; Gas, Kellar 2, Clark. 2B: Kna, Patterson, Truax, Weaver; Gas, Farmer. HBP: Kna, Patterson. LOB: Knappa 4, Gaston 4. DP: Gaston.					

BASEBALL	
Warrenton 2, Rainier 1	
Warrenton	000 000 0—2 4 2
Rainier	000 001 0—1 4 1
Jackson, Knight (5) and Morrow; Cantrell and Guerr.W: Jackson. L: Cantrell. S: Knight. 2B: War, Little.	
Knappa 12, Gaston 1	
Knappa	141 51—12 11 2
Gaston	000 10—1 4 3
M.Hoover, E.Takalo (5) and Flues; Losey, Tallent (5). W: M.Hoover. L: Losey. RBI: Kna, D.Takalo 5, Cruz 2, Lackey 2, Miethe, Miller; Gas, Clark. 2B: Kna, Cruz. 3B: Kna, Miller 2. HBP: Kna, M.Hoover, R.Patterson; Gas, Heisler, Marshall. LOB: Knappa 9, Gaston 7.	