

# SPORTS

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## SOFTBALL

### Astoria back on track in win over Valiants

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The Astoria softball team snapped a three-game losing skid Friday with an 11-7 win over Valley Catholic in Cowapa League action at CMH Field.

Despite their 1-3 record over the last four games, the Lady Fishermen have a solid hold on third place in the league standings at 7-5. Tillamook (4-8) is fourth, while Scappoose (11-1) and Banks (10-2) hold down the top two spots.

Astoria will tune up for the state playoffs this week in games Tuesday at Tillamook, followed by home contests against Seaside (Thursday) and Banks (Friday).

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY	
<b>Baseball</b> — Tillamook at Astoria, 5 p.m.; Banks at Seaside, 5 p.m.	
<b>Girls golf</b> — District 1/4A Regionals, Quail Valley, Noon	
<b>Boys golf</b> — District 1/4A Regionals, Quail Valley, 10 a.m.	
TUESDAY	
<b>Baseball</b> — Astoria at Seaside, 5 p.m.; Catlin Gabel at Warrenton, 4:30 p.m.	
<b>Softball</b> — Astoria at Tillamook, 5 p.m.; Seaside at Banks, 5 p.m.; Knappa at Delphian, 4:30 p.m.	
<b>Girls Golf</b> — District 1/4A Regionals, Quail Valley, Noon	
<b>Boys golf</b> — District 1/4A Regionals, Quail Valley, 10 a.m.	

### BASEBALL

Valley Catholic 13, Astoria 3	
Astoria	000 111—3 8 4
V.Catholic	200 056—13 15 2
Rush, Junes (6), Reed (6) and Feldman; Eisenhardt and Pruitt. W: Eisenhardt. L: Rush. RBI: Matthews 2; VC, Agnew 2, Baglai 2, Elston 2, Pruitt 2, Melillo, Schultheis, M.Weber. 2B: Ast, Johnson, Patterson; VC, Elston, W.Weber. HR: Ast, Matthews; VC, Agnew, Pruitt. HBP: VC, Melillo, M.Weber. LOB: Astoria 5, Valley Catholic 6. DP: Valley Catholic.	

Seaside 7, Tillamook 2	
Seaside	040 003 0—7 8 3
Tillamook	101 000 0—2 5 2
Johnson, McFadden (7) and Teubner; Wilthott, Harmon (6). W: Johnson. L: Wilthott. RBI: Sea, Westerholm 4, McFadden 2, Boyd; Til, Wagner, Weber. 2B: Sea, Westerholm 2, Blanchard; Til, Richardson, Weber. HBP: Sea, Fenton 2, Boyd, Teubner. LOB: Seaside 6, Tillamook 6.	

Game 1	
Warrenton 10, Portland C. 3	
Warrenton	004 302 1—10 13 1
P.Christian	003 000 0—3 10 3
Jackson, Breitmeyer (7) and Morrow; Dailey, Perry (7) and Siegel. W: Jackson. L: Dailey. 2B: War, Knight, Little, Breitmeyer; PC, Chinchilla, Dailey.	

Game 2	
Warrenton 8, Portland C. 2	
Warrenton	220 112—8 9 3
P.Christian	100 100—2 4 4
Knight and Morrow; Helgerson, Osborne (3) and Siegel. W: Knight. L: Helgerson. 2B: War, Falls. 3B: War, Little. HR: PC, Osborne.	

Game 1	
Knappa 21, Gaston 0	
Gaston	000 00—0 0 7
Knappa	478 2x—21 11 0
Marshall, C.Tallent (3), J.Tallent (3); D. Takalo and Stuhr. W: D.Takalo. L: Marshall. RBI: Kna, E.Takalo 4, D.Takalo 2, Cruz 2, Coffey 2, Miller 2. 2B: Kna, Miller 3. HBP: Kna, Ford, Miethe. LOB: Knappa 8.	

Game 2	
Knappa 10, Gaston 0	
Gaston	000 00—0 1 1
Knappa	910 0x—10 9 0
W: E.Takalo. L: Clark. RBI: Kna, Bartlett 3, Coffey, M.Hoover, Miethe, Miller, D. Takalo. 2B: Kna, M.Hoover 2, Coffey, Miethe, Miller. HR: Kna, Bartlett, M.Hoover. HBP: Gas, Rasmussen, Clark; Kna, Miller. LOB: Gaston 4, Knappa 2.	

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Game 1	
Warrenton 19, Portland C. 2	
Warrenton	042(10)3—19 10 1
P.Christian	000 02—2 4 11

Game 2	
Warrenton 33, Portland C. 3	
Warrenton	87(13) 41—33 16 3
P.Christian	003 00—3 4 6

Game 1	
Knappa 4, Gaston 3	
Gaston	003 000 0—3 6 4
Knappa	211 000 x—4 8 5
W: Madelynn Weaver (11 Ks, 3 walks). L: Charity Hall (1 K, 1 walk). RBI: Gas, D.Clark, Bassel; Kna, Truax, Rethati. 2B: Gas, D.Clark, Farmer; Kna, Miller, Carlson. 3B: Kna, Truax. LOB: Gaston 9, Knappa 5. DP: Gaston 2.	
Game 2	
Knappa 6, Gaston 4	
Gaston	010 102 0—4 5 2
Knappa	011 130 x—6 6 3
W: Madelynn Weaver (6 Ks, 1 walk). L: Charity Hall (0 Ks, 2 walks). RBI: Gas, Hall 3; Kna, Rethati 2, Hendrickson, Miethe, Patterson. 2B: Gas, Bassel. 3B: Gas, Hall; Kna, Hellberg, Rethati. LOB: Gaston 4, Knappa 2.	



Dale Takalo prepares to deliver a pitch for the Loggers.

Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

## Knappa sweeps Gaston, team's record still perfect

*The Daily Astorian*

**K**NAPPA — The No. 1-ranked Knappa Loggers celebrated Senior Day with a 21-0, 10-0 Northwest League doubleheader sweep Friday over Gaston.

The Loggers still have plenty of home games left, including a nonleague contest with Kennedy on May 14, and up to three home

state playoff games.

In Friday's wins, Knappa pitchers Dale Takalo and Eli Takalo are warming up for the state championship run, as Dale tossed a perfect game in the opener, and Eli gave up one hit with 13 strikeouts in Game 2.

Offensively, Kaleb Miller had three doubles in Game 1, in which Knappa led 19-0 after

three innings. The Greyhounds (0-9 in league) committed seven errors.

Knappa had seven extra base hits in Game 2, with home runs by Logan Bartlett and Mason Hoover.

The Loggers finish 12-0 in league, and are chasing their second undefeated season (currently at 17-0) in three years.

## Knappa sweeps Gaston for potential league title

By GARY HENLEY  
*The Daily Astorian*

**K**NAPPA — With one doubleheader sweep Friday afternoon, the balance of power in Northwest League softball has shifted to the Knappa Loggers.

And it could be a few years before the Loggers give up that top spot in the standings.

Knappa's 4-3, 6-4 sweep over Gaston puts both teams at 10-2 in league play, with the tie-breaker going to the Loggers. Knappa will be heavily favored in three games this week vs. winless Delphian (ranked last in the state with an 0-13 record), then will get a home game to begin the state playoffs.

"We knew we had to win both games today," said Knappa coach James Nichols, whose team is now ranked 10th in the latest OSAA rankings. "So the girls were a little nervous in the first game, and we did make some errors (five).

"But we stuck with it," he said. "Madelynn (Weaver) pitched great in both games. She was reminding me a little of Kacie (Cameron) today," referring to the hard-throwing former Knappa pitcher.

While the Loggers return most of their starters next year, the Greyhounds will graduate several seniors, including pitcher Charity Hall.

"I think she beat us four times



Mikayla Rethati keeps her eyes on the ball as a pitch sails high over the plate.

Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

last year," said Nichols, whose team pounded out 14 hits off Hall in Friday's sweep, while the Gaston pitcher finished with just one strikeout.

Meanwhile, Weaver and the Loggers showed that they should own the league for the next two years, as Weaver — only a sophomore — is the best pitcher in the Northwest League. In Friday's sweep, she scattered 11 hits, with 17 strikeouts and just four walks.

The Northwest League's leading candidate for Player of the Year (for the second year in a row), Knappa catcher Kaitlyn Truax had three singles and a triple on the day, with three steals.

She also threw one runner out at second base, and chased down another in a rundown.

Knappa's Mikayla Rethati had a run-scoring single in the third inning of Game 1. It was the final run of the game, which was scoreless over the last four innings.

Numerous mental and fielding errors by Gaston finally caught up with the Greyhounds in Game 2.

The Greyhounds dropped an easy pop fly by Truax in the fifth inning, which would have been the third out. Rethati followed with a two-run triple that gave Knappa a 6-2 lead.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### BASEBALL

#### Valiants upset Astoria, 13-3

**BEAVERTON** — Valley Catholic held a 2-1 lead through four innings, then scored 11 runs over the fifth and sixth innings, on its way to a shocking 13-3 win over first-place Astoria in a Cowapa League baseball game Friday.

"They swung the bats and hit the ball, and we didn't," said Astoria coach Glen Fromwiller, whose team is still tied for first in the standings. "We didn't make a ton of errors (four), but we misplayed it a few times, and they just hit our pitching."

Three Astoria pitchers gave up 15 hits, with four strikeouts and three walks.

The Valiants countered with George Eisenhardt, who scattered eight hits with six strikeouts and no walks.

Danny Johnson and Zac Patterson had doubles for the Fishermen, while Burke Matthews had a home run. The Valiants also had a pair of doubles, while Porter Agnew and Daniel Pruitt belted home runs.

Pruitt was 3-for-4, with two RBIs and two runs scored.

Astoria hosts Tillamook Monday (scheduled for Tapiola Park). The Fishermen play Tuesday at Seaside and finish the regular season Friday at Banks.

### Naselle on a roll

**NASELLE, Wash.** — The Naselle baseball team is 6-0 in league play, with their six wins coming by scores of 11-1, 10-0, 10-0, 10-0, 10-0 and 10-0.

The Comets took a break from league play Friday and scored a 10-0 win over Clatskanie, as Naselle's Cole Dorman pitched a complete-game, one-hitter against the Tigers.

No team has scored on the Comets since April 6.

In Friday's win, Naselle broke a scoreless tie with two runs in the fourth, then scored eight (all with two outs) in the sixth.

Joe Strange started Naselle's sixth-inning rally with a two-out single, and after three straight walks, Dorman ripped a two-run single to make it 5-0.

### Seaside defeats Tillamook, tied for third place

**TILLAMOOK** — Four runs in the second inning was all Seaside needed Friday night, in a 7-2 Cowapa League baseball win at Tillamook.

Pitchers Brayden Johnson and Gabe McFadden allowed just five hits, with Johnson pitching six innings to pick up the win.

The Gulls had eight hits, including a 3-for-4 effort for Payton Westerholm, who had two doubles and four RBIs. Dawson Blanchard was 2-for-4 with a double, while the Gulls were hit by pitches four times.

Seaside and Scappoose are tied for third in the Cowapa League standings at 6-6.

### SOFTBALL

#### Warrenton hammers Royals, 19-2, 33-3

**PORTLAND** — Fifty-two runs in 10 at-bats ... not a bad day for the Warrenton softball team, which swept a doubleheader Friday at Portland Christian, 19-2 and 33-3.

The Warriors have just two league games remaining, a Friday doubleheader at home vs. Clatskanie.

Warrenton can catch the second-place Tigers in the league standings with a sweep and a Clatskanie loss at Rainier.

Warrenton had 10 hits in Friday's Game 1, while the Royals had 11 errors. The Warriors scored 13 runs in the third inning of Game 2, and drew 16 walks.

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## Warrenton baseball scores a Royal sweep

*The Daily Astorian*

**PORTLAND** — At this time last year, the Warrenton baseball team had just picked up its first and only win of the season.

This season, the Warriors have 14 victories and they're ranked 10th in the state with an outside chance at a league title. Warrenton's two latest wins came Friday in Portland, where the Warriors swept a doubleheader with Portland Christian, 10-3 and 8-2.

Warrenton improves to 7-2 in league play, behind first-place Rainier (9-2). The Columbians have one

league game remaining (Tuesday vs. Clatskanie), while the Warriors have three, all at home (Tuesday vs. Catlin Gabel, doubleheader Friday vs. Clatskanie).

A Rainier loss and three Warrenton wins would put the Warriors in first. And it's entirely possible, as Warrenton extended its win streak to eight in a row, while Rainier is 2-2 over its last four games.

"The biggest thing right now is how selfless we've been at the plate. Our players are willing to do whatever it takes," said Warrenton coach Lennie Wolfe, whose team collected

22 hits in Friday's wins. Warrenton played "Warrior ball," finishing with 12 stolen bases on the day.

Warrenton pitchers Devin Jackson and Gabe Breitmeyer allowed 10 hits in Game 1, with Jackson (six hits allowed, eight strikeouts, one walk) picking up the win.

Offensively, Dalton Knight had three hits, and Maverick Pedraza was one of several with two hits.

Knight tossed a complete-game, four-hitter in Game 2, throwing just 75 pitches with six strikeouts and a walk. Duane Falls had a double and Austin Little added a triple.