

# SPORTS

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## Athletes of the Week



**KAITLYN TRUAX**  
 Knappa



**JACOB MORROW**  
 Warrenton

Photos by Gary Henley/The Daily Astorian

**T**he leading candidate for Northwest League Player of the Year for the second straight season, Knappa's senior catcher played a huge role in a doubleheader sweep (4-3, 6-4) May 4 over Gaston. Truax had three singles and a triple, and scored four runs with three stolen bases. She also threw out one runner at second base, and chased down another in a rundown between third base and home.

**O**nly a sophomore, Morrow is sure to add his name to the long list of all-league catchers in recent Warrenton history, joining Charlie Parker, Bubba Johnson, Kyle Johnson, Eric Gantebein, Nathan Massey and Thomas McFadden. In a doubleheader win May 4 at Portland Christian, Morrow had four hits and scored three runs with three steals. In a May 1 win at Rainier, he scored the eventual game-winning run in a 2-1 victory, and also threw out a baserunner attempting to steal in a crucial Rainier rally.

### SPORTS IN BRIEF

#### Warrenton camp begins May 29

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Athletes who will be entering grades three through 12 can participate in the upcoming Warrenton Football Camp, May 29 to June 1 at Warrenton High School.

The camp runs each day from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Cost is \$40 prior to May 15, \$50 after.

Players can register at Warrenton High School. For more information, contact Ian O'Brien at 503-861-3317.

#### South Medford coach on leave for drinking before game

Associated Press

**MEDFORD** — The head coach of the top-ranked South Medford High School baseball team has been placed on leave because he consumed alcohol before a game.

In his ninth season as head coach, Ray Smith has guided the Panthers to the South-west Conference championship and No. 1 spot in the Class 6A power rankings as of Wednesday.

The Mail Tribune reports Smith admitted having drinks before Tuesday's game, a contest from which he was ejected after arguing a call at third base.

Smith says he "messed up big time" and let a lot of people down.

The school district says the duration of the leave will depend on the outcome of an investigation by its human resources department.



Darryl Dyck/The Canadian Press via AP

A man walks past a welcome sign bearing a heron adorned with a jersey of Seattle Mariners' pitcher James Paxton, in Ladner, British Columbia.

## Paxton happy to share no-hitter with his Canadian hometown

By IAN HARRISON  
 Associated Press

**TORONTO** — There's a sign on the Ladner Trunk Road outside Ladner, British Columbia, the hometown of Seattle Mariners pitcher James Paxton, welcoming visitors to the coastal community south of Vancouver.

The sign's main feature is a heron, and locals occasionally dress the bird up for big events, such as Canada Day or a Canucks playoff game.

Late Tuesday night, the heron was clad in a Seattle Mariners jersey with Paxton's name and number 65 on the back, honoring the lefty's no-hitter against the Toronto Blue Jays. A Canadian flag was stuck in the bird's mouth, and hand-lettered signs were taped up reading "Congrats James" and "Big Maple with a no-hitter," a reference to Paxton's nickname, and the large maple leaf tattoo on his

### Blue Jays beat Mariners 5-2

Associated Press

**TORONTO** — After being held hitless by Seattle's James Paxton on Tuesday, the Toronto Blue Jays were looking to get their offense clicking again.

It came alive in a pivotal eighth-inning rally. Yangervis Solarte hit a game-tying double in the eighth and Justin Smoak followed with a go-ahead double as the Blue Jays rallied to beat the Mariners 5-2 on Wednesday night.

right forearm.

"Some friends did it last night and they sent me a picture of it," Paxton said Wednesday. "That was really cool to see. The support I have back home is really special. It's just so great of them to think to do something like that."

Paxton became the second Canadian to throw a no-hitter, and the first to do it north of the border, with Tuesday's 5-0 win over the Blue Jays. The official

Twitter account of Canada tweeted congratulations to him.

## Gasser's camp set for June 18-21

The Daily Astorian

Dave Gasser's 2018 North Coast Baseball Camp will take place June 18-21 at Astoria's CMH Field.

Players should arrive at least 15 minutes early for registration on the first day. For players age 13-16, the camp is 9:30 a.m. to noon each day, and 1-3 p.m. for players age 10-12 (ages refer to how old player will be next year).

Cost is \$100, or two kids for \$170, and three kids \$210. All checks should be made payable to Astoria Ford Junior Baseball.



Dave Gasser

Gasser, the former Astoria coach and all-time winningest coach in Oregon high school baseball history, runs the camp along with other Astoria coaches, alumni and current varsity players.

The camp is designed to improve skills, fundamentals and knowledge in all parts of the game.

Forms can be found on the Facebook page for Astoria Youth Baseball.

### SCOREBOARD

#### PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

##### TODAY

Softball — Seaside at Astoria, 5 p.m.

Track — Cowapa League championships, at St. Helens, 2 p.m.

#### BASEBALL

##### Standings

##### Cowapa League

##### League Overall

Astoria	11-3	14-6
Banks	10-4	17-5
Scappoose	7-6	13-10
Seaside	6-8	10-12
Valley Catholic	6-8	10-11
Tillamook	1-12	4-16

##### Lewis & Clark League

Rainier	10-2	12-6
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Warrenton	8-2	15-3
Clatskanie	4-6	6-12
Catlin Gabel	2-8	4-15
Portland Chr	2-8	5-16

##### Northwest League

Knappa	12-0	18-0
Nestucca	7-3	15-5
Neah-Kah-Nie	6-4	14-8
Vernonia	1-9	7-14
Gaston	0-10	2-12

##### Columbia Valley (Washington 1B)

Naselle	6-0	10-4
Lake Quinalt	3-2	4-5
Oakville	2-4	2-7
M.M. Knight	0-5	1-6

##### SOFTBALL

##### Cowapa League

Scappoose	13-1	21-3
Banks	12-2	17-5
Astoria	8-5	9-11
Tillamook	4-10	6-14
Seaside	3-10	8-11
Valley Catholic	1-13	3-17

##### Lewis & Clark League

Rainier	8-1	15-4
Clatskanie	5-2	17-3
Warrenton	3-4	8-9
Portland Chr	0-9	6-14

##### Northwest League

Knappa	11-2	12-8
Gaston	11-2	12-5
Vernonia	9-4	10-11
Neah-Kah-Nie	4-9	4-14
Nestucca	4-9	9-12
Delphian	0-13	0-14

## Graduation 2018

To honor and congratulate the Class of 2018

The Daily Astorian is creating a graduation publication for our local high schools that will publish on **Wednesday, May 30th**. This full-color publication will include biographies and pictures of each valedictorian and salutatorian, name and photo of each 2018 graduate and special congratulation ads from local businesses, family and friends.

The graduation schedule is as follows:

- JEWELL**  
Saturday, June 2 @ 2pm
- WARRENTON**  
Friday, June 8 @ 7pm
- ASTORIA**  
Saturday, June 9 @ 4pm
- KNAPPA**  
Saturday, June 9 @ 7pm
- SEASIDE**  
Monday, June 11 @ 8pm

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 503-325-3211  
**DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MAY 11**