

# SPORTS

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## Knappa scores 43 runs in sweep over Delphian

The Daily Astorian

KNAPPA — The league softball title was pretty much Knappa's to start the week, but the Loggers made it official Thursday at home.

A 20-0, 23-0 sweep over winless Delphian was just a formality, as Knappa finished the league season with a 13-2 record.

The 10th-ranked Loggers will have 13 days off before hosting a state playoff game.

Madelynn Weaver pitched a one-hit shutout in Game 1, with eight strikeouts and two walks. Emily Nicholson tossed a two-hitter in Game 2, with three strikeouts and three walks.

Mikayla Rethati had two doubles and five RBIs, all in the first inning of Game 1, in which the Loggers led 12-0 after one inning.

Knappa led 21-0 after three innings of Game 2, in which Kaitlyn Truax had a triple and a home run.



Photos by Gary Henley/The Daily Astorian  
 Astoria's Halle Helmersen, left, beats out an infield hit and stays on her feet after a collision with Seaside's Emma Taylor at first base.

## Astoria defeats Seaside, 10-0

The Daily Astorian

A seven-run third inning was more than enough for the Astoria softball team Thursday afternoon, in a 10-0 win over Seaside at CMH Field.

A short-handed Seaside team had the bases loaded with two outs in the top of the first inning, before Astoria pitcher Julia Norris struck out her third batter of the inning to end the threat.

And that would be Seaside's only threat, as Norris finished with a no-hitter in the circle. She allowed just one base runner after the first, a batter that reached base on a dropped-ball third strike.

After walking three batters in the first inning, Norris finished with eight strikeouts and retired 13 of the final 14 batters she faced.

Norris also opened the scoring for the Lady Fishermen, driving in McKailyn Rogers with a single in the bottom of the first for a 1-0 lead.

After a scoreless second inning, the Astoria bats went to work in the third, which opened with Norris reaching third on an infield error.

Hailey O'Brien's single scored Norris, and the Fishermen were off and running.

Jenna Barendse had a run-scoring double, and a bases-loaded, ground rule double by Hailey Ranta — initially ruled as a home run —

brought in two more runs, as the umpires ruled the ball went under (or through) the fence, and not over.

Norris followed with a two-run double for an 8-0 lead.

Brooklynn Hankwitz, Halle Helmersen and Ranta all had hits in the bottom of the fourth, helping Astoria reach 10 runs.

The Fishermen improve to 9-5 in league play, and are locked into a third-place finish in the Cowapa standings. Astoria returns to action Friday, hosting Banks for Senior Day at CMH Field.

Since their 8-1 start, the Gulls have lost 10 straight. Seaside finishes the league season Friday (4 p.m.) at home vs. Scappoose.



Astoria infielder McKailyn Rogers fires a throw to first for an out.

## Timbers tease the Sounders before match

Associated Press

PORTLAND — The salvos are being launched well before Sunday's rivalry game between the Portland Timbers and the Seattle Sounders.

It will be the 100th meeting between the two Pacific Northwest teams, dating back to a rainy May day in 1975 when both teams were in the North American Soccer League.

The Timbers put out a mock-documentary about the rivalry Tuesday, poking fun at Seattle's traffic, the departure of the SuperSonics and even Clint Dempsey's ill-fated attempt at rap. It points out that Portland won its MLS Cup championship before the Sounders got theirs.

Despite the chiding, the Sounders rule the all-time series 50-35-14 across all competitions. There have been many memorable (or notorious) moments, including the U.S. Open Cup match in 2008 when Seattle's Roger Levesque mimicked chopping down a tree after scoring on Portland's field, drawing the ire of fans.

The mockumentary came after the Sounders set up a special (and more serious) website to commemorate the 100th meeting, highlighting mostly Seattle's triumphs, calling it the "most important soccer rivalry in the U.S."

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Seager hits 2 HRs, 1 a slam, Mariners beat Blue Jays 9-3

TORONTO — One swing in the first inning gave the Seattle Mariners all the runs they needed to beat the Blue Jays.

Kyle Seager hit two home runs, including his fourth career grand slam, and Jean Segura had four hits as Seattle topped Toronto 9-3 on Thursday night.

Seager gave the Mariners an early edge with a two-out grand slam in the first.

"Applying pressure early is definitely a good thing," he said. "It's something our team has done a really good job with."

Seager added a leadoff shot against Jake Petricka in the fifth, his seventh career multihomer game. Seager's homers were his fifth and sixth of the season.

"He's a big part of our offense and it's nice when he's going good," manager Scott Servais said.

Mariners right-hander Mike Leake (4-3) matched a season high by pitching seven innings. He allowed two runs and six hits.

### NBA's Final Four: Cavs, Celtics, Warriors, and Rockets

The franchise with the most titles. The best player of this generation. The reigning champions. The probable MVP.

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It certainly does not disappoint.

Boston's win over Philadelphia on Wednesday night brought down the curtain on the postseason's second round — one that wasn't exactly loaded with drama, since it was the first time since 2002 that none of the NBA's four conference semifinal series went past five games. Cleveland swept Toronto, while Houston, Golden State and the Celtics all prevailed by 4-1 counts.

Everyone gets to catch their collective breaths for a few days, with the league going dark until the weekend. Cleveland and Boston don't tip off the Eastern Conference finals until Sunday, and the Warriors and Rockets start their West title series on Monday. And yes, the Cavaliers and Warriors are four wins away from a fourth consecutive meeting in the NBA Finals.

— Associated Press

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

#### TODAY

**Baseball** — Astoria at Banks, 5 p.m.; Seaside at Scappoose, 5 p.m.; Clatskanie at Warrenton (2), 3:30 p.m.; Knappa at Rainier, 4:30 p.m.

**Softball** — Banks at Astoria, 5 p.m.; Scappoose at Seaside, 4 p.m.; Clatskanie at Warrenton (2), 3:30 p.m.

**Track** — Cowapa League championships, at St. Helens, 2 p.m.; District 1/3A/2A, Portland Christian, Noon



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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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