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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Banks, Astoria share league championship

BANKS — Banks pitcher Hayden Vandehey limited Astoria to six hits, and the Fishermen committed six errors while watching the Braves score an 8-1 win in a Cowapa League baseball season finale Friday at Banks.

The Braves and Fishermen (both 11-4 in league) are officially co-league champions, but Astoria will receive a bye in the regional play-in round, after winning two of three games vs. Banks in the regular season.

Vandehey also drove in three runs for the Braves, who scored seven runs over the fifth and sixth innings to pull away.

Ranked seventh in the state, Astoria hosts a non-league game Tuesday vs. Rainier, before opening play in the state playoffs May 23 (opponent to be determined).

Knappa edges Rainier, 3-2

RAINIER — The Knappa Loggers hope to finish off an undefeated regular season later this week against Kennedy, following their 19th straight win Friday, a 3-2 decision at Rainier.

Already the champions of Northwest League baseball, the No. 1-ranked Loggers tuned up for the state playoffs by playing their last road game of the season. Knappa will have home field advantage throughout the playoffs.

The Loggers never trailed in Friday's game, although it was tied 1-1 after four innings.

Knappa scored a run in the top of the seventh for a 3-1 lead. Rainier scored a run in the bottom of the inning before Knappa pitcher Dale Takalo was able to end the contest to finish his complete-game victory.

Takalo threw only 86 pitches in the seven-inning contest, allowing just five hits with 10 strikeouts and no walks.

Meanwhile, Rainier pitchers Logan Keizur and Dawson Carr gave up just six hits, with two strikeouts and four walks.

Takalo had two hits, including a double and two RBIs for the unbeaten Loggers. His double in the top of the seventh scored Kaleb Miller with the third run.

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Warrenton High School

The 2018 Warrenton baseball team celebrates a share of the league title.

Warrenton sweeps Clatskanie for share of L&C league title

By GARY HENLEY
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WARRENTON — The Warrenton Warriors will be the team that no one wants to play in the upcoming 3A baseball state playoffs.

Warrenton enters the postseason as quite possibly the hottest team at the 3A level, as the Warriors won their 10th and 11th consecutive games Friday at Huddleston Field, a 3-2, 10-0 sweep over Clatskanie.

After finishing 1-17 overall last year, Warrenton is 17-3 and will host a league playoff Thursday at 5 p.m. against either Clatskanie or Catlin Gabel to decide the league's No. 2 and 3 seeds to the state playoffs.

With their two wins over the Tigers, the Warriors completed their "worst to first" turnaround, as they finished tied with Rainier atop the league standings for the Lewis & Clark League co-championship.

Rainier has the No. 1 seed by virtue of a sweep over the Warriors April 18, but since their two losses to the Columbians, the Warriors haven't lost.

They also completed a Clatsop County sweep, joining Astoria (Cowapa League co-champs) and Knappa (Northwest League champions), as league champions at the 4A, 3A and 2A levels.

The Warriors used just two pitchers Friday, as Gabe Breitmeyer tossed a four-hitter in Game 1, and Devin Jackson gave up just one hit in Game 2.

"Both pitchers had great games," said Warrenton's Lennie Wolfe, coaching his 15th team to a league championship. "Gabe overcame some adversity in Game 1, and Devin in Game 2 threw very well. Gabe (five strikeouts, one walk) exceeded expect-

tations, and I was prepared to throw him as long as we needed. Devin was awfully sharp," with six strikeouts and two walks.

"The guys feel good about being co-champions," he said. "And they certainly deserve to. These are kids who haven't experienced a lot of wins, let alone league championships. At the same time, the reaction was a little subdued, because they realize that we still have more work to do."

Clatskanie scored two runs off two Warrior errors in the first inning of Game 1. Those would be the only runs of the day for the Tigers.

Warrenton's Austin Little — with a 20-game hitting streak — had three doubles on the day, his first in the fifth inning of Game 1 that scored Dalton Knight.

Little took third on a passed ball and scored on a wild pitch.

After Warrenton's first two batters struck out in the bottom of the seventh, Little doubled to the left field fence. After a walk to Jacob Morrow, Little was caught off second base. But instead of going after Little, the Tigers tried to run down Morrow between first and second, as Little raced around third and scored the game-winner.

The Warriors turned two double plays in Game 1, and two more in the nightcap.

Warrenton's Kale'o Kapua opened the scoring in Game 2 with a solo home run.

The Warriors tacked on seven runs in the third inning, in which they had three hits, three walks and three stolen bases, while the Tigers committed two errors. From the mound, the Tigers hit two batters, with two wild pitches.

Little had his third double in the fifth inning, scoring Ryan Hoagland. A double by Morrow brought in Little for the 10th run to end the game.

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Clatskanie sweeps Warrenton softball

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WARRENTON — Clatskanie freshman pitcher Shelby Blodgett tossed a no-hitter in Game 1, and the Tigers pounded out 20 hits in Game 2 for a 3-1, 16-5 doubleheader sweep at Warrenton in Lewis & Clark League softball action Friday.

Blodgett struck out 10 batters in the first game, while Warrenton pitcher Niqui Blodgett scattered seven hits with five strikeouts.

Shelby Blodgett had two of Clatskanie's hits and scored twice.

Warrenton led 4-2 early in Game 2, before the Tigers scored three runs in the third inning and five in the fifth.

Kenz Ramsey had three of Warrenton's seven hits, and scored twice. Clatskanie freshman Kaity Sizemore was 4-for-5, with five RBIs, two doubles and three runs scored. Freshman Olivia Sprague also drove in five runs.

Warrenton returns to action this week in the league playoffs.

Astoria girls score another league title

Team aims for 4th state title in a row

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ST. HELENS — Once again, the Cowapa League girls track and field team championship belongs to Astoria.

And later this week, the rest of Class 4A girls track and field will be chasing after the Lady Fishermen, who will be running, jumping and throwing in hopes of winning state title No. 4 in a row at Historic Hayward Field in Eugene.

Astoria performed pretty much as expected in the league meet, which wrapped up Friday at St. Helens High School.

The Lady Fishermen won six events, with six second-place and six third-place finishes to collect 201 team points, well ahead of Scappoose (133).

On the boys' side, Astoria's Tim Barnett swept the throwing events to help the Fishermen boys finish with 126 team points, good enough for second place behind Scappoose.

The Seaside boys and girls both finished sixth in the team standings, but the Gulls will still have two athletes competing for individual state titles.

In all, Astoria and Seaside qualified 12 athletes for the state meet.

Leading the way for the Lady Fishermen, senior Darian Hageman will head into her final state meet as a league champion in the high jump, long jump, pole vault and triple jump.

She cleared 5 feet, 2 inches in the high jump and 11-0 in the pole vault, and soared 16-11 in the long jump and 36-4½ in the triple jump — all winning marks.

Adding big points in the jumps was teammate Elizabeth Barnett, second place and qualifying for state in both the triple jump and pole vault.

Hageman and Barnett should give the Astoria girls a jump on the rest of the field at the state meet, where the Fishermen should also score big in the throws.

Kes Sandstrom took second in the shot put (personal best toss of 37-4½) and the discus (123-0). Taylor Cosner qualified for state in the javelin (second, 112-5).

On the track, Astoria's 400-meter relay squad of Nara Van De Grift, Andrea Harris, Kelsey Fausett and Sophie Long won a district title in 51.75 seconds.

Long added a district title in the 800 meters (personal best 2:21.68). Also scoring big was Fausett, third place in the 200 meters (28.03) and 400 meters (1:02.88, PR). Van De Grift qualified for state in the 100 meters (second, 13.40).

Seaside's Gretchen Hoekstre is the top-ranked thrower in both the discus and shot put, with winning marks of 132-11 and 41-9 3/4, respectively.

On the boys' side, Tim Barnett was responsible for most of Astoria's points, with victories in the discus (151-9), javelin (160-2) and shot put (50-5).

Karsten Johnson added wins in the high jump (5-10) and long jump, with a personal best jump of 20-9.

The Seaside boys will be looking to win their fourth straight 800 at state, and fifth in the last six years. Brett Willyard won in 2013, and Jackson Januik followed with wins in 2015, '16 and '17.

This year's Seaside entry at state will be Rafi Sibony, who won the district 800 title Saturday in 2:00.49. Teammate Levi Card placed third.



The Astoria girls' league champion 400-meter relay team: (left to right) Nara Van De Grift, Andrea Harris, Kelsey Fausett and Sophie Long.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY
 Baseball — Rainier at Astoria, 4:30 p.m.

BASEBALL

Standings	League	Overall
Cowapa League (final)		
Astoria	11-4	14-7
Banks	11-4	18-5
Scappoose	9-6	15-10
Valley Catholic	7-8	11-11
Seaside	6-9	10-13
Tillamook	1-14	4-18

Lewis & Clark League (final)

Warrenton	10-2	17-3
Rainier	10-2	12-7
Catlin Gabel	4-8	6-15
Clatskanie	4-8	6-14
Portland Chr	2-10	5-18

Northwest League (final)

Knappa	12-0	19-0
Nestucca	8-4	16-6
Neah-Kah-Nie	7-5	15-9
Vernonia	3-9	9-14
Gaston	0-12	2-14

Columbia Valley (Wash. 1B)

Naselle	6-0	11-4
Lake Quinalt	3-2	4-6

BASEBALL

Banks 8, Astoria 1

Astoria 000 001 0—1 6 6
 Banks 100 034 x—8 9 3
 Hageman, Junes (6) and Hillard; Vandehey and Herb. W: Vandehey. L: Hageman. RBI: Banks, Vandehey 3, Applegate, Evans, Lilly, Partain. 2B: Ast, Matthews; Banks, Vandehey. HBP: Ast, Johnson; Banks, Applegate. LOB: Astoria 5, Banks 6. DP: Banks.

Scappoose 13, Seaside 5

Seaside 000 050 0—5 7 3
 Scappoose 240 070 x—13 13 2
 Westerholm, McFadden (5) and Teubner; Gross and Gill. W: Gross. L: Westerholm. RBI: Sea, Jantes 2, Landwehr, McFadden, Thompson; Scp, Travis 4, Gill 3, Verbout 2, Lewis 2, Gross. 2B: Sea, Blanchard. 3B: Scp, Toman. HR: Scp, Lewis, Travis. HBP: Sea, Teubner; Scp, Cleveland, Travis, Gill. LOB: Seaside 7, Scappoose 6.

Game 1

Warrenton 3, Clatskanie 2
 Clatskanie 200 000 0—2 4 1

Warrenton 000 020 1—3 3 2

D.Evenson, Helmen (5) and Warren; Breitmeyer and Morrow. W: Breitmeyer. L: Helmen. RBI: War, Little. HBP: Cla, Patterson; War, Kapua. 2B: War, Little 2. LOB: Clatskanie 4, Warrenton 6. DP: Warrenton 2.

Game 2

Warrenton 10, Clatskanie 0

Clatskanie 000 00—0 1 4
 Warrenton 017 02—10 8 0
 Warren, F.Evenson (5) and D.Evenson, Warren (5); Jackson and Morrow. W: Jackson. L: Warren. RBI: War, Morrow 3, Kapua 2, Knight, Little. 2B: War, Little, Morrow. HR: War, Kapua. HBP: Cla, Sterbe; War, Miller, Little. LOB: Clatskanie 2, Warrenton 6. DP: Warrenton 2.

Knappa 3, Rainier 2

Knappa 010 010 1—3 6 2
 Rainier 000 100 1—2 5 1
 D.Takalo and Miller; Keizur, Carr (7) and Cantrell. W: D.Takalo. L: Keizur. RBI: Kna, D.Takalo 2, Weirup; Rai, Co.Rea. 2B: Kna, D.Takalo. HBP: Kna, M.Hoover. LOB: Knappa 7, Rainier 2.

TRACK & FIELD

Championships

Cowapa League

Girls team: Astoria 201, Scappoose 133, Valley Catholic 120, Tillamook 93, Banks 63, Seaside 47.
Boys team: Scappoose 180, Astoria 126, Banks 105, Tillamook 104, Valley Catholic 81, Seaside 61.

Lewis & Clark League

Girls team: Catlin Gabel 133, Clatskanie 90, Portland Christian 89, Warrenton 81, De La Salle 79, Oregon Episcopal 72, Riverdale 68, Rainier 32.
Boys team: Catlin Gabel 166.5, Clatskanie 162, Portland Christian 74.5, Rainier 71, Oregon Episcopal 61, Riverdale 46, Warrenton 33, De La Salle 31.

Northwest League

Girls team: Faith Bible 169, Neah-Kah-Nie 140.5, Vernonia 104.5, Nestucca 76, Columbia Christian 73, City Christian 38, Knappa 19, Delphian 7, Life Christian 4.
Boys team: Vernonia 147, Delphian 117, Faith Bible 108, Columbia Christian 90, Nestucca 60, Neah-Kah-Nie 52, Knappa 49, City Christian 28.



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