

# SPORTS

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## Warrenton hammers Royals for playoff win

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WARRENTON — Portland Christian was 0-9 during the league season, but that was good enough for a spot in the Lewis & Clark League softball playoffs, which began Tuesday at Warrenton.

And for the fourth time this season, the Lady Warriors pounded the Royals, 17-1, to secure a top-three finish in the league and a spot in the state playoffs.

The Warriors advance to play Clatskanie for the league's No. 2 seed, 5 p.m. Thursday at Clatskanie.

Warrenton defeated Portland Christian three times in the league season, by scores of 11-1, 19-2 and 33-3.

In Tuesday's fourth meeting, Warrenton led 16-0 after just three innings.

Warrior pitcher Niqui Blodgett pitched a one-hitter, with eight strikeouts and one walk.

Warrenton had 10 hits with 10 walks and three hit batters. Rachel Dyer led the attack with three hits, while Blodgett drove in four runs and Natalie Duncan had a double. Melia Kapua had just one hit, but drove in three runs.

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

#### THURSDAY

**Baseball** — Lewis & Clark League playoff: Clatskanie at Warrenton, 5 p.m.

**Softball** — Lewis & Clark League playoff: Warrenton at Clatskanie, 5 p.m.

#### FRIDAY

**Baseball** — Kennedy at Knappa, 4:30 p.m.

**Softball** — 4A regional play-in: Astoria at Elmira, 4 p.m.

### BOYS GOLF

#### 4A State Championships

at Eagle Crest Ridge, Redmond (final round scores)  
**Team:** Valley Catholic 630, Scappoose 650, Klamath Union 659, Mazama 668, Seaside 671, La Grande 673, Stayton 686, Baker/Powder Valley 710, Marshfield 712, Cascade 734, Sweet Home 769.

**Medalist:** Craig Ronne, Klamath Union, 134

#### Pars

Valley Catholic, 91  
 Scappoose, 81  
 La Grande, 68  
 Seaside, 67  
 Klamath Union, 66  
 Mazama, 64  
 Stayton, 60  
 Baker/Powder Valley, 47  
 Marshfield, 42  
 Cascade, 36  
 Sweet Home, 34

#### Birdies

Valley Catholic, 16  
 Klamath Union, 13  
 Mazama, 11  
 Scappoose, 9  
 Stayton, 8  
 Baker/Powder Valley, 7  
 La Grande, 7  
 Marshfield, 7  
 Seaside, 7  
 Cascade, 4

#### Eagles

La Grande, 1

#### Individual top 10

1. Craig Ronne, Klamath U., 134  
 2. Carter Lee, Tillamook, 146  
 3. Cole Heinsen, Valley C., 149  
 4. Chase Elliot, Scappoose, 151  
 5. Trey Wortman, Mazama, 153  
 6. Jake Gray, Scappoose, 156  
 7. Cole Schmidlin, Valley C., 159  
 8. Derek Williams, La Grande, 160  
 8. Aidan Hill, Stayton, 160  
 10. Nate Beck, Mazama, 162  
 10. Solomon Reeves, Valley C., 162

#### Seaside (671)

Jackson Kunde, 79-85—164  
 Connor Merrell, 85-82—167  
 Samson Sibony, 81-88—169  
 Curtis Kunde, 86-85—171  
 Mason Shamion, 99-98—197

### SOFTBALL

#### Warrenton 17, Portland C. 1

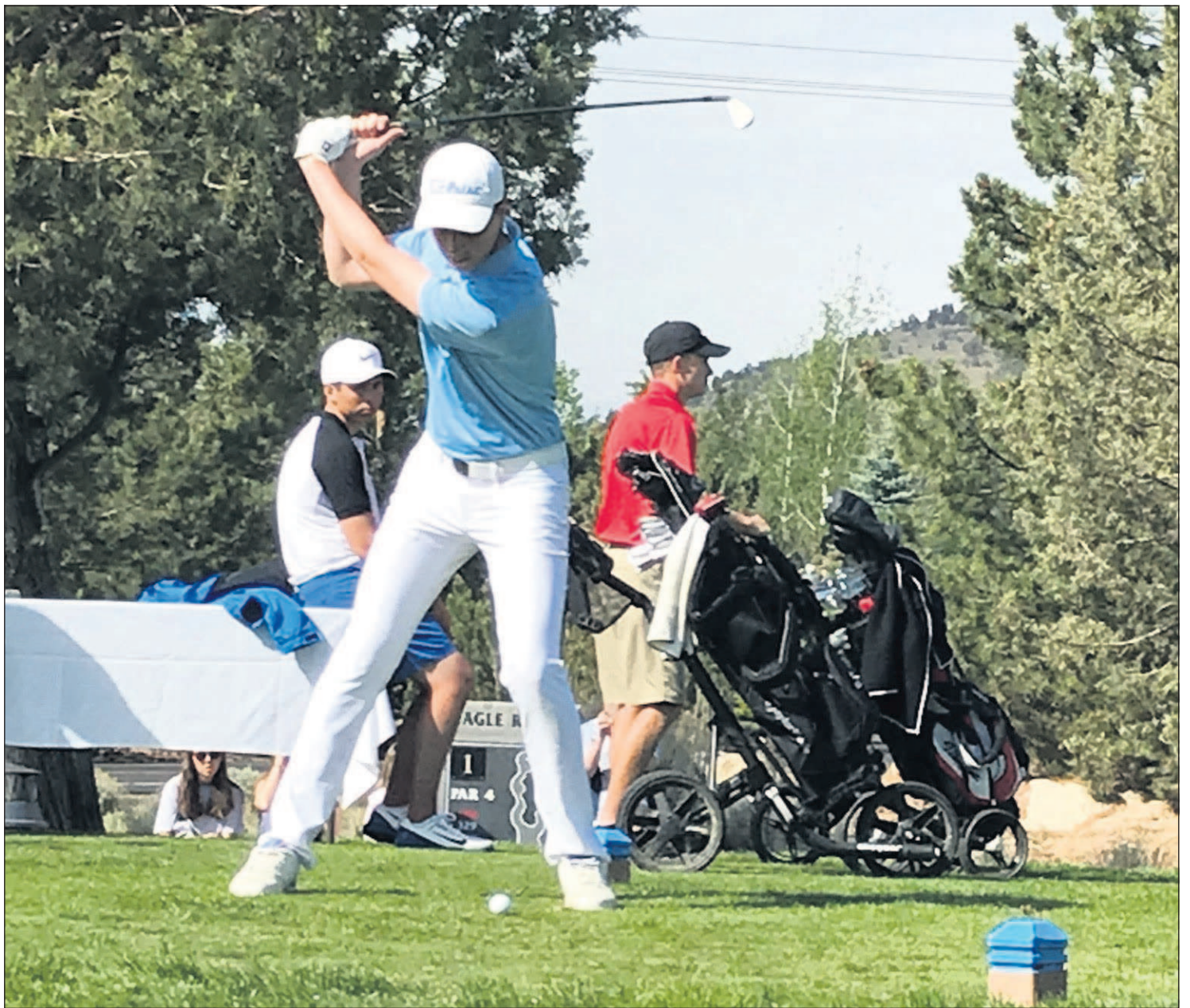
**P.Christian** 000 10—1 1 3  
**Warrenton** 277 1x—17 10 2  
 W: Niqui Blodgett (8 Ks, 1 walk). L: Olivia Stumetz (1 K, 10 walks). RBI: PC, Stevenson; War, Blodgett 4, Kapua 3, Duncan 2, Bussert, Ra.Dyer, Mossman, O'Bryan, Ramsey. 2B: War, Duncan. HBP: PC, Stumetz, Brist, Stevenson; War, Ru.Dyer, Quashnick, Ramsey. LOB: Portland Christian 6, Warrenton 9.

### BASEBALL

#### Rainier 5, Astoria 0

**Rainier** 010 020 2—5 6 0  
**Astoria** 000 000 0—0 2 3  
 Cantrell, Carr (7) and Guerr; Rush, Reed (3), Matthews (5), Jones (5), Hageman (6) and Hillard. W: Cantrell. L: Rush. RBI: Rai, Cantrell 2, Ca.Rea, Nelson, Chapman. HBP: Rai, Guerr. LOB: Rainier 9, Astoria 5.

## OREGON GOLF STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Photos by Jim Poetsch/For The Daily Astorian

Senior Jackson Kunde had Seaside's best score, in his final round of golf at the high school level.

# Seaside finishes fifth

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REDMOND — For the fourth time in the last five years, a team from the Cowapa League grabbed the top spot in the Class 4A boys golf state tournament.

And it was a different team, as Valley Catholic became the third Cowapa school to win a state title since 2014.

Seaside won state championships in 2014 and '15, and Scappoose won last year's title.

The Valiants improved Monday's first round score by four strokes Tuesday, to finish with a 630 team score, as final round action wrapped up at the Eagle Crest Ridge Course in Redmond.

Valley Catholic shot a 317 Monday, followed by a 313 score Tuesday to finish 20 strokes ahead of second-place Scappoose (650).

Klamath Union (659) was third, and Mazama (668) jumped Seaside in the team standings to finish fourth, while the Gulls took fifth with a 671, two strokes ahead of sixth-place La Grande.

Klamath Union senior Craig Ronne maintained his lead from Monday to finish as the tournament medalist with a 10-under-



Seaside's Connor Merrell follows his tee shot during Tuesday's final round action at the state tournament.

par 134.

Senior Jackson Kunde was Seaside's top golfer, finishing in a tie for 14th with a 164.

Teammate Connor Merrell

dropped three strokes off his Monday round (85 to 82) for a 167, 18th overall.

Seaside's other two counting scores came from Samson

Sibony (169, tied for 20th overall) and Curtis Kunde (171, 23rd). Mason Shamion rounded out the Gulls' day with a 197.

Jackson Kunde is Seaside's lone senior, as Merrell, Sibony and Shamion are all juniors, and Curtis Kunde is a freshman — one of two freshmen to finish in the top 23 of this year's tournament.

"We made it into the final group on the final day of the tournament," said Seaside coach Jim Poetsch. "That is what every golfer at every level strives for. It would have been nice to bring home a trophy, but to be in contention with five guys that have never played in a state tournament is still quite a feat.

"The experience of playing in a state tournament is a huge advantage as the teams that beat us all had most of their players back from last year's tournament, where they finished first, second, third and sixth," he said. "So it was a good finish to a great season, and next year we will have some experience. While we lose Jackson, who finished just two strokes out of the top 10, we now have three of the top 10 returning players for next year in Connor, Samson and Curtis."

## Knappa's Spencer leaves for Sedro-Woolley job

*The Daily Astorian*

Knappa High School athletic director and boys basketball Chris Spencer is on his way back north, after accepting a job as dean of students and head boys basketball coach at Sedro-Woolley High School in Skagit County, Washington.

Spencer made the announcement on Knappa High School's athletics Facebook page, stating, "Today I have announced my resignation as PE/Teacher, Athletic Director and Boys Basketball Coach at Knappa High School ... it has been a great five years at Knappa. I want to thank the staff, students and community for making this a one of a kind experience."

Spencer first came to Clatsop County in 2011, replacing John Mattila as the girls basketball coach at

Warrenton High School.

He coached the Lady Warriors for two years (2011-12 and 2012-13), then took over as boys basketball coach at Knappa in 2013-14. Spencer led the Loggers to the state playoffs in each of his five seasons, culminating with last year's 17-1 league record and Northwest League co-championship with Columbia Christian.

Spencer took Knappa to the state tournament in Pendleton twice, and finished with an overall record of 94 wins, 44 losses, and 64-18 in league games.

Before coming to the North Coast, Spencer was an assistant men's basketball coach at Quest University in British Columbia, and boys basketball coach at Blaine (Washington) High School.

The Sedro-Woolley Cubs compete in Washington's Class 2A Northwest League.



Chris Spencer

## Rainier blanks Astoria, 5-0

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A pair of co-league champions tuned up for the state playoffs with a nonleague game Tuesday at Tapiola Park, where Astoria hosted Rainier. And the Columbians — co-league champs of the Lewis & Clark League — got the best of Cowapa League co-champ Astoria, 5-0.

Rainier pitcher Austin Cantrell threw six-and-a-third innings, allowing just two hits with nine strikeouts and four walks to pick up the win. Dawson Carr pitched

the final outs. The Columbians managed six hits off five Astoria pitchers.

Danny Johnson and Zac Patterson had the only hits for Astoria, while Tanner Chapman had two hits and Cantrell drove in two runs for the Columbians.

Leading 1-0 through four innings, Rainier's Joey Tripp drew a one-out walk in the top of the fifth, which was followed by two walks. Cantrell singled to score Tripp, and Darian Guerr scored on a fielder's choice to give the Columbians a 3-0 lead.

## Rainier defeats Astoria at CMH

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Rainier defeated Astoria 12-1 Tuesday in a nonleague softball game at CMH Field.

The contest served as a tune-up for the Lady Fishermen, who play Friday at 4 p.m. in a 4A regional play-in game at Elmira.

Rainier — champions of the Lewis & Clark League and two-time defending state champions at the 3A level, are looking for a return to the 3A state championship game for the third year in a row.

The Columbians host Scio for a nonleague game Thursday.