

## SPORTS

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## STATE TRACK

## Knappa runner takes 7th in 3,000 final

The Daily Astorian

EUGENE — Day One of the OSAA state track meet is complete, with athletes from the 3A, 2A and 1A levels competing in a day-long schedule of preliminaries and finals Thursday at Historic Hayward Field in Eugene.

Clatsop County's first point-scorer on the track was Knappa sophomore Robert Pina-Morton, who placed seventh in the 2A final of the boys' 3,000-meter race.

Coming into the race with the third-fastest time of 9 minutes, 34.60 seconds, Pina-Morton finished in 9:35.58, while Bandon senior Hunter Hutton won the race in 8:59.96.

Warrenton's Mark Warren entered the 3A shot put competition as the No. 2 seed, but the sophomore came up short of last week's qualifying mark of 45 feet, 7 inches, and placed 10th with a toss of 42-4/4.

In another 3A final, Warrenton sophomore Faith Peterson was 12th in the javelin, with a throw of 92-6. Teammate Fernanda Alvarez placed 13th in the discus (84-8).

In Thursday preliminary races, Knappa sophomore Kanai Phillip qualified for Friday's final of the boys' 2A 100 meter race, finishing with the eighth-fastest time in prelims (11.78).

Jewell senior hurdler Gabi Morales qualified for a pair of Class 1A finals, running the fourth-best time in the 100-meter hurdles (16.92), and the fifth-fastest in the 300-meter hurdles (50.22).

Action at Hayward Field continues Friday, with all classes competing. The 4A, 5A and 6A schools conclude the meet Saturday.

## SOFTBALL

## Warrenton season ends with loss at Clatskanie

The Daily Astorian

CLATSKANIE — Facing Clatskanie pitcher Shelby Blodgett for the next three years isn't too appealing for the Warrenton Warriors, who have already seen enough of the Tiger freshman this season.

Blodgett gave up just one hit and struck out 12 batters Thursday, lifting fifth-ranked Clatskanie to a 10-1 win over the Warriors in a Lewis & Clark League playoff game.

The Tigers (20-3 overall) scored three runs in the bottom of the first for all they would need, and Blodgett did the rest, giving up only a fourth-inning single to Warrenton's Natalie Duncan, which scored teammate Niqui Blodgett with the lone Warrior run.

Clatskanie had home runs by Bella Smith in the first inning and a two-run shot by Shelby Blodgett in the fourth.

Warrenton finishes 9-12 overall, with Rachel Dyer and Niqui Blodgett as the only Warrior seniors.

## SCOREBOARD

## PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

## TODAY

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

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

**Track** — OSAA State meet (all classes), Hayward Field, Eugene

## SATURDAY

**Track** — OSAA State meet, 6A/5A/4A, Hayward Field, Eugene

## BASEBALL

**Clatskanie 2, Warrenton 1**  
**Clatskanie 100 001 0—2 6 2**  
**Warrenton 100 000 0—1 3 4**

Helmen and Warren; Jackson, Knight (6) and Morrow. W: Helmen. L: Knight. RBI: Cla, F.Evanson, Warren; War, Breitmeyer. 2B: Cla, Helmen 2, Warren; War, Breitmeyer. HBP: Cla, Sterba. LOB: Clatskanie 12, Warrenton 4. DP: Warrenton.

## SOFTBALL

**Clatskanie 10, Warrenton 1**  
**Warrenton 000 100 0—1 1 5**  
**Clatskanie 321 301 x—10 9 1**

W: Shelby Blodgett (12 Ks, 6 walks). L: Niqui Blodgett (9 Ks, 3 walks). RBI: War, Duncan; Cla, Smith 2, Blodgett 2, Sprague, Warren. 2B: Cla, Smith. HR: Cla, Smith. Blodgett. LOB: Warrenton 6, Clatskanie 6.



Jacob Morrow chases after a bunt for the Warriors.

Photos by Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

## Clatskanie edges Warrenton in baseball league playoff

### Tigers earn league's No. 2 seed to state

By GARY HENLEY  
 The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — The Warrenton Warriors can still earn a spot in the state playoffs, but the Warriors will go in as a lower seed if they do, following a heartbreaking league playoff loss Thursday.

Clatskanie — which lost three games to Warrenton during the league season — finally found a way to beat the Warriors.

Clatskanie pitcher James Helmen tossed a three-hitter, and the Tigers (8-14 overall) earned the No. 2 seed out of the Lewis & Clark League with a 2-1 victory on Warrenton's home field.

The Warriors (17-4 overall) will play the waiting game, and will find out by 10 p.m. Saturday (possibly earlier) if they earn an at-large bid to the state playoffs.

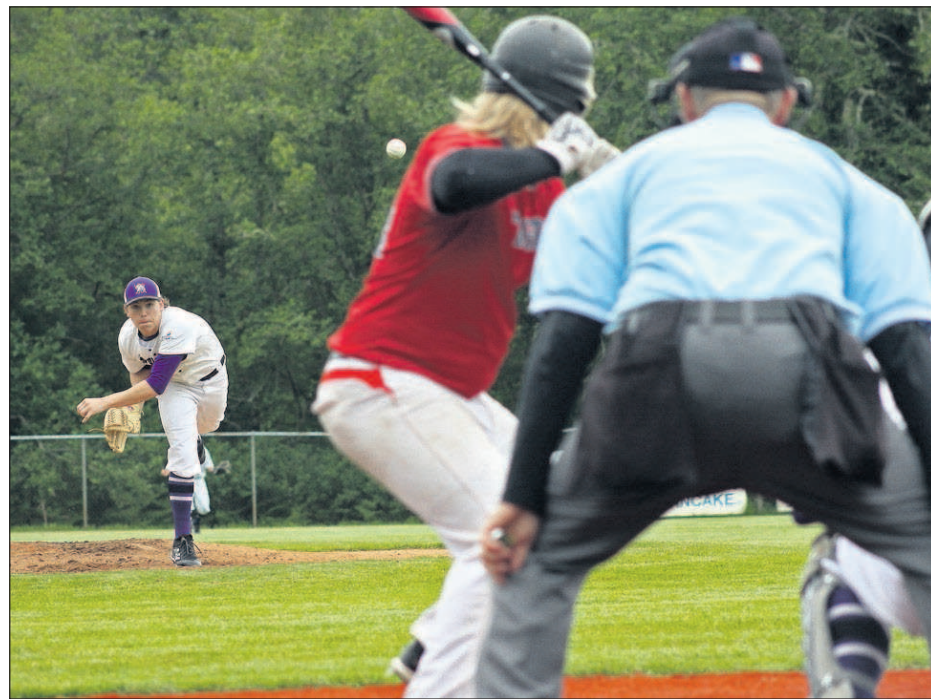
Two of the final 16 teams earn at-large bids to the playoffs, and the Warriors are currently in the on-deck circle for the first spot.

"The worst part now is a 51-hour waiting period before we find out," said Warrenton coach Lennie Wolfe. "We'll practice Friday as an act of faith that we get in."

"Of course we could have made it easier on ourselves by winning today," he said. "But we just didn't play as well as we have been. Helmen threw a good game, and so you have to tip your hat to him. I certainly don't want to diminish the way Clatskanie played."

Both teams scored a run in the first inning, and that was it until the Tigers managed to push across a run in the top of the sixth.

Helmen struck out four of the final seven



Devin Jackson delivers a pitch to the plate for Warrenton.

batters he faced, and finished with 10 strikeouts, two walks.

Warrenton pitchers Devin Jackson and Dalton Knight gave up a combined six hits with eight strikeouts and four walks. Jackson pitched five-plus innings before giving way to Knight in the sixth.

The Tigers had their leadoff runner on base in the first, third, fourth, fifth and sixth innings, but Clatskanie had trouble coming up with the big hit as well.

Clatskanie stranded 12 baserunners, and left the bases loaded in the first and seventh innings.

Warrenton's lone run came in the bottom of the first, when Gabe Breitmeyer's two-out

double scored Austin Little with the tying run.

The Warriors just didn't have a lot of opportunities after that.

Warrenton catcher Jacob Morrow made what appeared to be the play of the game in the top of the sixth. With a Tiger runner at first and no outs, Morrow made a diving catch off a bunt attempt by Clatskanie's Sam Shockley.

And, still laying on the ground, Morrow got the ball to first before the Clatskanie runner could return for a double play.

Instead, Helmen and Cade Warren followed with back-to-back doubles that resulted in the go-ahead run.

## Tigers put together late rally over Mariners

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Less than a week ago, Matthew Boyd was trying to figure out how to slow a Seattle lineup that included Robinson Cano and Nelson Cruz in the middle of the batting order.

It was a bit easier for the Detroit left-hander on Thursday night with Cano now suspended and Cruz nursing a sore foot.

"It's huge. Cano's a Hall of Famer and Cruz, he's one of the best power hitters in the league," Boyd said. "With those two out of there, you'd be lying to say it's not different."

Boyd was the beginning of a strong pitching performance that kept the Tigers close long enough for Jose Iglesias' two-out, two-run single in the eighth inning that gave Detroit a 3-2 win over the Mariners on Thursday.

Boyd struck out a career-high nine and didn't factor in the deci-



AP Photo/Elaine Thompson

**Seattle Mariners' Dee Gordon heads back to the dugout after striking out swinging in the seventh inning.**

sion but was part of a solid night by the Tigers' staff. After Mitch Haniger's RBI single in the third inning, the Mariners' only hits were a pair of singles by Guillermo Heredia — one

## UP NEXT: MARINERS

Today, 7:10 p.m. in Seattle  
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in the fourth and another leading off the seventh inning.

Boyd combined with Buck Farmer, Blaine Hardy, Warwick Saupold (2-1), Joe Jimenez and Shane Greene to retire 20 of the final 23 batters faced. Jimenez struck out the side in the eighth inning and Greene pitched the ninth for his 10th save.

"Our pitchers gave us a chance," Detroit manager Ron Gardenhire said. "Boyd was fantastic, got us through six solid. Our bullpen we had to maneuver through that and get some big outs for us."

Detroit rallied against Seattle's bullpen and specifically eighth-inning regular Nick Vincent (1-1) to take the opener of the four-game series.

## Seahawks sign draft picks Griffin, Flowers

RENTON, Wash. — The Seattle Seahawks continued to lock up their 2018 draft class by signing linebacker Shaquem Griffin and cornerback Tre Flowers to rookie contracts Thursday.

Third-round pick Rasheem Green is now Seattle's lone unsigned draft pick. Griffin and Flowers were both selected in the fifth round.

The Seahawks also signed free agent linebacker Dadi Nicolas and wide receiver Keenan Reynolds. Defensive ends Marcell Frazier and Noble Nwachukwu were waived to make room on the 90-man roster. Nicolas was a sixth-round pick of Kansas City in 2016 and appeared in 11 games, mostly on special teams.

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