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IN BRIEFCeltics beat Cavs
96-83 in Game 5

BOSTON — Rookie Jayson Tatum scored 24 points and Al Horford had 15 points and 12 rebounds to help the Boston Celtics beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 96-83 on Wednesday night and take a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference finals.

The Celtics remained perfect in Boston this postseason with their 10th straight victory at home and moved within one win of their first trip to the NBA Finals since 2010.

Game 6 is in Cleveland on Friday night, with the decisive seventh game back in Boston on Sunday if necessary. The home team has won every game so far in the series, and none has been closer than nine points.

Gonzales, Mariners
blank Athletics 1-0

OAKLAND, Calif. — Marco Gonzales is taking a more aggressive approach, and it seems to be working.

Gonzales allowed two hits in seven innings in the longest start of his career, and the Seattle Mariners scored their only run on an error in a 1-0 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Wednesday night.

— Associated Press

Warrenton game
postponed

The Daily Astorian

MEDFORD — The Class 3A baseball first-round state playoff between Warrenton and Cascade Christian was postponed due to a thunderstorm in the Medford area Wednesday, and will be played Thursday at 11 a.m.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY

Baseball — 3A state playoff: Warrenton at Cascade Christian, 11 a.m.

FRIDAY

Baseball — 2A/1A state playoff: Monroe at Knappa, TBA

BASEBALL

Madras 13, Astoria 9

Madras 200 060 001 04—1317 2
Astoria 110 032 101 00—9 18 1

Lockey, Patt (3), Smith (6) and Zemke; Hageman, Reed (5), Rush (6) and Hillard. W: Smith. L: Rush. RBI: Mad, Zemke 3, Smith, White, Brooks, Desjardins, Rodriguez; Ast, Reed 2, Rush 2, Johnson, Hageman. 2B: Mad, Smith 2, Lockey, Zemke, Desjardins; Ast, Hageman 2. HR: Mad, Smith. HBP: Mad, Rodriguez; Ast, Matthews. LOB: Madras 11, Astoria 16.

Knappa 16, Riddle 0

Riddle 000 000 0—0 2 3
Knappa 001 933 x—16 12 1

Borschwa, McMichael (4) and Martin; Miller, M.Hoover (7) and R.Patterson. W: Miller. L: Borschwa. RBI: Kna, Bartlett 3, Coffey 2, M.Hoover, Miller, D.Patterson, Weirup. 2B: Kna, Bartlett. HR: Kna, Weirup. HBP: Kna, Lackey, Miller

Wednesday's scores

4A First round

Henley 3, Baker 0
Junction City 7, Phoenix 5
North Bend 4, Valley Catholic 2
Gladstone 4, Brookings-Harbor 0
La Grande 1, Estacada 0

Banks 7, Newport 0
Madras 13, Astoria 9 (11)
North Marion 8, Crook County 2

3A First round

Taft 9, Clatskanie 2
Joseph 6, Salem Academy 3
Pleasant Hill 4, Irrigon 3
La Pine 18, Vale 4
Santiam Chr. 14, Rogue River 3
Warrenton at Cascade Chr., PPD
Horizon Christian 17, Rainier 5
Stanfield 2, Blanchet Catholic 1

2A/1A First round

Knappa 16, Riddle/Days Creek 0
Monroe 11, St. Paul 10
Kennedy 7, Culver 4
Oakland 8, Umpqua Valley 6
Pilot Rock 12, West Mennonite 0
Sherman/Arlington 4, Lost River 3
Bandon 3, Neah-Kah-Nie 2
Reedsport 15, Grant Union 0

SOFTBALL

North Douglas 6, Knappa 4

N.Douglas 301 020 0—6 7 2
Knappa 010 100 2—4 6 5

W: Hope Morgan (7 Ks, 3 walks). L: Madelynn Weaver (4 Ks, 2 walks). RBI: ND, Black, Morgan, Dooley; Kna, Patterson 2, Hendrickson, Nicholson. 2B: ND, Downie, Morgan. HBP: Kna, Hendrickson 2, Miller, Patterson, Rethati. LOB: North Douglas 6, Knappa 10. DP: North Douglas.

OSAA 2A/1A BASEBALL

Knappa answers Riddle challenge

The Daily Astorian

KNAPPA — No. 1-ranked Knappa broke open a close game with nine runs in the fourth, on its way to a 16-0 win Wednesday over Riddle/Days Creek, in a Class 2A/1A state playoff at Teevin Field.

Eleven straight years in the state playoffs, and 11 straight wins in the first round for the Loggers, who

were clinging to a 1-0 lead through three innings.

“(Riddle’s) pitcher (Drake Borschwa) was the one of the best we’ve faced all year,” said Knappa coach Jeff Miller. “But Kaleb (Miller) was in complete control for us,” tossing a two-hitter with 12 strikeouts and no walks.

Mason Hoover pitched the final inning, as the Loggers still have

Dale and Eli Takalo available for the next three games.

Ryker Coffey had a key two-run single for the Loggers, while Ryson Patterson filled in at catcher for an injured Reuben Cruz.

Logan Bartlett added a double, two hits and three RBIs for Knappa, which will host Monroe in a 2A/1A quarterfinal playoff Friday.

Knappa, first round state playoffs

2008: Knappa 9, Bonanza 2
2009: Knappa 5, Heppner 2
2010: Knappa 9, Pilot Rock 1
2011: Knappa 15, Lost River 3
2012: Knappa 13, Horizon Chr. 11
2013: Knappa 11, Oakridge 7
2014: Knappa 25, Lost River 1
2015: Knappa 19, Lost River 2
2016: Knappa 10, Oakland 4
2017: Knappa 15, Lost River 1
2018: Knappa 16, Riddle 0

OSAA 2A/1A SOFTBALL



Photos by Rob Hilson/For The Daily Astorian

Knappa sophomore Emily Nicholson smacks the ball into left center field, scoring Katie Patterson from second base late in the game.

North Douglas
defeats Knappa

The Daily Astorian

KNAPPA — North Douglas scored three runs in the top of the first inning, and held on for a 6-4 win over Knappa in a first-round game of the Class 2A/1A state softball playoffs Wednesday at Knappa.

The Loggers closed to within 4-2 after four innings, but the Warriors tacked on two runs in the fifth to help secure the win.

North Douglas pitcher Hope Morgan scattered six hits over seven innings, with seven strikeouts and three walks. Knappa’s Madelynn Weaver allowed seven hits with four strikeouts and two walks, but the Loggers committed five errors in the field to allow four unearned runs.

Kaitlyn Truax had two hits in her final game with Knappa, and Katie Patterson drove in two runs for the Loggers, who finish 14-9.



Knappa’s Aiko Miller races past second base in the fifth inning of Wednesday’s playoff.

Ovechkin, Holtby shine in Game 7

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Alex Ovechkin scored early and Andre Burakovsky added two second-period goals to help the Washington Capitals put a decade of playoff frustration behind them with a 4-0 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference final Wednesday night.

Braden Holtby stopped 29 shots for his second straight shutout and the Lightning, who led the NHL in goals during the regular season, failed to score in the last 159 minutes, 27 seconds — a stretch of nearly eight periods.

Ovechkin, who had never advanced beyond the second round, scored 1:02 into the winner-take-all showdown he had described as probably the “biggest game in my life.” Nicklas Backstrom had an empty-netter to complete the rout.

To earn a spot in the Stanley Cup Final, where they’ll play the Vegas Golden Knights, the Capitals beat



AP Photo/Chris O'Meara
Capitals goaltender Braden Holtby blocks a shot as Lightning center Brayden Point falls in the second period Wednesday in Tampa, Fla.

the top-seeded Lightning three times on the road, improving to 8-2 away from home this postseason.

It’s Washington’s first Cup Final appearance since 1998, and the first during Ovechkin’s 13-year career.

OSAA 4A BASEBALL

Madras slips
past Astoria
in 11 inningsWhite Buffaloes
outlast Fishermen

The Daily Astorian

Two teams can pack all kinds of twists and turns into an 11-inning high school baseball game.

For starters, Madras and Astoria combined for 22 runs and 35 hits, and stranded a whopping 27 baserunners, in a Wednesday afternoon state playoff game at Tapiola Park.

Astoria rallied to extend the game an eighth inning, and then again to 11, before Madras senior Kanim Smith belted a three-run homer in the top of the 11th, lifting the White Buffaloes to a 13-9 win.

Trailing 8-2 going into the bottom of the fifth, the Fishermen rallied with six runs over the next three innings to force an 8-8 tie after seven.

Both teams scored a run in the ninth, before the Buffaloes put up four in their final plate appearance.

The Fishermen had more than one opportunity to end the game, but couldn’t find the winning hit and ended up stranding 16 baserunners.

Madras had to overcome some adversity of its own — such as losing its starting pitcher in the top of the third inning.

Tyler Lockey had a double and a single at the plate, but the 6-foot-4 senior right-hander was ejected from the game when he tried to jump over Astoria catcher Adam Feldman on a play at the plate (“leaping,” which is illegal at the high school level) in the top of the third.

His replacement in the lineup was sophomore Kody Zemke, who finished 3-for-4 with four RBIs — which included a bases-loaded, three-run double in the top of the fifth to highlight a six-run rally for Madras.

The Fishermen answered with three runs in the bottom of the fifth, two in the sixth and one in the seventh, when Danny Johnson, Zac Patterson and Dylan Rush all had singles to right field, with Rush’s hit scoring Johnson.

Astoria had runners at second and third with two outs, before Smith (on in relief of Bryon Patt, who replaced Lockey) struck out the final batter.

After a scoreless eighth, each team scored a run in the ninth, the Fishermen scoring on an error with two outs.

The teams remained scoreless after 10 complete, when the first batters reached base for the White Buffaloes in the 11th.

A double by Brandon Desjardins drove in the first run, and with two runners still on, Smith belted a three-run homer to deep center field.

Cameron Rodriguez came on in relief to retire the final batter to earn the save, while Smith got the win, and Rush took the loss for Astoria, which finished 15-9 with a co-league championship in Glen Fromwiller’s first year as coach.

Senior Trey Hageman was a pair of doubles as part of Astoria’s 18-hit attack.

Rush had four hits, while Hageman, Burke Matthews and Johnson all finished with three apiece.

“These kids worked hard all year and exceeded a lot of expectations,” Fromwiller said of his team. “They surprised everybody and got a league title out of it.”