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Astoria's Hageman named player of year



Photos by Gary Henley/The Daily Astorian
 In his first season as the Astoria varsity baseball coach, Glen Fromwiller was selected as one of two coaches of the year in the Cowapa League.

The Daily Astorian

Astoria senior Trey Hageman was named player of the year, and the Fishermen landed eight players total on the Cowapa All-League baseball team, announced last week.

Joe Baumgartner of Banks and Glen Fromwiller of Astoria shared coach of the year honors.

The complete team:

COWAPA ALL-LEAGUE

Player of the Year: Trey Hageman, Astoria

Coaches of the Year: Joe Baumgartner, Banks; Glen Fromwiller, Astoria

First Team
 P: Trey Hageman, Sr., Astoria
 P: George Eisenhardt, Fr., Valley C

P: Blake Gobel, Jr., Banks
 P: Dalton Renne, Sr., Banks
 P/Inf: Dylan Rush, So., Astoria
 P/OF: Porter Agnew, Sr., Valley C.
 P/OF: Breeler Mann, Jr., Scappoose
 P/OF: Logan Travis, So., Scappoose
 C: Daniel Pruitt, So., Valley C.
C: Alex Teubner, Jr., Seaside
 C: Chase Wagner, Sr., Tillamook
 1B: James Baglai, So., Valley C.
1B: Josiah Hirsch, Jr., Astoria
2B: Burke Matthews, Jr., Astoria
 2B: Gunnar Partain, Sr., Banks
 3B: Trask Applegate, Jr., Banks
 SS/P: J.C. Gross, Sr., Scappoose
 SS/P: Hayden Vandehey, Jr., Banks
SS/P: Payton Westerholm, Jr., Seaside
 OF: Dakota Bunn, Jr., Banks
OF: Balan Kolee, Jr., Astoria
OF: Dylan Matteucci, Sr., Astoria
 OF: Jerad Toman, Sr., Scappoose
Honorable Mention
P: Brayden Johnson, So., Seaside
 P: Will Schultheis, So., Valley C.



Astoria senior Trey Hageman was named Cowapa League baseball's player of the year, as voted on by the league's coaches.

P/Inf: Justin Harmon, Jr., Tillamook
 C: Nicky Gill, Sr., Scappoose
 C: Blaine Herb, Sr., Banks
 Inf: Danny Weber, Jr., Tillamook
 3B: Carson Witt, Sr., Scappoose

OF: Danny Johnson, Jr., Astoria
OF: Astor Landwehr, Sr., Seaside
 OF: Tyler Lilly, Jr., Banks
 OF: William Weber, Jr., Valley C.
DH: Will Reed, Jr., Astoria

Better late than never: Seahawks land Marshall

By TIM BOOTH
 Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Before he left town a few weeks ago after working out for the Seahawks, Brandon Marshall picked up a little bit of Seattle-related gear at the airport.

He was that confident an opportunity to continue his career was going to happen with the Seahawks.

"I went in there and bought a couple of things, some shirts, socks because I knew that moment was going to happen. I felt good about the workout," Marshall said.

Marshall became the latest addition to the Seahawks when he signed a one-year deal Wednesday and was immediately on the field as Seattle continued its second week of OTAs. Marshall displayed some of that gear he bought when he announced on social media his intent to sign with the Seahawks.

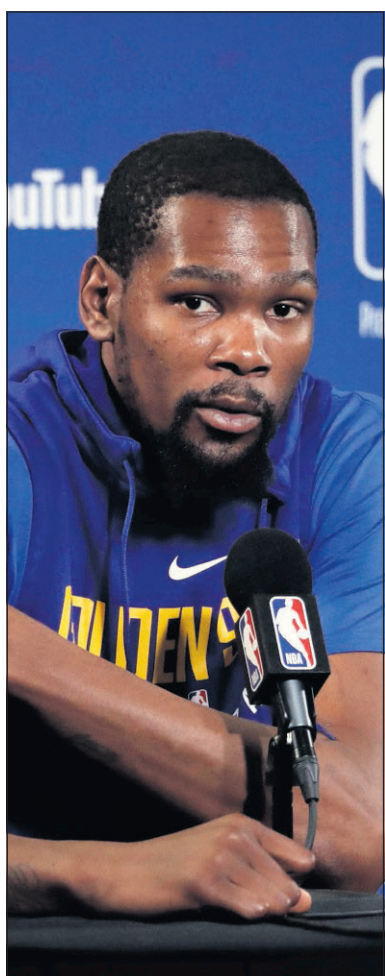
His work was limited in his first day, understandably, but it was a sign of how quickly Marshall wants to get this latest — maybe last — phase of his career started.

Marshall is coming off an abbreviated 2017 season where he was limited to five games with the New York Giants due to an ankle injury that required surgery. He was due to make \$5 million this season with New York but was released by the Giants in mid-April. At age 34, Marshall said he didn't have many options after he was released.

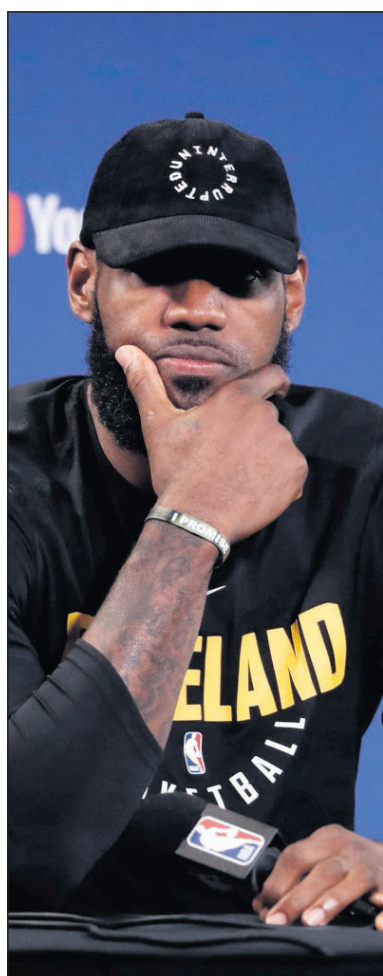
"I think the sentiment around the league is that I'm done. And I get it, rightfully so, when you get on the other side of 30 and your production slips and you have a big injury. People count you out," Marshall said. "It was an interesting process. It was a humbling process."



AP Photo/Ted S. Warren
 Seattle Seahawks wide receiver Brandon Marshall talks to reporters following NFL football practice Wednesday in Renton, Wash.



Golden State Warriors' Kevin Durant (left), Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James (middle) and Golden State Warriors' Stephen Curry answer questions after Wednesday's NBA basketball practice in Oakland, Calif.



AP Photos/Marcio Jose Sanchez

Anticipated or antidimactic? Warriors-Cavs 4 in NBA Finals

By BRIAN MAHONEY
 Associated Press

The first one deserved a sequel, which Cleveland won in the biggest comeback in NBA Finals history to even things up with Golden State.

Then with Kevin Durant joining Stephen Curry on one side and LeBron James leading the other, the Warriors and Cavaliers sent interest soaring as they rampaged toward the tiebreaker last season.

But the rubber match was a mismatch, and the Warriors are expected to win just as easily this time.

So as Round 4 of the record-setting rivalry begins tonight, has Warriors-Cavaliers become too much of a good thing?

"I don't think so," Golden State guard Klay Thompson said. "I think the rest of the NBA has got to get better. It's not our fault. I'm sure if you asked the fans of the Warriors and the Cavs around the world, whether it's in the Bay Area or in Cleveland, I'm sure they're happy with their team performance. The only people I hear saying that are fans from other teams, which is natural. I don't blame them. But as long as our fan base is happy, that's all that matters."

It's the first time in NBA, NFL, MLB or NHL history that the same teams are meeting four straight times in the championship round, and intrigue in the teams hasn't waned yet. The NBA had its most-watched conference finals since 2012, as both teams had to rally from 3-2 deficits to win Game 7s on the road.

But if this series quickly

NBA FINALS GAME 1

• Cleveland Cavaliers at Golden State Warriors
 • Tonight, 6 p.m. TV: ABC

becomes as lopsided as some fear — ABC analyst Jeff Van Gundy said he couldn't remember a bigger gap between finals teams and said any game the Cavs win is a huge upset — many of those people who have tuned in the last few years might be looking for something else to watch by the time the series switches to Cleveland.

"If James and the Cavaliers win Game 1, you know, the interest is going to skyrocket because they are going to have done what very few — except for them maybe — think they can do, which is win at Golden State," Van Gundy said. "If they get blown out both games, it doesn't matter what we say. People aren't going to be as excited."

The players won't apologize for showing up again, or worry that it hurts the NBA.

"I mean, it may not be as suspenseful as a lot of people want it to be or as drama-filled," Durant said, "but that's what you've got movies and music for."

Some things to watch when the series begins at Oracle Arena:

BE LIKE MIKE

If the Warriors win, it would be their sixth NBA championship and tie them for third on the all-time list with the Chicago Bulls, who won all theirs with Michael Jordan. Then it would be a long way to go from there to catch Boston (18) or the Lakers (17).

MOVING ON UP

James could vault into second place on the NBA Finals' career lists for points and assists. He has 1,247 points and needs 71 to pass Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (1,317) and move behind only Jerry West (1,679). His 339 assists are 61 behind Bob Cousy (400). Magic Johnson had 584.

SCORING STARS

While matching up on the court, James and Durant could flip-flop on the career postseason scoring list. James currently has a slight edge, with his 28.83 points per game placing him fourth and slightly ahead of Durant, who has averaged 28.75. Durant has been even better in the NBA Finals, with his 32.9 points per game ranking last year's finals MVP behind only Rick Barry (36.3) and Jordan (33.6) among players who have appeared in at least 10 games.

DOING IT WITH DEFENSE

The much-maligned Cavaliers' defense has shown up in the postseason, where Cleveland is allowing just 99.9 points per game, second among the 16 teams. The Cavs held Boston under 100 points in four of the final five games of the East finals. More impressively, Golden State kept high-scoring Houston under 100 in five straight games and is right behind Cleveland at 100.3 in the playoffs.

NEW-LOOK LOGO

Viewers will notice something new on the court during the series. The familiar NBA Finals logo has been replaced and the floor will now be marked with one that reads "The Finals presented by YouTube TV."

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Goalie Holtby spectacular as Caps beat Knights to even Cup Final

LAS VEGAS — Alex Tuch collected the skittering puck with absolutely nothing between him and the tying goal with two minutes left in Game 2 of the Stanley Cup Final.

Braden Holtby reacted with pure instinct.

Washington's goalie stretched back and lunged to his right with his stick, thrusting the paddle into the exact 4-inch slot of air through which Tuch's shot was headed for the net.

"Luckily it hit me," Holtby said with a shrug.

The Washington goalie's coaches and teammates weren't quite so calm about a save that will go down in Capitals history as the key to a 3-2 victory over the Vegas Golden Knights on Wednesday night, evening the series at one game apiece.

The win was the Caps' first-ever Stanley Cup Final victory — and the save might be a catalyst to even bigger things.

Winless in their first 5, Timbers now have won 6 straight

PORTLAND — Back on April 8 it seemed nothing was going right for the Portland Timbers.

In his debut season as an MLS coach, Giovanni Savarese's first five matches — all on the road — didn't include a single victory. He was clearly anxious to get back home after a 3-2 loss at Orlando City.

"They've been traveling five games away. At the end we were tired. It was a long trip. The weather from snow to hot and you can see at the end the guys were breaking down all over the place because it has been a long five games away," Savarese said at the time. "But as I said, I take full responsibility for this defeat."

Portland had collected just two overall points in their first five games. The long road trip to start the season was caused by construction at Providence Park.

But once the Timbers got home, their season turned around quickly. Even dramatically. Since that loss in Florida, they've won six straight, capped by a 3-2 victory at Colorado last weekend. On Saturday, they'll host the LA Galaxy.

The six consecutive wins is a club record, and matches Orlando's streak for the longest this season. It also matches the second-longest winning streak in the league since 2000 — when MLS started recording draws. Sporting Kansas City won seven straight in 2012.

Winning sure makes the job easier for everyone.

— Associated Press

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

Baseball — 2A/1A state championship: Pilot Rock vs. Knappa, Volcanoes Stadium, 5 p.m.