

# SPORTS

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## Five Warrenton players earn all-league honors

The Daily Astorian

Not surprisingly, the two dominant teams of Lewis & Clark League softball also dominated the league's all-league selections, as voted on by the league's coaches.

Rainier junior Taleah King was named Player of the Year, to go with nine of her teammates who joined King on the all-league team (six first-team, four second-team). Rainier's Jim Knox was selected as the Coach of the Year, as the Columbians came up short in the 3A state championship game to Dayton, which defeated Rainier 3-2 Saturday.

Clatskanie finished second behind Rainier in the league standings, and lost to Dayton in the state semifinals. The Tigers had seven players named all-league, including three freshmen on the first team.

Warrenton finished third in the league standings and had five players on the all-league team, including senior pitcher Niqui Blodgett and sophomore outfielder Kenz Ramsey on the first team.

Junior Claire Bussert was selected to the second team, along with Warrior sophomores Paisley Baker and Melia Kapua.

Last-place Portland Christian was given the Sportsmanship Award.

**Lewis & Clark All-League**  
**Player of the Year:** Taleah King, Rainier  
**Coach of the Year:** Jim Knox, Rainier  
**First Team**

Taleah King, Jr., Rainier  
 Niqui Blodgett, Sr., Warrenton  
 Shelby Blodgett, Fr., Clatskanie  
 Kyla Howell, Jr., Rainier  
 Paige Kellar, So., Rainier



Gary Henley/The Daily Astorian  
**Sophomore Kenz Ramsey was one of five Warrenton players to earn Lewis & Clark All-League honors.**

Jaedyn Larsen, So., Rainier  
 Aspen Norman, Sr., Rainier  
 Rylee O'Brien, Jr., Rainier  
**Kenz Ramsey, So., Warrenton**  
 Alexis Smith, Fr., Clatskanie  
 Olivia Sprague, Fr., Clatskanie  
 Olivia Warren, Sr., Clatskanie  
**Second Team**

**Paisley Baker, So., Warrenton**  
 Kim Brusco, Jr., Rainier  
**Claire Bussert, Jr., Warrenton**  
 Josie Ernst, Fr., Portland C.  
 Qira Faught, Jr., Rainier  
 Trinity Hamm, So., Clatskanie  
 Briana Harrison, Sr., Rainier  
 Maris Jackson, Jr., Clatskanie  
**Melia Kapua, So., Warrenton**  
 Jayden Makinson, So., Clatskanie  
 Reese Schimmel, Fr., Rainier  
 Olivia Stumetz, Fr., Portland C.  
**Sportsmanship:** Portland Christian

## Warrenton's Wolfe named Coach of the Year

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The Lewis & Clark League's baseball team of the present is also its team of the future, as the Warrenton Warriors had six players named to the league's all-league squad, none of them seniors.

Rainier junior Austin Cantrell was selected as the league's Player of the Year, joining eight other Columbian players on the all-league team, four on the first-team.

Warrenton's Lennie Wolfe earned Coach of the Year honors for the 10th time in his career and first since 2011, as the Warriors went from 1-17 in 2017 to 17-5 and league co-champions this season.

The Warriors had three sophomores on the first team: catcher Jacob Morrow, and pitcher/infielders Devin Jackson and Austin Little.

Juniors Kale'o Kapua and Dalton Knight were named second team, along with sophomore Gabe Breitmeyer.

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**Lewis & Clark All-League**  
**Player of the Year:** Austin Cantrell, Rainier  
**Coach of the Year:** Lennie Wolfe, Warrenton  
**First Team**

Austin Cantrell, Jr., Rainier  
 Edgar Carr, Sr., Rainier  
 Dawson Evenson, So., Clatskanie  
 James Helmen, So., Clatskanie  
**Devin Jackson, So., Warrenton**  
**Austin Little, So., Warrenton**  
**Jacob Morrow, So., Warrenton**  
 Kaleb Osborne, Sr., Portland C.  
 Caymon Rea, Sr., Rainier  
 Joey Tripp, Jr., Rainier  
 Cade Warren, So., Clatskanie



Gary Henley/The Daily Astorian  
**Devin Jackson was one of four Warrenton sophomores on the all-league team.**

Ned Williamson, Sr., Catlin Gabel  
**Second Team**

Hunter Boulch, Jr., Rainier  
**Gabe Breitmeyer, So., Warrenton**  
 Darian Guerr, Sr., Rainier  
 Jordan Kangas, So., Rainier  
 Logan Keizur, Jr., Rainier  
**Kale'o Kapua, Jr., Warrenton**  
**Dalton Knight, Jr., Warrenton**  
 Nelson Marshall, Sr., Portland C.  
 Ubedei McGautha, Fr., Catlin Gabel  
 Aidan Perry, Sr., Portland C.  
 Conner Rea, So., Rainier  
 Sean Uan-Zo-Li, Fr., Catlin Gabel  
**Sportsmanship:** Portland Christian



Phil Huber/The Dallas Morning News  
**San Francisco 49ers wide receiver Dwight Clark makes 'The Catch' on Jan. 10, 1982.**

## Dwight Clark, 49er great who made 'The Catch,' dies at 61

Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Dwight Clark will forever be remembered for one iconic moment, his leap in the back of the end zone to make a fingertip grab of a game-winning touchdown that launched the San Francisco 49ers dynasty and is one of the most indelible images in NFL history.

Clark, the author of one play simply known as "The Catch," died Monday just more than one year after revealing he had ALS. He was 61. He suspected playing football might have caused the illness.

Former 49ers owner Eddie DeBartolo Jr. recently hosted a reunion in Montana where many of Clark's former teammates came for one final goodbye.

"My heart is broken," DeBartolo said in a statement. "Today, I lost my little brother and one of my best friends."

Clark won two Super Bowls with the 49ers during a nine-year career that ended in 1987. He memorably pulled down the winning touchdown pass from Joe Montana in the NFC championship game against the Dallas Cowboys on Jan. 10, 1982, following the 1981 season. The 49ers went on to win the game 28-27 and then their first Super Bowl two weeks later against Cincinnati.

It's considered one of the most significant plays in NFL history. The Niners went on to win five Super Bowl titles in 14 seasons.

## Reality check about to arrive for the first-place Mariners

By TIM BOOTH  
 Associated Press

SEATTLE — The last time the Seattle Mariners were in first place this deep into the season, the current hitting coach was the designated hitter, the current "Special Assistant to the Chairman" was hitting .352 at the top of the order, and the club won 93 games but missed the playoffs.

Yes, it has been a long time since Edgar Martinez and Ichiro Suzuki had the Mariners in contention like they are right now.

"We just love playing for each other right now," pitcher Marco Gonzales said. "We're all rallying around each other and it's a lot of fun to be out there."

The Mariners started Monday at 37-22 and with a one-game lead in the AL West, a position they haven't held this far into a season since late August 2003. That's nearly 15 years since the club has sniffed the clear air of the division lead outside the early stages of the regular season. An entire generation of Little Leaguers in the Pacific Northwest who look up to the likes of Nelson Cruz, James Paxton and Dee Gordon have never seen the Mariners in contention like this on the cusp of summer's arrival.

And it's not happening because the division is terrible — four teams are above .500 — but rather because Seattle is finding ways to win despite injuries and suspension. The Mariners are 15 games over .500. They lead baseball with 18 one-run wins. They're 6-0 in extra-inning games. Since Robinson Cano first broke a bone in his hand, and then was suspended for 80 games two days later for violating baseball's joint drug policy, the Mariners are 14-5.

But a reality check may be on the horizon.

"We've taken care of business so far to put us in this position and I think our guys are really looking forward to the next three weeks," manager Scott Servais said. "We'll find out how good we are."

The quality of Seattle's start shouldn't be diminished, yet it hasn't come against the elite of the American League. Seattle has played the majority of its games against teams with records below .500 as of the start of play Monday. They haven't seen Boston or the New York Yankees.

So Servais understood when he was asked about the Mariners' upcoming schedule. Beginning Tuesday, the Mariners play 15 of the next 19 games against Houston, Boston, the Yankees and the Angels.

"We're exactly where we should



AP Photo/John Froschauer  
**Seattle Mariners' Dee Gordon, left, and Guillermo Heredia celebrate a win over the Tampa Bay Rays during Sunday's game in Seattle.**

### UP NEXT: MARINERS

• Seattle Mariners (37-22)  
 at Houston Astros (37-24)  
 • Today, 5:10 p.m. TV: RTNW

**'It's just a different feeling. I can't really describe it other than to say I love our team.'**

Scott Servais  
 manager

be. We've played well to this point," Servais said. "The teams we have coming up — and we talk about everybody looks at their schedule when it comes out, and during spring training, and we need to get off to a good start. And people say you've got this pocket here you're going to be on the road for a while or playing the tough teams in June or July, everybody has got those stretches in their schedule."  
 Last year at this time, Seattle was

already 13½ games back in the division. They've reached first place despite an extensive injury list that goes back to spring training when top reliever David Phelps was lost for the season due to Tommy John surgery. Among the position players, there have been two oblique injuries (Ben Gamel and Mike Zunino), two ankles (Nelson Cruz and Ryon Healy), a hand fracture (Cano) and a fractured toe (Dee Gordon). All told, those six missed a combined 67 games due to injury.

Seattle is still a flawed team, especially without Cano in the lineup. In the 19 games since Cano went out, the Mariners have scored less than four runs 11 times. But the pitching staff has been solid with unexpected success from Gonzales and Wade LeBlanc, and Edwin Diaz leading the league in saves.

"We haven't had this run we've had here with all the close games and doing it the way we were doing," Servais said. "We had stretches where we'd win six out of seven, or we had the stretch a couple of years ago in September where we won eight or nine in a row. But this has been different in the fact that it's early in the season, we have a lot to play for, we have a lot of big games ahead of us. It's just a different feeling. I can't really describe it other than to say I love our team."

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Capitals on verge of Cup after blowing out Golden Knights

WASHINGTON — Evgeny Kuznetsov smiled about getting four assists. He tried not to smile too much at the thought of being one win away from the Stanley Cup.

With Kuznetsov and goaltender Braden Holtby leading the way, the Washington Capitals are on the verge of capturing the first title in their 43rd season after routing the Vegas Golden Knights 6-2 on Monday night to take a commanding 3-1 series lead.

Alex Ovechkin and the Capitals will get their first chance to hoist the Cup in Game 5 on Thursday night in Las Vegas.

### Florida St. tops Washington, takes lead in title series

OKLAHOMA CITY — Something had to give.

Both Florida State's Meghan King and Washington's Gabbie Plain entered Game 1 of the Women's College World Series championship series with two wins and no earned runs allowed in Oklahoma City.

Finally, Florida State broke through. Sophomore catcher Anna Shelnett's solo homer in the sixth inning helped the Seminoles defeat Washington 1-0 on Monday night to start the best-of-three series.

Shelnett had hit just five home runs this season, but the player her teammates call "Postseason Anna" came through.

### Trump scraps Eagles visit to avoid low turnout

WASHINGTON — Fuming over the risk of low turnout, President Donald Trump canceled a White House visit for the Super Bowl champion Philadelphia Eagles and eagerly stoked fresh drama Tuesday over players who protest racial injustice by taking a knee during the national anthem.

"Staying in the Locker Room for the playing of our National Anthem is as disrespectful to our country as kneeling. Sorry!" Trump tweeted Tuesday — even though none of the Super Bowl champion Eagles had taken a knee during the anthem in 2017.  
 — Associated Press