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Three Warrenton players on all-state squad

The Daily Astorian

Warrenton's co-league championship season resulted in three players (all sophomores) being selected to the 2018 all-state team for 3A baseball, including sophomore Jacob Morrow, a first-team catcher.

Seventy-one players were selected to the 3A all-state team, which includes player of the year Grant Carley of Santiam Christian, and three coaches of the year — Phil Dube (Pleasant Hill), Matt Hilgers (Taft) and Steve Reed (Salem Academy).

Morrow is Warrenton's first player selected to the first team since Thomas McFadden, a catcher on the 2011 team.

Selected to the third team were Warrenton sophomores Devin Jackson and Austin Little.

It was the first time the Warriors had at least three players named all-state since 2005 (Nick Miller, Zach LaRue, David Anderson), when Warrenton was a 2A school.



LEFT: Niqui Blodgett, a senior at Jewell High School who will play next year at George Fox, was selected honorable mention all-state, the first Warrenton pitcher to earn all-state honors. RIGHT: Warrenton catcher Jacob Morrow is the first Warrior player selected first team all-state since 2011.



Photos by Gary Henley/The Daily Astorian

C: Cade Warren, So., Clatskanie
 Inf: Kaleb Osborne, Sr., Portland Christian
 Inf: Joey Tripp, Jr., Rainier
 Inf: Dawson Carr, Sr., Rainier

SOFTBALL

3A all-state

Player of the year: Ashton Phillips, Scio

Pitcher of the year: Anika Heidt, Dayton

Coach of the year: Rob Umbenhouwer, Dayton

First team

P: Anika Heidt, Sr., Dayton

P: Taleah King, Jr., Rainier

P: Skylar Wightman, Sr., Riverside

C: Hailee Danneker, So., Taft

C/Inf: Olivia Warren, Sr., Clatskanie

C: Brianna Zweggardt, Sr., Grant Union

Inf: Paige Kellar, So., Rainier

Inf: Aspen Norman, Sr., Rainier

Inf: Kasidee Parazoo, Jr., Scio

Inf: Ashton Phillips, Sr., Scio

Inf: Malina Ray, Sr., Dayton

Inf: Whitney Stone, Sr., Glide

Inf: Brooke Young, Sr., Scio

OF: Catie Jacks, Jr., Dayton

OF: Rheanna McDaniell, Sr., Scio

Lewis & Clark selections:

Second team

P: Shelby Blodgett, Fr., Clatskanie

C: Rylee O'Brien, Jr., Rainier

Honorable mention

P: Niqui Blodgett, Sr., Warrenton

Inf: Alexis Smith, Fr., Clatskanie

Inf: Alivia Sprague, Fr., Clatskanie

OF: Jaedyn Larsen, So., Rainier

Player of the year: Grant Carley, Santiam Christian

Coaches of the year: Phil Dube, Pleasant Hill; Matt Hilgers, Taft; Steve Reed, Salem Academy.

First team

P: Jack Stempel, Sr., Taft

P: Brody Woods, Sr., Stanfield

P: Jacob Winstead, So., Blanchet

P: Jake Farnsworth, Sr., LaPine

C: Wyatt DeForest, Sr., LaPine

C: Jake Morrow, So., Warrenton

1B: Ned Williamson, Sr., Catlin

Gabel

Inf: Josh Salsbery, Sr., Taft

Inf: Joel McLemore, Sr., Cascade Christian

Inf: Tristan Fergus, Sr., Dayton

Inf: Adrian Roa, Sr., Irrigon

OF: Caleb King, Sr., Taft

OF: Chris Bathke, Sr., Wallowa County

OF: Ryan Hall, Sr., Santiam C.

OF: Justin Keeney, Sr., Stanfield

OF: Collin Good, Sr., Pleasant Hill

U: Grant Carley, Sr., Santiam C.

U: Austin Cantrell, Jr., Rainier

(Lewis & Clark League selections)

Third team

P: Devin Jackson, So., Warrenton

P: Dawson Evenson, So., Clatskanie

Inf: Austin Little, So., Warrenton

Inf: James Helmen, So., Clatskanie

OF: Caymon Rea, Sr., Rainier

Honorable mention

Warrenton, Seaside split doubleheader at Broadway

By GARY HENLEY
 The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — Some late-night drama at Broadway Field marked the opening night of the summer season, and resulted in a doubleheader split between the Warrenton and Seaside junior baseball teams.

The Gulls led 5-1 through six innings of the first game, then managed to hold off a Warrior rally for a 5-4 win.

In the second game — which did not count in the league standings — Warrenton rallied from a 3-1 deficit with three runs in the top of the sixth for a 4-3 victory, as Seaside left the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh.

"I would have preferred to win the league game, but we were happy to get the second game," said Warrenton coach Lennie Wolfe. "We seem to have gotten pretty good at late-game rallies. But as a team, I know we were disappointed with our defensive performance in Game 1.

"We know we'll have to be more prepared and do a better job Tuesday (in a single game at Knappa)," he said.

The Gulls scored a combined four of their eight runs in the first inning, as they held 2-0 leads after one inning of both games.

Seaside had three hits in the first inning of the first game, all to right field.

Duncan Thompson's double to right scored Payton Westerholm with the first run of the day, and Thompson sprinted home on a single by Dylan Meyer.

Alex Teubner's single up the middle scored two runs in the third,

and Seaside pitching did the rest.

Thompson pitched four innings, striking out five with two walks to earn the victory. Brayden Johnson tossed the final three innings, as the two scattered five hits.

Teubner drove in three runs in the opener, while Westerholm had a single and a triple at the plate.

Warrenton committed a costly three errors in the first game, but played error-free ball in the field in the nightcap.

Still, Seaside's first two batters of the second game reached base, on a triple by Gage McFadden and a run-scoring double from Westerholm.

Justin Morris's infield single in the second gave the Gulls a 3-0 advantage.

Warrenton's big hitter for the entire day was junior-to-be Jacob Morrow, who had a single and a triple in the opener, and added a single, double and a triple in the second game.

After a leadoff triple in the fourth, he scored on a single by Kale'o Kapua.

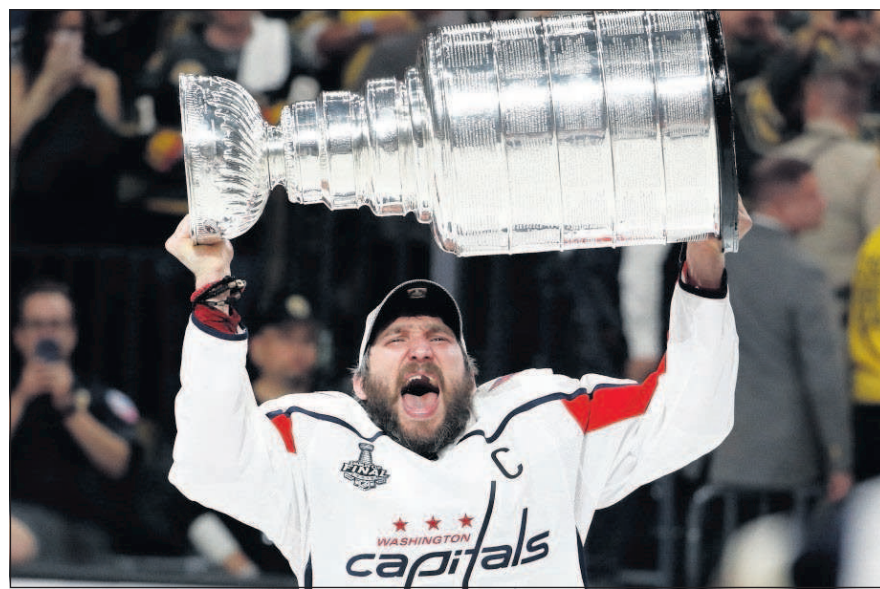
The Warriors had a runner at third (Ryan Hoagland) with no outs in the fifth but failed to score, before a three-run rally in the sixth.

Austin Little and Morrow both singled, with Little scoring on a passed ball. Moments later, Morrow sprinted home with the tying run on a double to deep right field by Devin Jackson.

Jackson eventually scored on a double steal for the go-ahead run.

Dalton Knight pitched the first four innings for Warrenton, with Little tossing the final three, striking out the final batter with the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh.

CAPS ON TOP



AP Photo/John Locher

Washington Capitals left wing Alex Ovechkin, of Russia, hoists the Stanley Cup after the Capitals defeated the Golden Knights in Thursday's Game 5 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Finals in Las Vegas.

Washington wins Stanley Cup, beats Vegas

By GREG BEACHAM
 Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Alex Ovechkin put both hands to his head and screamed while he left the bench and skated into the thick of the Washington Capitals' joyous celebration.

And right before Ovechkin hoisted the Stanley Cup, the Washington captain put both hands on his head again in a gesture of disbelief and ecstasy.

You can believe it, Ovi. So can the Washington fans whose championship drought is finally over.

After striving through 13 of his franchise's 43 seasons, the Russian superstar and the long-suffering Capitals are sitting on top of hockey for the very first time.

"It doesn't matter what happened

before," Ovechkin said through his gap-toothed grin. "We just won it."

Lars Eller scored the tiebreaking goal with 7:37 to play, and the Capitals claimed their first NHL title with a 4-3 victory over the Vegas Golden Knights on Thursday night in Game 5 of the Stanley Cup Final.

Ovechkin capped his playoff MVP campaign with an early power-play goal, and Devante Smith-Pelly tied it with a full-stretch goal midway through the final period of the Capitals' fourth consecutive victory over the Golden Knights.

"We did it," said Ovechkin, whose 15 playoff goals set a franchise record. "That's all that matters. Look at the smiles on my teammates. This is something you'll never forget. This moment, I'll remember for the rest of my life. I'm so happy. It's unbelievable."

Leake pitches into 9th, M's beat Rays 5-4

By MARK DIDTLER
 Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Mike Leake had Seattle cruising toward a comfortable victory. A late Tampa Bay surge merely helped the Mariners pad their record in one-run games.

Leake pitched into the ninth inning, Mitch Haniger homered and drove in three, and the AL West-leading Mariners beat the Rays 5-4 on Thursday night.

Leake (6-3) was lifted with a 5-1 lead after allowing his eighth hit, a leadoff double in the ninth to Wilson Ramos. Johnny Field hit a three-run double off Alex Colome before the former Rays' closer got a game-ending grounder from Daniel Robertson.

"We got enough offense early in the game, and pitching and defense was the story again," Mariners manager Scott Servais said.

Seattle leads the majors in one-run wins (19) and decisions (28).

Haniger has 46 RBIs, one off his career high set last season. The Mariners won for the 10th time in 13 games.

Robertson homered for the Rays, who have scored 16 runs during a seven-game losing streak. The slide includes a three-game sweep last weekend in Seattle.

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