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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Gasser’s camp set for June 18-21

Dave Gasser’s 2018 North Coast Baseball Camp will take place June 18-21 at Astoria’s CMH Field. Players should arrive at least 15 minutes early for registration on the first day. For players age 13-16, the camp is 9:30 a.m. to noon each day, and 1-3 p.m. for players age 10-12 (ages refer to how old player will be next year). Cost is \$100, or two kids for \$170, and three kids \$210. All checks should be made payable to Astoria Ford Junior Baseball.

Gasser, the former Astoria coach and all-time winningest coach in Oregon high school baseball history, runs the camp along with other Astoria coaches, alumni and current varsity players.

The camp is designed to improve skills, fundamentals and knowledge in all parts of the game.

Forms can be found on the Facebook page for Astoria Youth Baseball.

— *The Daily Astorian*

M’s overcome Trout’s 2 HRs in win vs Angels

SEATTLE — A healthy and confident Nelson Cruz usually means good things are on the horizon for the Seattle Mariners.

Cruz homered twice and the surprising Mariners overcame Mike Trout’s two home runs to beat the Los Angeles Angels 5-3 on Monday night.

— *Associated Press*

SCOREBOARD

YOUTH SPORTS SCHEDULE
TUESDAY
Junior baseball — Warrenton at Knappa, 5 p.m.



University of Oregon
Cheered on by the Hayward Field crowd, the Ducks’ Jessica Hull won the women’s 1,500 meter final in the NCAA championship meet Saturday in Eugene.

Hayward Field crowd entertained to the finish

By NEIL BRANSON
For The Daily Astorian

EUGENE — After the first day of the women’s NCAA Track and Field Championships, the Eugene Register-Guard ran a headline proclaiming, “Ducks in contention.”

And for a short time on Day 2 that headline held true.

Oregon earned eight points with a second-place finish in the 400-meter relay in 43.06 seconds, nipping Pac-12 rival USC by .05 seconds.

Oregon added 10 points as Jessica Hull, to the roar of the crowd, won the 1,500 meters in a personal best 4:08.75.

With eight of 21 events scored (six from Day 1) the Oregon women vaulted into second place in the team standings.

More opportunities were in store for the Ducks to pile on the points. Not to be.

In the 100-meter hurdles, Alaysha Johnson was seeded fourth and finished seventh. In the 100-meter final, 2016 NCAA champion Ariana Washington had a dismal start and finished last.

Oregon had two entrants in the 400 meters. Makenzie Dunmore was seeded third and Briyahna DesRosiers eighth. With 100 meters to go the seedings were holding true.

Then disaster struck for Dunmore, as she fell 20 meters from the finish. To her credit she crawled and stumbled across the finish line in eighth. DesRosiers moved up to sixth.

Form charts had senior Sabrina Southerland predicted to finish no lower than second in the 800 meters. All looked well until the last 200, when the field went by and she struggled to a seventh-place finish.

With a scoring system where the top eight placers earn points, it was reasonable for the

Oregon women to earn at least 20 points in those four events. They came away with seven. Not until the last two races did the Ducks pick up points.

In the 5,000 meters, Oregon’s Lilli Burdon finished third, and the Ducks took third in the 1,600-meter relay. They finished seventh in the team standings with 39 points and could only lament the points that got away.

What a thrilling end to competition at Hayward Field. In a short time, the heavy equipment will move in and the venue, as we know it, will be taken apart as room is made for a new stadium. Sad, for the memories will live and new ones will be created when the big meets return to Eugene, Track Town USA.

Neil Branson is the former track and cross country coach at Seaside High School, and a regular attendee of big meets at Hayward Field.



TrackTown Youth League
Daniel Quintana of Ilwaco, on the right, leans at the finish to win his 1,500-meter race at Hayward Field in record time, edging Evan Gonzalez at the tape.

Local youth compete, and win, in Eugene

The Daily Astorian

EUGENE — Young athletes from Clatsop County had several top-10 finishes in the TrackTown Youth League Championships held Sunday at Historic Hayward Field in Eugene.

The list included one individual champion from Warrenton, while a runner from Ilwaco, Washington put on a record-setting performance in the meet, which showcases the top youth athletes in track and field from across the Pacific Northwest.

Strong throwers in the field events have always been a tradition at Warrenton High School, and they appear to have a future champion in Kysa Whitsett.

She won the girls age 7-8 javelin (the “TurboJav”) competition Sunday, with a best throw of 45 feet, 1 inch.

In the girls age 11-12 long jump, Warrenton’s Brooklyn Westerlund placed fourth with a leap of 12-6, while Astoria’s Pele Starr-Hollow was 10th, at 11-6¾.

In the age 9-10 long jump, Isabelle Rodgers of Jewell was 12th out of 22 competitors at 10-1.

On the track, Astoria’s Hannah Groncki was eighth in the girls age 13-14 1,500 meters, finishing in 5 minutes, 39.67 seconds.

On the boys side, the 1,500 meters is a strong tradition at Ilwaco High School, and Daniel Quintana is next in line, as he won the age 13-14 1,500 final in 4:15.59.

Quintana won the race in a dramatic photo finish, by one-hundredth of a second over runner-up Evan Gonzalez.

Quintana’s time was also more than 15 seconds faster than his qualifying time from the TrackTown Youth League’s regional meet in Warrenton.

The race was so fast that the top three finishers all posted times considerably faster than the previous TrackTown Youth League Championship meet record of 4:28.96.

Other top 10 finishes: Astoria’s Mulu Starr-Hollow took third (5:25.84) in the age 9-10 1,500.

Kyler McCleary of Seaside was fifth in the age 11-12 long jump (13-10¼).

Warrenton’s Ethan Peck had a toss of 80-2 for sixth in

the age 11-12 javelin.

Sean Godwin of Warrenton was sixth in the age 11-12 100 meters (14.47).

Seventh-place finishes went to Warrenton’s Phoenix Martin in the age 13-14 100 meters (12.97) and Astoria’s Daniel Messing in the 13-14 javelin, with a toss of 68-2.

Martin took eighth (59.64) in the 13-14 400 meters, while Astoria’s Boston Linnett was eighth in the 100 (age 7-8) in 18.20.

Alexander Parmenter of Jewell was eighth in the age 9-10 javelin, with a throw of 64-5.

Elsewhere, Linnett was 11th in the long jump (8-8½), just ahead of Seaside’s Trey McCleary (12th, 8-7¼).

Orrick Evans of Astoria was 11th in the 400 (age 9-10) in 1:17.73, and Messing placed 11th in the long jump, at 14-0½.

The TrackTown championship meet was the culmination of 15 free youth track meets throughout the state. More than 2,300 athletes from throughout the Northwest participated, including many who had never before tried track and field.

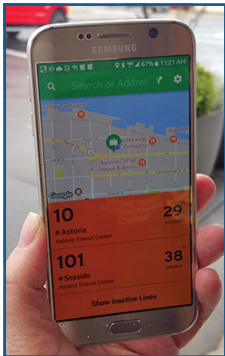
The top two finishers from these meets were invited to watch the NCAA Track & Field Championships at Hayward Field, and compete in the TrackTown Youth championship immediately afterward, on the same track.



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Warrenton’s Kysa Whitsett won the javelin competition for her age group in Sunday’s TrackTown championships at Hayward Field.

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