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HOMETOWN REPORT

Local athletes compete at the college level

By **GARY HENLEY**
The Daily Astorian

A trio of former Astoria baseball players recently wrapped up successful spring seasons, individually and at the team level.

Two enjoyed action-filled freshman years, while a third appeared in 14 games for a Pac-12 team.

Jackson Arnsdorf was a part-time pitcher for Corban University in Salem, and helped the Warriors to a 28-26 record in 2018.

The 2017 Astoria graduate finished with a 2-2 record, and appeared in 12 of Corban's 54 games.

In his one start, he pitched six scoreless innings in a 13-1 win over the University of British Columbia on April 15, scattering seven hits with four strikeouts and a walk.

Arnsdorf finished with a 4.50 earned run average, with 17 strikeouts and 15 walks in 22.0 innings pitched.

A little farther south, Astoria's Fridtjof Fremstad was part of a 42-2 baseball team at Linn-Benton Community College in Albany.

Fremstad — another 2017 graduate — batted .301 (28-for-93) in his first collegiate season for the Roadrunners, who finished 42-4 overall, 29-2 in the South region of the Northwest Athletic Conference.

The ex-Fisherman had two doubles, a home run and 16 RBIs. He played shortstop, appearing in 35 games. Linn-Benton was 0-2 in the NWAC championship tournament, losing to Spokane (4-3) and Everett (2-1).



Jackson Arnsdorf



Nick Strange

A third Astoria graduate, in his third season of college baseball, appeared in 14 games for the Washington State Cougars this spring.

Nick Strange finished with one save and a 1-0 record as a relief pitcher. He struck out 12 batters with six walks in 17.1 innings pitched.

Strange is well-traveled at the collegiate level.

He pitched in seven games in 2015 with Northwest Nazarene in Nampa, Idaho. As a redshirt sophomore at Tacoma Community College in 2017, he made 15 appearances out of the bullpen.

Strange landed in Pullman, Washington last year, and was part of a 16-33-1 season for the Cougars, who were 8-21-1 in Pac-12 play.

He pitched two innings and struck out two against No. 3-ranked Oregon State in a home game May 4.

Other local athletes competing at the next level:

ASTORIA

Lucas Caruana, Fr., Western Oregon track

Natalie Cummings, Fr., Portland State track



George Fox University

Seaside's Jackson Januik, competing now for George Fox University, leads a group of runners in an 800-meter race this spring.

Conor Harber, Carolina Mudcats
 Halie Korff, So., Western Oregon track

Kelsey Wullger, So., Highline softball

SEASIDE

Sam Hinton, Jr., Willamette golf
 Jackson Januik, Fr., George Fox track

After spending the winter playing basketball for the Bruins, Januik competed for the George Fox track team in the spring, and set his collegiate personal best in the 800 meters March 17, finishing 10th in 2:04.50 in the Rich Allen Classic.

Juneau Meyer, Fr., NW Christian track

Brad Rzewnicki, Fr., Gonzaga track

Cam Sorter, Jr., York (Nebraska) College track

Sorter ran the 800 meters in a PR time of 1:56.13 for fourth place in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference championships, May 4 at Friends University in Wichita, Kansas.

Danielle (Willyard) Buhler, So., NW Christian track

WARRENTON

Landree Miethe, Fr., Lower Columbia softball (injured)

KNAPPA

Devin Lewis-Allen, Jr., Eastern Oregon track

ILWACO

Kenneth Sheldon, Jr., Willamette golf

Athletes from regional schools:

Banks

Kindel Bailey, Jr., Oregon State track
 Jade Cain, Fr., Pacific track

Lucas Hidalgo, So., Eastern Oregon track
 Amy Hilger, Sr., Oregon State track

Casey McGough, Fr., Clackamas baseball
 MaKenna Partain, So., U. of Minnesota softball

Katie Ragsdale, Fr., Clackamas softball
 Jakob Sandhagen, Jr., Eastern Oregon track

Mary Schorn, Fr., Clark softball
 Eric Sommerfeld, So., Chemeketa baseball

Madison Soper, So., Clackamas softball

Clatskanie

Codi Blodgett, Jr., Western Oregon track
 Cole Warren, Fr., Chemeketa baseball

Nestucca

Tea Chatelain, Fr., NW Christian track
 Max Kirkendall, Jr., Pacific golf
 Kycie Richwine, Jr., Linfield track

Rainier

Kami Gray, Fr., Lower Columbia softball
 Johnathan Guisinger, Fr., George Fox track

Sarah Probasco, So., Colorado Christian softball

Haley Schimmel, Fr., Portland State softball

Mason Schimmel, Fr., Clackamas baseball

Scappoose

Kendal Bailey, So., Chemeketa softball
 Dan Carrier, Jr., NW Christian track

Olivia McDaniel, Jr., Linfield track
 Owen Parsons, So., Tacoma CC baseball

Tillamook

Colin Atchison, Sr., George Fox track
 Andrew Jenck, Fr., U. Portland track

Matt Strang, Sr., Linfield baseball
 Jennifer Tuatagaloa, Fr., Chemeketa softball

Knappa sweeps Neah-Kah-Nie

The Daily Astorian

ROCKAWAY BEACH — The Knappa summer baseball team scored a pair of road victories Wednesday, in a Junior State doubleheader at Neah-Kah-Nie.

The Loggers won the opener 10-1, in the league-counting game. Ryson Patterson pitched five innings and Logan Flues worked the sixth and seventh innings.

Devin Hoover earned the victory in Game 2, a 9-5 Knappa win.

Hoover pitched the first three innings, before giving way to Jaxson Goodman, Mason Westerholm and Tyler Green.

Knappa's scheduled doubleheader Thursday at Tillamook was canceled.

Mariners place RHPs Nicasio and Altavilla on DL

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The Seattle Mariners have placed right-handers Juan Nicasio and Dan Altavilla on the 10-day disabled list, recalled infielder Daniel Vogelbach, and purchased the contract of right-hander Mike Morin from Triple-A Tacoma.

Nicasio has swelling in his right knee, while Altavilla is sidelined by a right elbow UCL sprain. Mariners manager Scott Servais says Thursday he hates "to lose either one of those guys, but we've got to get them healthy, get them right."

Nicasio gave up four earned runs without getting an out June 6 at Houston after not allowing a run in his previous eight games.

Altavilla, 3-2 with 2.61 ERA over 22 appearances, was previously on the DL May 1-12 with right AC joint inflammation. He will be examined by team doctors in Seattle.

Morin went 2-1 with three saves and a 3.24 ERA in 20 games for Tacoma.

NBA DRAFT

Phoenix takes Ayton; Young, Doncic swapped

By **BRIAN MAHONEY**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Phoenix Suns stayed close to home for their first No. 1 pick. The Dallas Mavericks looked all the way to Slovenia for the player they hope can be their next European superstar.

Shortly after the Suns took Deandre Ayton to start the NBA draft Thursday night, the Mavericks traded up two spots for the rights to Luka Doncic.

The Atlanta Hawks swapped the rights to Doncic, the No. 3 pick who has spent the last year winning championships all over Europe, to Atlanta for Trae Young, the No. 5 selection from Oklahoma.

The Mavericks also gave up a future first-round pick to draft Doncic, who only arrived in New York on Wednesday after helping Spain's Real Madrid win its league championship after he won Euroleague MVP and Final Four MVP honors when they won that title this year.

His lengthy European season kept him from working out for teams but he knew the Mavericks were interested in having him on their team for what's expected to be Dirk Nowitzki's final NBA season.

"I've been talking to Dallas a lot. They really wanted me, and they were very, very nice," the 19-year-old said. "They were very nice to me, and I think we had a very good relationship."

The Hawks will get perhaps the most exciting player in college basketball last season in Young, the first player to lead the nation in scoring and assists in the same season.

"Whatever city I went to, I was going to be able to be comfortable in," said Young, who wore suit shorts with his burgundy-colored jacket. "I was just really excited to get to Atlanta."

After that, it was a mostly straightforward draft with little fireworks, but plenty of national champion Villanova Wildcats.

The top of it was dominated by big men, starting with a pair of former high school teammates.

The Suns made the 7-foot-1 Ayton the first No. 1 pick in franchise history. The center from Arizona averaged 20.1 points and 11.6 rebounds in his lone season in Tucson, tying for the national lead with 24 double-doubles in 35 games.



AP Photo/Kevin Hagen

Arizona's Deandre Ayton, right, is congratulated by friends and family after he was picked first overall by the Phoenix Suns during Thursday's NBA draft in New York.

Blazers take guard Simons with 24th pick

PORTLAND — The Portland Trail Blazers acquired two guards during Thursday's NBA draft, landing IMG Academy's Anfernee Simons and Duke's Gary Trent Jr.

Simons was the 24th pick of the draft. Portland got Trent after acquiring the rights to the 37th pick by trading two future second-round picks to Sacramento.

The 6-foot-4, 180-pound Simons didn't play in college. He initially committed to Louisville but after the school fired coach Rick Pitino in October, Simons opted to attend IMG Academy in Florida. Simons, who turned 19 this month, averaged 22.4 points and shot 45 percent last season.

Simons is the first player since 2005 to land in the draft without playing in college or overseas. Simons was eligible for the draft because he's 19 and one year removed from his high school graduation. The Blazers' roster had the youngest average age among NBA teams last season.

Wizards select Oregon Ducks swingman Brown with 15th pick

WASHINGTON — After winging it with their perimeter depth late in a trying season, the Washington Wizards decided they needed more. A mature 18-year-old from Las Vegas with a winning game and a modern style convinced them he was the right call.

The Wizards selected Oregon swingman Troy Brown Jr. with the No. 15 pick in the NBA draft Thursday night.

The 6-foot-7 Brown provides the Wizards with needed wing depth, a versatile defender and a potential playmaker for their second unit. He averaged 11.3 points, 6.3 rebounds and 3.2 assists during his lone season with the Ducks.

There were multiple meetings between Brown and members of the Wizards organization during the pre-draft process. They talked during last month's NBA Combine in Chicago. Brown visited Washington for a June 11 workout. It took little convincing that the former 5-star recruit was the right choice.

— *Associated Press*

Yankees top M's 4-3 for 3-game sweep

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Aaron Boone bristles at the notion his New York Yankees are all or nothing, built entirely on home runs.

"I think it's a silly argument," the manager said. "That does bother me, actually."

Maybe, but it's sure a quick way to light up the scoreboard.

Aaron Judge and Miguel Andujar hit two-run homers off James Paxton in the first inning that sent the Yankees over the Seattle Mariners 4-3 on Thursday for a three-game sweep.

Luis Severino and the Yankees boosted the best record in the majors to 50-22. They've won four in a row and 17 of 21.

"We've obviously played well, racked up a lot of wins," Boone said. "We've played well against some of the elite teams."

Seattle, which was 20 games over .500 coming into the Bronx this week, has lost a season-high four straight.

New York launched eight homers in the sweep and tops baseball with 122 long balls. Andujar sliced a drive the other way, and it barely settled into the short right-field porch.

"Both teams play in the same park. I thought it was a flyball because most places we play, it's probably a flyball," Paxton said. "But it got out of here and that's just the ballpark and you're going to have that sometimes. You just have to deal with it and move on."

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY

Junior baseball — Astoria Ford at Seaside (2), 4 p.m.; Kennedy at Warrenton, 5:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Junior baseball — At Warrenton HS: Kennedy vs. Clatskanie, 1 p.m.; Clatskanie at Warrenton, 3 p.m.

SUNDAY

Junior baseball — Kennedy at Warrenton, 1 p.m.