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Astoria's Michael Postlewait holds his prize catch from last month's competition in Alabama.

## Astoria's Postlewait fares well in Alabama

The Daily Astorian

Astoria High School placed 198th out of 384 teams in the Student Angler Federation's high school bass fishing World Championship, held in late June on Pickwick Lake in Florence, Alabama.

Astoria's Michael Postlewait was also 195th out of 232 teams in the SAF National Championship, held simultaneously.

Postlewait had to fish solo, as teammate Leo Matthews was unavailable to make the 5,000-mile round trip.

"The bite was tough because of how many people were fishing," Postlewait said. "The lake was also different from what we have here, so the fishing style was hard to adapt to."

On the final day of competition, Postlewait locked through Wilson Dam to fish Wilson Lake, hoping the waters would be more similar to what he knew.

He caught a five-pounder on a frog fairly early and had high hopes of a strong finish. Unfortunately, all of Postlewait's other fish that day were under the 15-inch minimum length, or the wrong species. His five-pound single fish beat out 186 other two-member teams, 140 of which failed to weigh a single fish.

"It was not the result I wanted, but it was a good experience and am looking forward to next year," Postlewait said.

Postlewait and Matthews will begin defending their state championship July 28 on Siltcoos Lake near Florence. This year there are four legs to determine the 2019 Oregon state champions, with the second Sept. 1 on Tenmile Lake on the south Oregon Coast, and next spring with a stop on the Columbia River above The Dalles Dam on April 13. The season concludes May 11 at Cascade Locks.

The Bass Federation founded the SAF and the national high school fishing program in 2007. This year, 384 teams of high school anglers traveled from 35 different states to compete at Pickwick Lake.

## Herrmann's HR helps lift Mariners over Angels 4-1

Associated Press

SEATTLE — In early April, Chris Herrmann was a free-agent catcher sitting on his couch at home wondering if he was going to play baseball again.

Now he is. And the Mariners are glad they found him.

Herrmann hit his first home run for Seattle, and Marco Gonzales pitched six solid innings to lead the Mariners to a 4-1 victory over the Los Angeles Angels on Thursday night.

## SCOREBOARD

### LOCAL SPORTS SCHEDULE

#### SATURDAY

Junior state baseball — District tournament, at Warrenton HS: Astoria vs. Seaside, 1 p.m.; Knappa vs. Warrenton, 4 p.m. (free admission).



Eli Takalo



Trey Hageman



Ethan Lindstrom



Dale Takalo



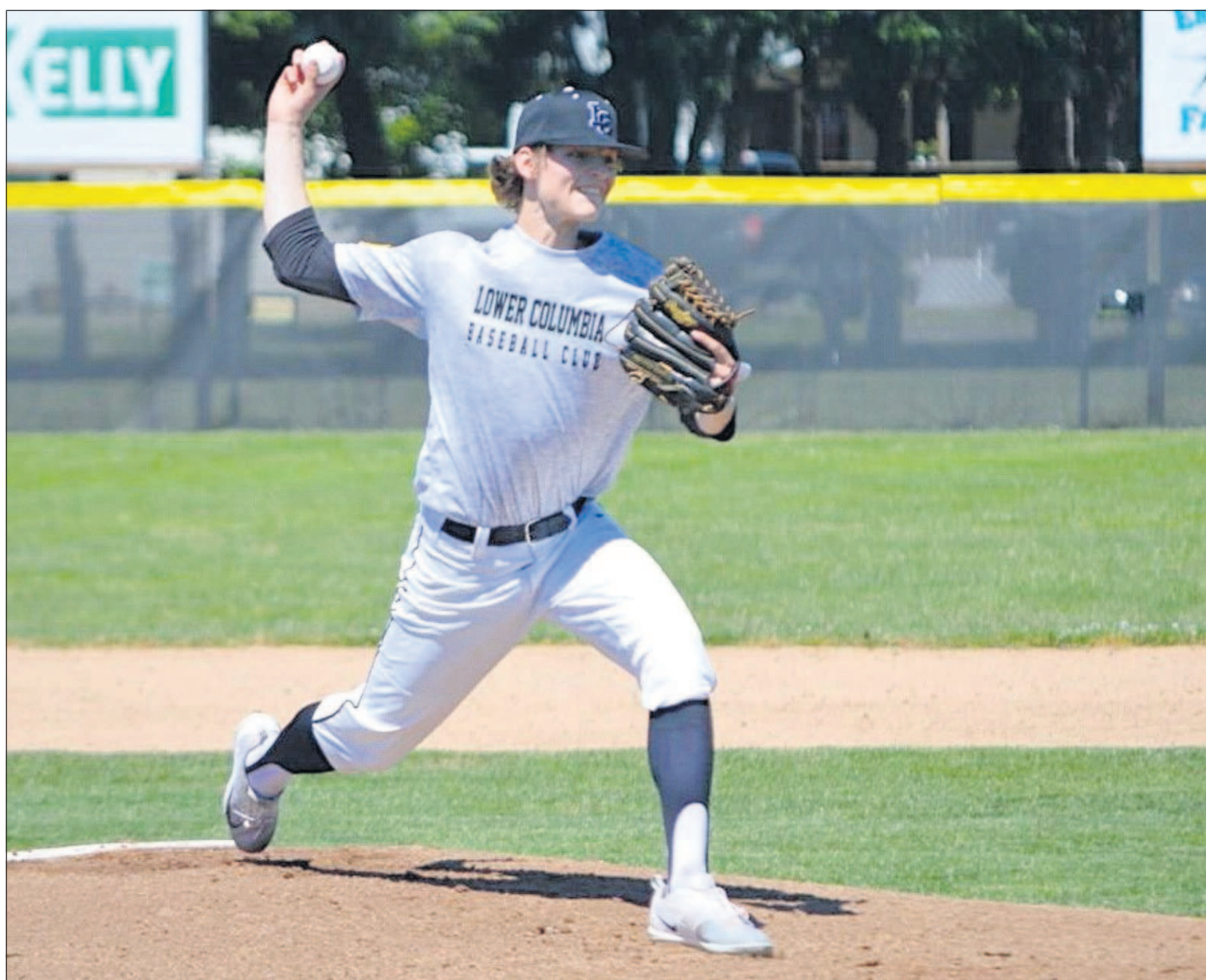
Ryker Coffey



Kaleb Miller



Payton Westerholm



Lower Columbia Baseball Club

Knappa's Dale Takalo at work on the mound for Hilander Dental, sponsor of the Lower Columbia Baseball Club of Longview, Washington.

## Longview team sports North Coast players

The Daily Astorian

Players from Clatsop County are playing big roles for a AAA Legion baseball team in Longview, Washington, this summer.

In fact, recent graduates from Astoria and Knappa — along with a couple of current players from Knappa, Naselle and Seaside — are some of the primary stars for Hilander Dental, the sponsor for Longview's Lower Columbia Baseball Club.

The team closed out June with five straight victories to win the Cowboy Classic, held at the College of Southern Idaho.

Hilander Dental won the tournament title to improve to 11-6-1 on the season.

They started the week with a 12-7 loss to the Vancouver Cardinals, in which recent Astoria graduate Trey Hageman was 2-for-4 at the plate, with two RBIs.

The team bounced back with a 3-2 victory over a team from Taylorsville, Utah, in the opener of the Cowboy Classic, as Knappa's Dale Takalo drove in two of the three runs with a squeeze bunt and a sacrifice fly.

Pitcher Ethan Lindstrom of Naselle tossed a scoreless seventh inning to earn the save.

One day later, Hilander Dental knocked off another team from Utah, North Cache, 7-5, behind the pitching of Knappa's Eli Takalo. The Loggers' junior-to-be gave up just three hits over six innings, while former Knappa teammate Kaleb Miller picked up the save.

The Lower Columbia team continued to win Saturday, scoring wins over Pocatello (6-4) and Twin Falls (11-4).

Hilander Dental overcame a 3-0 deficit in the first game, in which Hageman was 2-for-4 with two RBIs. Dale Takalo earned the save on the mound in the second game, while Eli was 2-for-3 with a double and two RBIs.

The team faced Pocatello in Sunday's championship, and scored a 13-7 win, as pitchers Noah Jenkins (Mark Morris High School), Lindstrom and Seaside's Payton Westerholm combined on the mound.

Hilander Dental suffered a couple of losses Tuesday, falling twice in a doubleheader to Centralia, which scored 17-10 and 4-3 victories. The team rebounded with a doubleheader sweep Thursday over Centralia, 9-8 and 4-1.

In a near-repeat of the state championship game two years ago, Hilander Dental scored nine runs in the bottom of the seventh inning

— and of course a Knappa Logger drove in the game-winning runs, as Miller's two-run single was the walk-off, game-winning hit. Miller was 2-for-4, while Hageman also drove in two runs.

In the nightcap, more heroics from the Clatsop County kids, as Dale Takalo had a triple, with Payton Westerholm helping pitch Hilander to the win.

Of the 22 athletes on the Hilander roster, Knappa has four players, tied with R.A. Long and Kelso for the most schools represented. In addition to the Takalo brothers and Miller, Knappa senior-to-be Ryker Coffey is a second baseman for the team.

Miller is currently the third-leading hitter for Hilander, sporting a .404 average (21-for-52), with four doubles, a triple and 16 runs scored to go with 11 RBIs and a .523 on-base percentage.

Hageman is fourth with a .396 average, with 15 runs scored and is tied with a team-leading 17 RBIs.

On the mound, Eli Takalo is 2-0 with three saves in 14 innings pitched. Dale Takalo has thrown 16.9 innings, and is currently 1-3 with four saves.

Hageman and Westerholm are each 1-0 on the mound.

## WIMBLEDON

## '17 champ Muguruza, finalist Cilic out in upsets

By HOWARD FENDRICH  
Associated Press

LONDON — Garbine Muguruza insisted she wasn't thinking about attempting to collect a second consecutive Wimbledon championship. She was adamant that she was not focusing on defending her title.

"It doesn't really matter," she would say, "what happened in 2017."

Well, it seems safe to say she'll really want to forget what happened at the All England Club in 2018. Muguruza was stunned in the second round 5-7, 6-2, 6-1 by 47th-ranked Alison Van Uytvanck of Belgium on Thursday, the latest upset in a series of them at the grass-court major tournament.

"It's a little bit sad," Muguruza said. "But today didn't go my way."

That's become a familiar refrain for prominent women at this top-sy-turvy Wimbledon.

Only two of the top eight seeded women are still in the field after four days of action.

Van Uytvanck, meanwhile, began

this week with a 1-4 record at Wimbledon and only one Grand Slam quarterfinal appearance to her name. Muguruza, meanwhile, owns two major titles, including the 2016 French Open, and was the runner-up at the All England Club in 2015.

But that didn't matter on this day.

Van Uytvanck was aggressive from the baseline, compiling a 29-18 advantage in winners, and broke in seven of Muguruza's 13 service games. Still, it was not easy finishing off the most significant victory of her career.

"Inside," the 24-year-old Belgian said, "I was, like, dying."

The No. 3-seeded Muguruza joined No. 2 Caroline Wozniacki, No. 4 Sloane Stephens, No. 5 Elina Svitolina, No. 6 Caroline Garcia and No. 8 Petra Kvitova on the way out so far, along with five-time major champion Maria Sharapova. Those departures leave No. 1 Simona Halep, the French Open champion who won in straight sets Thursday, and No. 7 Karolina Pliskova in the field, along with sev-

en-time Wimbledon champion Serena Williams, who is seeded 25th, and five-time champ Venus Williams, who is No. 9.

"I mean, anyone, on a good day, can beat anyone," Van Uytvanck said. "That's what I think. I still think the top players, their average level is higher than, let's say, sub-top players. But anyone on a good day can beat anyone, for sure."

Sure seems that way, particularly this week.

Among the men, too. Resumes and past performances do not matter. At all.

Marin Cilic, for example, entered his second-round match with all sorts of advantages in experience and success over his opponent, including a runner-up finish at the All England Club a year ago and a U.S. Open title in 2014.

So when Cilic took a two-sets-to-none lead against a guy who began the week with records of 0-2 at Wimbledon and 6-15 at all majors, it appeared the No. 3 seed was on his way to a

straightforward victory and a step closer to a potential semifinal rematch against defending champion Roger Federer.

Hold that thought. The outcome that seemed obvious vanished, and Cilic is gone, giving away a big edge in a 3-6, 1-6, 6-4, 7-6 (3), 7-5 loss to 82nd-ranked Guido Pella of Argentina in a match completed Thursday after being suspended midway through the third set because of rain the evening before.

"A big surprise," Pella said. Cilic called it a "big disappointment."

"Just didn't feel so good. I was not as accurate as yesterday," he said. "I was just missing some balls, giving him chance to keep playing."

His exit means the highest-seeded man No. 1 Federer possibly could face before the final as he bids for a record-extending ninth Wimbledon title would be No. 8 Kevin Anderson or No. 9 John Isner. They're two of the tour's biggest servers, and both won contests carried over from Wednesday.