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Seven all-leaguers, one all-state for Knappa team

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The Class 2A/1A all-state softball team has been voted on — it just hasn't been released, and coaches in at least one league would like a recount.

The Northwest League has had players earn all-state honors the last two years, but there has been some noticeable, unexplained absences, according to Knappa coach James Nichols.

For the second straight year, the Lady Loggers had the NWL's Player of the Year — but for the second straight season, both players were left off the 2A/1A all-state team.

Knappa catcher Kaitlyn Truax was the league MVP in 2017, and pitcher Madelynn Weaver earned Player of the Year honors this season.

But while other players from the league picked up votes and made the all-state team, Truax and Weaver were not recognized for all-state honors.

"Nothing for (Weaver) and nothing for Kaitlyn last year," Nichols said. "Of course if you don't even ask all the coaches to vote, it's not a real team."

Nichols earned Coach of the Year honors for the Northwest League this season, as his team shared the league championship and held the NWL's No. 1 seed to the state playoffs, where the Loggers fell in the first round to North Douglas.

Nichols has seen the all-state squad, "and I thought it was a big joke," he said. "I never got to vote, or Mike



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With the best pitcher in the league only a sophomore, Madelynn Weaver and the Loggers are set to dominate the Northwest League for the next two years.

(Fetch) from Vernonia either. Not sure if anyone from our league did. If the Player of the Year of our league two years in a row never got anything, and something is wrong."

Truax did earn all-state honorable mention honors this season, but not last year, when she was the league's Player of the Year.

Other all-state honors from

the Northwest League this year included Julie Clark, Hannah Farmer and Charity Hall of Gaston, Neah-Kah-Nie's Hannah Grider, and Joyce Everett and Jordan Walters from Vernonia, all honorable mention.

But Weaver — the NWL's Player of the Year — was left off the all-state team.

Fortunately for Weaver,



Knappa catcher Kaitlyn Truax gained all-state honors this season, after missing out last year.

the Knappa pitcher was only a sophomore, and has two more seasons to make all-state.

Also earning first-team all-league for Knappa this year was senior Jaden Mietehe.

The Loggers had four more players on the second team.

SOFTBALL

Northwest All-League Player of the Year: Madelynn Weaver, Knappa
Coach of the Year: James Nichols, Knappa

First team
Madelynn Weaver, So., Knappa
 Shamilee Chatelain, Fr., Nestucca
 Julie Clark, Sr., Gaston
 Joyce Everett, Jr., Vernonia
 Hannah Farmer, So., Gaston
 Hannah Grider, Sr., Neah-Kah-Nie
 Charity Hall, Sr., Gaston
 Maddie Lambert, Sr., Neah-Kah-Nie

Jaden Mietehe, Sr., Knappa
 Allegra Poetter, Sr., Vernonia
Kaitlyn Truax, Sr., Knappa
 Jordan Walters, So., Vernonia

Second team (Knappa)
Sophia Carlson, So.
Laicee Hendrickson, Jr.
Aiko Miller, So.
Mikayla Rethati, Sr.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Oregon hires Oklahoma assistant Lombardi as head softball coach

NORMAN, Okla. — Oregon has hired Oklahoma associate head softball coach Melyssa Lombardi as head coach.

Oklahoma made the announcement in a news release on Monday.

Lombardi guided Oklahoma's pitchers and catchers for the past 21 years and helped the Sooners win four national titles. She coached the Oklahoma battery to a combined 20 All-America honors, 37 All-Region accolades and 77 All-Big 12 honors.

Lombardi has huge shoes to fill. She'll replace Mike White, who left Oregon for Texas. White led the Ducks to five Women's College World Series trips in nine seasons. The Ducks earned the overall No. 1 seed this past season before being eliminated by eventual national champion Florida State. White went 435-111-1 at Oregon with five Pac-12 titles the past six years.

Isner finally reaches 1st Wimbledon quarterfinal

LONDON — At long last, John Isner is a Wimbledon quarterfinalist, finally making that far in his 10th appearance.

He's also in the final eight at any Grand Slam tournament for the first time since 2011.

The No. 9-seeded Isner moved into a matchup against No. 13 Milos Raonic, the 2016 runner-up at the All England Club, by beating 19-year-old Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece 6-4, 7-6 (8), 7-6 (4) with the help of 22 aces and by saving the only break point he faced Monday.

It allows the 33-year-old Isner, the highest-ranked U.S. man, to have something about Wimbledon to relish other than his victory in the longest match in tennis history: 70-68 in the fifth set against Nicolas Mahut after 11 hours spread over three days in 2010.

He'd never even been past the third round at the grass-court Grand Slam until this year.

Can Southgate rouse England before Croatia match?

MOSCOW — It's time for Gareth Southgate to come up with a big speech of his own.

After England gave up a tying goal to Brazil in first-half stoppage time in the 2002 World Cup quarterfinals, Southgate felt coach Sven-Goran Eriksson lacked inspirational oratory in the locker room at halftime.

Now the 47-year-old former England international is leading the team, which plays Croatia on Wednesday in England's first World Cup semifinal in 28 years. The match is riveting the Land of Hope and Glory, which won its only title at home in 1966.

— Associated Press

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Betsy Johnson
 Oregon State Senator, District 16



Johanna "Jo" Ogden
 Portland Historian



Willis Van Dusen
 former Astoria Mayor

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• We invite all those who are curious about Astoria's deep tie with Indian independence.

• We invite all those who are sickened by the current attacks on migrants—from travel bans to the jailing of children.

Ghadar was formed by East Indian immigrants who faced strikingly similar conditions as migrants today. Instead of bowing in fear, they forged alliances with many in Astoria and beyond, and among the diverse East Indian community that lived and worked in Oregon and the West. Sikhs, Muslims, Hindus, workers, students and intellectuals joined together to demand their rights as global citizens, risking everything to do so.



Mr. Bahadur Singh
 Chairman of the
 Ghadar Memorial
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