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Payton Westerholm prepares to throw to first base after getting the out at home plate for Seaside.



Photos by Gary Henley/The Daily Astorian
Valley Catholic's Willy Weber was tagged out on this play at third base, but the ball was knocked from the glove of Warrenton's Alec Herrera, and Weber was ruled safe.

Valiants topple Warrenton

The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — In the first game of the Seaside Wood Bat Tournament, pitcher Mikey Weber of Valley Catholic tossed a four-hit shutout, striking out nine with one walk in a 10-0 win over a short-handed Warrenton team.

The first five batters of the game for Valley Catholic reached base safely. The Valiants loaded the bases with no outs, and Weber followed with a two-run double to center field for a quick 2-0 lead.

Moments later, a triple by Will Schultheis to deep left field brought in two more runs, and the Valiants led 5-0 after one inning.

Warrenton had hits from Maverick Pedraza, Jacob Morrow, Gabe Breitmeyer and Devin Jackson, but all four were left on base.

Missing leadoff batter and No. 1 pitcher Dalton Knight for the weekend, and Kale'o Kapua for the first game, Warrenton returns to action today in the consolation bracket vs. Madison.

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In Thursday's second game of the Seaside tournament, two players from Madison collided going after a fly ball.

SEASIDE WOOD BAT TOURNAMENT

Today's games

- Warrenton vs. Madison, 10 a.m.
- Valley Catholic vs. Churchill, 12:30 p.m.
- Hood River vs. The Dalles, 3 p.m.
- Baker vs. Seaside, 5:30 p.m.

Seaside hammers The Dalles, 11-6

The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — Valley Catholic, Churchill, Baker and Seaside were the big winners Thursday at Broadway Field, on the first day of action in Seaside's annual Wood Bat Tournament.

The eight-team tourney continues today and Saturday at Broadway Field, with the championship game scheduled

for Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

In Thursday's final contest, Seaside broke open a close game and finished strong in an 11-6 victory over The Dalles.

The Gulls advance to the semifinals, where they will face Baker at 5:30 p.m. today.

"Great day of baseball," said Seaside coach Dan McFadden. "And it was a real good win for us. They're a team (The Dalles) that's really

good at putting the ball in play, and we played some great defense."

The Gulls put the ball in play quite a bit themselves, while pitcher Payton Westerholm — who has spent the summer playing for the Lower Columbia AAA Legion team in Longview, Washington — made his first start of the summer for Seaside.

Westerholm threw a strong

five-plus innings before being relieved by Brayden Johnson in the sixth.

Offensively, Johnson led the Gulls with three hits, including a three-run, inside-the-park home run.

Travis Fenton, Dylan Meyer and Westerholm added two hits apiece for the Gulls, who are tuning up for next weekend's junior state baseball state tournament in Corvallis.

Pujols hits 630th HR; Angels rout Mariners

By DOUG PADILLA
Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — On a night when Angels' Pujols moved up the career home run ladder, rookie teammate David Fletcher grabbed onto the bottom rung.

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Mariners starter James Paxton left in the first inning with lower back stiffness.

Pujols hit a two-run shot in the first and a solo drive in the sixth. He also had three hits to pass ex-Angel Rod Carew and move into a tie for 25th all-time with Rickey Henderson at 3,055.

It was the 50th multihome game for Pujols, who has 16 home runs this season. He went back-to-back with Upton in the sixth.

WIMBLEDON



Serena Williams



Germany's Kerber

10 months after baby, Serena Williams returns to Wimbledon final vs. Kerber

By ANDRICH Press

Serena Williams' return to Wimbledon is only her fourth tournament since returning to the tour after having a baby.

"Every time I go out there, I want to, I guess, take a giant step forward," she said. "Keep taking giant steps, but keep improving."

Williams played a total of seven matches in 2018 before arriving at the All England Club, and she'll be playing her seventh match in the last two weeks when she meets 11th-seeded Angelique Kerber of Germany in the Wimbledon final on Saturday.

Certainly didn't take long for the 36-year-old to get her game in close in on what would eighth Wimbledon title short of Martina Navratilova record, and 24th Grand Slam trophy in all, equaling the record's all-time mark.

It was only 10 1/2 months ago that Williams had serious concerns.

After giving birth to daughter, Olympia, on July 10, Williams said

"Almost didn't make it, to be honest," Williams said shortly after completing her

6-2, 6-4 semifinal victory over 13th-seeded Julia Goepfert on Thursday.

She's been working on her legging matches as a priority.

"I mean, even though I had a pain in my back, I went to the doctor. 'Oh, my God, (pulmonary embolism) leg,'" Williams said. "I know I would have to be careful, but I want to be around as long as I can to support her. It's interesting how that mental recovery is actually taking much longer than I ever expected."

The tennis? That's come quite naturally, not surprisingly.

She was off the tour for

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