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Youth will stage one-night clinic

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The Lower Columbia Youth Soccer Association has provided an opportunity for sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade boys and girls to participate in a one-night clinic Aug. 20, hosted by Corban University's men's soccer team. No registration is necessary.

The clinic will give coaches and players an opportunity to receive instruction and tips from collegiate players. It will be an informal evening with an hour of drills with the Corban players and coaching staff, followed by some small-sided scrimmages.

The clinic takes place from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Warrenton Soccer Complex on Ridge Road.

NFL

Luck makes return as Colts beat Seahawks

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Andrew Luck was back under center with his surgically repaired right shoulder Thursday night, leading Indianapolis on a pair of field-goal drives in just over a quarter in the Colts' 19-17 victory over the Seattle Seahawks.

Luck completed 6 of 9 passes for 64 yards, most of that coming on the opening drive when he hit 5 of 7. Luck completed passes to five receivers and threw from a clean pocket on most of his dropbacks, even with starting left tackle Anthony Castonzo not playing.

Adam Vinatieri made field goals of 33, 51 and 45 yards in the first half, and Michael Badgley's 34-yarder late in the third quarter gave Indianapolis a 12-10 lead. Phillip Walker added a 10-yard TD pass to Darrell Daniels early in the fourth quarter.

Luck's counterpart from the 2012 draft, Russell Wilson, played one series for Seattle. Wilson was 4 of 5 for 43 yards and capped his only drive with a 5-yard touchdown pass to tight end Nick Vannett. It was Wilson's first action playing in the offense of new coordinator Brian Schottenheimer, which will be heavily tilted toward the run. Second-year running back Chris Carson averaged 6.5 yards per carry in limited action.

Seattle's defense scored with 3:15 left when an errant snap was recovered by Joey Ivie for a touchdown.

Seattle rookie linebacker Shaquem Griffin was all over the field in his debut. Griffin led Seattle with nine tackles, flashing the speed that made him a star in college. But he was also bullied on one play when Indianapolis tight end Jack Doyle used his size to create separation from Griffin on contact and made a 9-yard reception from Luck.

"It felt good to kind of get out there and get your feet wet and kind of get some hits in," Griffin said.

3 Seahawks leave field prior to national anthem

SEATTLE — Three Seattle Seahawks players ran into the tunnel leading to the team's locker room prior to the national anthem on Thursday night.

Defensive linemen Brandon Jackson and Quinton Jefferson, and offensive lineman Duane Brown left the field following team introductions and before the start of the anthem. They returned to the sideline immediately after it concluded. All three were among a group of Seattle players that sat during the anthem last season.

There were no other actions by either Seattle or Indianapolis players during the performance of the anthem.

PRO BASEBALL



Harber seals victory

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Astoria's Conor Harber pitched 6.2 scoreless innings in his debut at the Double-A level.

Former Astoria pitcher wins Double-A debut

The Daily Astorian

KODAK, Tenn. — Astoria's Conor Harber has moved up the minor league baseball ladder, and the ex-Fisherman made a successful debut Thursday at the next level.

Bolstered by a four-run top of the first inning from his offense, Harber pitched 6.2

scoreless innings to help the Biloxi Shuckers blank the Tennessee Smokies, 5-0 at Smokies Stadium.

It was Harber's first game with Biloxi, the Double-A affiliate of the Milwaukee Brewers.

Harber worked around jams in the first, second, fourth and sixth innings, stranding a man at third base in all four frames.

After coming back out to pitch in the seventh, Harber struck out Tennessee's Wynton Bernard and induced a groundout from Erick Castillo, before an infield single by Connor

Myers ended Harber's night after 97 pitches, 66 for strikes.

A 24-year-old right hander, Harber spent most of the last two seasons with the Carolina Mudcats.

In Thursday's Double-A opener, he scattered six hits across his 6.2 innings of work, coming an out away from tying his longest career outing. He did not issue a walk and struck out six en route to the win.

The Shuckers and Smokies square off again tonight at 6 p.m. The game can be heard on TuneIn Radio or the MiLB First Pitch App.

Mariners win, jump on Verlander, Astros early

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Justin Verlander got pushed around by the Seattle Mariners early Thursday night, and then umpire Nic Lentz sent him off for an early shower.

Certainly not what the former Cy Young and MVP Award winner had in mind for his first shot at career win No. 200.

Seattle jumped on Verlander for six runs in two innings before the star right-hander was ejected for arguing a balk call in the Mariners' 8-6 win over the

Houston Astros.

Mitch Haniger, Denard Span and Jean Segura combined for 10 hits and seven RBIs with a homer each off Verlander (11-7), who was ejected shortly after setting a season high for runs allowed.

"Just wanted some answers," he said. "I thought he screwed up. He clearly thought he didn't. Just hate for the ball to be taken out of my hands that way."

Haniger gave the Mariners their first leadoff homer this season when he sent a fastball into left-center field.

Hernandez bumped from rotation and into bullpen

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Seattle's Felix Hernandez has lost his spot in the rotation in the wake of his latest terrible start in a season filled with struggles.

The right-hander, who threw a perfect game in 2012, will pitch out of the bullpen for the first time in his career. He's having the worst season of 14-year career as the Mariners chase their first playoff berth since 2001. Hernandez has a career-high 5.73 ERA this season and is

0-4 in his last five starts, capped by a clunker against the Rangers on Tuesday when he allowed a career-high 11 runs — seven earned — on eight hits in six innings.

The six-time All-Star and 2010 AL Cy Young Award winner, who earned the nickname King Felix for his majestic presence on the mound, trotted from the dugout to the bullpen after the third inning Thursday night against Houston but did not pitch. Manager Scott Servais announced the decision postgame.

Astoria's fishermen open new season



Walt Postlewait/For The Daily Astorian

Astoria fishermen Leo Matthews, left, and Michael Postlewait, in season-opening action.

By **WALT POSTLEWAIT**
For The Daily Astorian

FLORENCE — The Astoria High School bass fishing team of Michael Postlewait and Leo Matthews opened the 2018-19 season July 28 as the defending state champions.

And in the span of nine hours, they went from the favorites to repeat, to now the underdogs for the season.

"We just couldn't get on the fish," Postlewait said. "We covered the lake and tried a variety of baits. We just couldn't get the bite. We were fishing baits other teams used with success, but it just wasn't meant to be for us today."

Westview High School won the day on Siltcoos Lake south of Florence with a bag weight of 9.35 pounds, and also claimed the big fish spot with 2.73 pounds.

McMinnville High School finished second with 7.41 pounds and Amity rounded out the top three with 7.41 pounds.

"We have some serious ground that we need to make up on Tenmile (Lake)," Matthews said. "We still have a shot at a repeat, but we need a top two finish at the next event."

The next event will be Sept. 1 on

Tenmile Lake north of Coos Bay.

Postlewait added that at the professional level, there have been a combined 70 annual championships between FLW (Fishing League Worldwide) and Bassmasters. Out of the 70, there have only been three repeat winners.

"People don't realize how tough it is to fish competitively," Postlewait said. "It's not the kick back and troll style of fishing. We are up on the deck, grinding it out for eight, nine, 10 hours at a time. Sometimes the fish cooperate, and sometimes not. You always have to stay positive."

"As competitive anglers, we are representing our school, our sponsors, and our supporters. It is much more like work, than a vacation."

This is the second season Astoria has fielded a team to compete in the statewide championship series hosted by The Bass Federation of Oregon.

There will be a total of four events this season, with the next on Tenmile Lake Sept. 1, on Celilo Pool on the Columbia River April 13. The season concludes May 11 at Cascade Locks.

For more information about the AHS bass fishing team or high school bass fishing, email ahsbassfishingteam@gmail.com.