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Culver wins Warrenton tournament, again

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WARRENTON — The favorite road trip of the season for the Culver volleyball team resulted in another successful weekend for the Lady Bulldogs, who won the annual Warrenton preseason tournament Saturday for the eighth year in a row.

In the championship match (best two-of-three), Culver bounced back from a Game 1 loss to defeat Seaside, 18-25, 25-10, 15-5.

The Lady Gulls secured their spot in the final by defeating Vernonia in a championship semifinal, 25-16, 25-12.

Vernonia topped Toledo in the third-place match.

Meanwhile, Warrenton bounced back from a rough morning of pool play by winning the consolation bracket.

The Warriors defeated Knappa in a semifinal, 25-23, 25-19, then swept Taft in the consolation final, 25-14,

25-15.

Earlier in the day, Warrenton opened with losses to Vernonia and Faith Bible in pool play, before defeating Jewell.

The Warriors have a week off before playing a nonleague match Sept. 4 at Seaside.

“We are looking forward to the Seaside match,” said Warrenton coach Staci Miethe. “Seaside is a very strong offensive and blocking team, so the experience will help a ton getting

ready for league.”

Knappa finished on a winning note by defeating Clatskanie, 25-19, 25-21.

The Loggers continue to struggle from the service line, with nearly 40 missed serves on the day, but the Loggers also served up 32 aces.

Sophia Carlson sparked Knappa with 12 solid kills, including “a few super nice kills from the back row that shook the building,” said Knappa coach Jeff Kaul.

Aiko Miller was 19-of-24 serving

with eight aces. Jordan Walter tacked on four kills for the day, with four ace serves.

“Overall I was very proud of the girls today,” Kaul said. “Even though we struggled quite a bit in pool play, these players never hung their heads or got down on each other. This is a team that I can see going far this season if we continue to work hard and improve on the things that we need to.”

The Loggers have a match at home Tuesday vs. Clatskanie.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Stewart, Loyd lift Storm to 91-87 win over Mercury in Game 1

SEATTLE — On the day Breanna Stewart became the newly minted WNBA MVP, a key part of her supporting cast came through with a couple of big shots the Seattle Storm needed in the closing minutes.

Stewart scored 19 of her 28 points in the first half, Jewell Loyd added 23 — including Seattle’s final seven points — and the Storm held on to beat the Phoenix Mercury 91-87 on Sunday in Game 1 of their WNBA semifinal series.

Sounders beat Timbers 1-0 and extend win streak

PORTLAND — A seventh straight win was sweet, but for the Seattle Sounders, it was even sweeter because it came against the rival Timbers — on their home field.

An own goal in the 76th minute gave Seattle a 1-0 victory over Cascadia Cup rival Portland on Sunday night, extending the Sounders’ club-record winning streak to seven games.

Vikings top Seahawks, 21-20

MINNEAPOLIS — Kirk Cousins was bothered enough by the throws he missed in Minnesota’s third preseason game that he brought a piece of paper with a list of them to the podium for his interview afterward.

There’s a long way to go, particularly with an offensive line that’s not yet set, but Cousins and the Vikings made some improvements against Seattle.

Cousins passed for 182 yards without a turnover in the first half, before third-stringer Kyle Sloter threw for two fourth-quarter touchdowns in a 21-20 comeback victory over the Seahawks on Friday night.

Goldschmidt, Greinke lead D’Backs past Mariners 5-2

PHOENIX — Paul Goldschmidt and Zack Greinke are two of the players Arizona counts on most, and they came through when sorely needed on Sunday.

Goldschmidt hit his 30th homer, Greinke won for the first time in almost a month and the Diamondbacks avoided a three-game sweep at the hands of Seattle by beating the Mariners 5-2.

— Associated Press

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

Volleyball — Clatskanie at Knappa, 6 p.m.; Jewell at Neah-Kah-Nie, 5 p.m.
Girls soccer — Seaside at Newport, 6 p.m.

Boys soccer — Newport at Seaside, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Volleyball — Catlin Gabel at Astoria, 6 p.m.; Stayton at Seaside, 7 p.m.



Photos by Gary Henley/The Daily Astorian

Seaside’s Alexander Teubner, No. 2, has the hit of the day for the Gulls, as the senior makes a hard tackle on Estacada’s Gabriel Martinez on a play near the goal line in Friday’s jamboree.

Jamboree football night in Seaside



Astoria’s Tryton Matlock, right, went high in the air to haul in a touchdown pass from Justin Villa against St. Helens.

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SEASIDE — The high school football season had its last tune-up before the start of the regular season, as two local schools hosted jamborees Friday evening.

While Seaside staged a seven-team gathering at Broadway Field, a four-team jamboree at Warrenton ended up as just a two-team scrimmage.

Because of last week’s invasion of smoky air from western wildfires, Knappa and Portland Christian had little or no time for outdoor practices, and had to cancel their appearances at Warrenton.

Ilwaco was a no-show at Seaside, but the Gulls still had six other teams show up for two-plus hours of scrimmages.

Visiting teams included Astoria,

Clatskanie, Estacada, Mark Morris, St. Helens and Woodburn.

The games start for real later this week.

While the Fishermen hit the road for a nonleague game at Scappoose, Seaside’s game vs. Henley (originally scheduled to be played at North Eugene High School) has been switched to a home game for the Gulls, who will host the same team that defeated Seaside at Broadway Field last year in the state playoffs.

Elsewhere, Grant Union plays at Knappa, and Warrenton opens at Yamhill-Carlton. All games will kick off at 7 p.m. Friday.

Ilwaco has a nonleague game at Vernonia (7 p.m.), and Naselle has a 6 p.m. kickoff vs. Odessa at Goldendale, Washington. Both games Friday.

Hawaii defeats South Korea 3-0 to win Little League title

By **PATRICK BURNS**
Associated Press

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — It only took one pitch for Mana Lau Kong to deliver Hawaii its first Little League World Series title in a decade.

Against a South Korea team that hadn’t surrendered a home run in the tournament, Kong drove the first pitch his team saw over the center field fence. As he rounded the bases and headed home, his teammates poured out of the dugout in a pack led by pitcher Ka’olu Holt and formed a huddle around home plate.

“It was great,” Holt said, “because we all knew that pitcher was tough to hit.”

Holt took it from there, throwing a two-hitter to lead Hawaii to a 3-0 victory in the Little League World Series championship, the first shutout in a title game since 2002. It was Holt’s first-ever complete game.

The team from Honolulu allowed just three runs in the entire tournament, shut out four of its five opponents and struck out 53 batters in 34 innings.

“Someone asked me, what’s the strength of the team, and I honestly have to say, it’s that they play as a team,” Hawaii manager Gerald Oda said. “Ka’olu pitching, or Aukai (Kea) pitching, Mana hitting a home run, it’s everybody just doing the best that they can do. Once they bought in and once they accepted their roles, it makes my job a lot easier.”

In the bottom of the second inning, Hawaii had the bases loaded with no outs, but failed to score. So Oda took a more aggressive approach on the basepaths with two runners in scoring position in the third.

Pinch-runner Zachary Won scored Hawaii’s second run on a wild pitch from starter Kim Yeong-hyeon. As catcher Kim Gi-jeong chased the ball, Oda sent Taylin Oana all the way home from second to give Hawaii its third run.

In the stands, Hawaii’s fans, waving tea leaves for luck, started to mix their signature “Hon-olu-lu!” chants with “U-S-A!”

The victory marks the first time a Hawaiian team has won the Little League World Series since

2008. It is now one of seven U.S. states with at least three LLWS titles. All of Hawaii’s championships have come in the past 13 years.

Seoul, South Korea, has played in the three of the last six LLWS title games, but won only once — in 2014. It lost in 2016 to Maine-Endwell, New York.

“It was equally the same thing, from 2016 to 2018,” South Korea manager Su Ji-hee, who was also a member of the coaching staff of the 2016 team, said through a translator. “After the game, the kids were crying, they feel sorry for themselves.”

At the conclusion of a six-pitch final inning, Hawaii’s players tossed their gloves and hats as high as they could, and sprinted to the mound to form another celebratory huddle.

“It felt really great because barely any Hawaii teams get to be in this moment and feel what it feels like meeting other people from around the world, to playing baseball against them too,” Kong said.

After finally achieving what his team set out to accomplish at the beginning of the summer, Oda can’t wait to return home to his family.