

# SPORTS

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## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Molalla defeats Seaside, Astoria game canceled

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Molalla defeated Seaside 18-2 in a nonleague softball season opener Wednesday at Molalla.

Astoria's scheduled season opener Wednesday with Gladstone was canceled due to a lack of players for the Gladiators, who had several players out with an illness.

The Fishermen — facing a wave of illnesses themselves — are scheduled to play Thursday at Clatskanie.

### Former Seahawk safety Thomas signs with Ravens

*Associated Press*

BALTIMORE — The Baltimore Ravens finally made their move during the NFL's free agent frenzy, securing safety Earl Thomas and running back Mark Ingram on Wednesday.

After losing receiver John Brown and linebackers C.J. Mosley, Terrell Suggs and Za'Darius Smith earlier in the week, Ravens first-year general manager Eric DeCosta bounced back to address two glaring needs.

Thomas accepted a four-year deal and Ingram agreed to terms on a three-year contract. In addition, the Ravens formally announced the trade of quarterback Joe Flacco to Denver for a fourth-round draft pick.

Thomas, 29, arrives after a nine-year run with Seattle. He is expected to replace free safety Eric Wedge, who played three seasons in Baltimore before being released last week.

Despite having his 2018 season end with a broken left leg, Thomas finished with three interceptions. No one on the Ravens had more than two last year.

### Seahawks sign LB Kendrick, K Myers

*Associated Press*

SEATTLE, Wash. — The Seattle Seahawks hope they have found the solution for their recent kicking troubles in Jason Myers and are bringing back linebacker Mychal Kendrick despite his uncertain legal situation.

The team agreed Wednesday to sign Myers to a four-year deal, according to a person with knowledge of the deal. Seattle agreed to sign Kendrick to a one-year deal, according to another person with knowledge of that deal.

Kendrick's deal is worth up to \$5.5 million but is dependent on his legal situation after he pleaded guilty to insider trading charges last year. Seattle coach Pete Carroll said late last season he was hoping to bring Kendrick back for 2019.

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE TODAY

**Baseball** — Astoria at Gladstone, 5 p.m.; Naselle at Knappa, 4 p.m.  
**Softball** — Astoria at Clatskanie, 4:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY

**Baseball** — North Marion at Astoria, 5 p.m.; Nestucca at Warrenton, 4 p.m.

**Softball** — Seaside at Gladstone, 5 p.m.; Nestucca at Warrenton, 4 p.m.

**Track** — Astoria at Cotton Invitational, 4:30 p.m.; Seaside at Grant, 4:30 p.m.

### Seaside baseball tournament

Friday-Sunday  
 (at Broadway Field)

Friday's schedule  
 11:15 a.m.: Tillamook vs. Hockinson  
 1:30: La Center vs. Ft. Vancouver  
 3:45: Seaside vs. Corbett  
 6: Hoquiam vs. Centralia

### BASEBALL

**Knappa 7, Warrenton 1**  
 Wallace, Takalo (2) and Patterson; Knight, Little (3), Breitmeyer (6) and Morrow. W: Wallace. L: Knight. RBI: Kna, Bartlett 2, Mieth 2, Takalo, Wallace; War, Herrera. 2B: Kna, Wallace, Bartlett. HBP: Kna, Goodman 2. LOB: Knappa 10, Warrenton 4.

# OLD RIVALRY: KNAPPA CUTS DOWN WARRENTON



Photos by Gary Henley/The Daily Astorian

**Knappa's Tristin Wallace is off and running on a base hit in his first official at-bat of the season. He added two more in his team's 7-1 win at Warrenton.**

*The Daily Astorian*

**WARRENTON** — Two teams looking to go far at their respective levels this year met on the field Wednesday, as old rivals Knappa and Warrenton officially opened the 2019 baseball season in a nonleague battle at Huddleston Field.

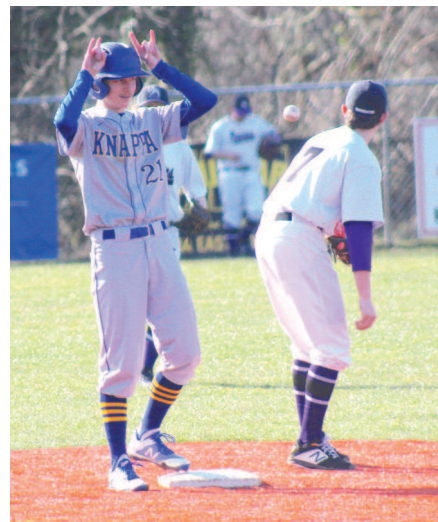
While Warrenton is hoping for a big year in the new Class 3A Coastal Range League, the Warriors got a little taste of what baseball teams will be dealing with at the 2A level.

The two-time defending state champion Loggers may have lost some key seniors last season, but rest assured — Knappa can still hit, field and pitch at a very high level, as it showed in a 7-1 win over the Warriors.

The hitting was highlighted by newcomer Tristin Wallace, who had three hits in five at-bats, including a single to lead off the game and a second-inning double. The former Astoria Fisherman scored three runs.

Wallace was also Knappa's starting pitcher, and struck out three of the five batters he faced before giving way to Eli Takalo in the bottom of the second.

Takalo retired the first seven bat-



**Tristin Wallace celebrates a second-inning standup double for Knappa.**

ters he faced, taking a combined perfect game into the bottom of the fifth before giving up a walk and consecutive singles to Warrenton's Duane Falls and Alec Herrera, helping the Warriors close the deficit to 3-1.

The Loggers responded with a run in the sixth (Wallace scoring on a single by Takalo), and three more in the seventh, highlighted by consecutive hits from

Ryson Patterson and Cameron Mieth, and Warrenton's fourth error of the game allowing three runs in the inning.

Wallace's third hit was an infield single that scored Patterson with the final run.

On the mound, Wallace and Takalo struck out 14 batters with two walks.

Warrenton pitchers Dalton Knight, Austin Little and Gabe Breitmeyer struck out eight and walked five, with the Loggers collecting eight hits.

"We definitely did not play our best," said Warrenton coach Lennie Wolfe, whose team was ranked seventh in the 3A preseason coaches poll. "We were way too passive at the plate, and made several critical errors in the field. With that being said, I have to tip my cap to Wallace and Takalo. Their No. 1 and 2 guys threw well and also had a good day at the plate.

"Knappa has an awful lot of new guys on the field," he said, "and it wouldn't be fair to compare this team with last year's. I tip my hat to the 2019 Loggers."

Knappa's Logan Bartlett had two hits, with a double and two RBIs.

Knappa is scheduled to host Naselle on Thursday (4 p.m., Teevin Field), while Warrenton returns to play Friday at home vs. Nestucca (4 p.m.).

## Oregon dominates Washington State in Pac-12 opener

By **JOHN MARSHALL**  
*Associated Press*

LAS VEGAS — Ehab Amin scored 17 points, Miles Norris added 14 and Oregon rolled over Washington State 84-51 Wednesday night in the most lopsided game in Pac-12 tournament history.

The sixth-seeded Ducks (20-12) jumped on the Cougars from the start, racing out to a 15-point lead in the opening 12 minutes. Oregon shot 49 percent from the floor and had 14 steals to earn a spot in Thursday's quarterfinals against No. 3 seed Utah.

The tournament's largest margin of victory had been 32, accomplished twice.

Washington State (11-21) shot 31 percent, went 7 for 32 from the 3-point line and didn't hit double-digits in points until the 5:34 mark of the first half.

The 11th-seeded Cougars also had 20 turnovers that led to 26 Oregon points in their ninth straight one-and-done trip to the Pac-12 tournament.



**Washington State's CJ Elleby shoots between Oregon's Miles Norris, left, and Kenny Wooten.**

Washington State had no players score in double figures.

Oregon and Washington State were in the same position a year ago, both with the same seedings and Utah up next. Oregon won 64-62 in overtime.

The Ducks closed the regular season with four straight

wins, including their second double-digit win over the Cougars.

Oregon's late-season run coincided with a lineup change, with four players 6-foot-9 starting alongside Payton Pritchard. The big lineup helped the Ducks hold four straight opponents to 62 points or less, a program first in

the shot-clock era (since 1985-86). Oregon certainly had Washington State on lockdown.

The Ducks swarmed the Cougars into turnovers and missed shots, starting the game with an 18-3 run.

Washington State had 10 turnovers in the opening 10 minutes and 16 to trail 37-20 at halftime. The Cougars shot 5 of 22, including 4 for 17 from 3 in the first half.

Oregon didn't let up, pushing the lead to 29 in the first six minutes of the second half.

### BIG PICTURE

The Cougars were no match for Oregon's length and athleticism, and didn't help themselves by being careless with the ball.

The Ducks are on a defensive roll as they try to earn the Pac-12's automatic NCAA Tournament bid.

### UP NEXT

Washington State's season is over.

Oregon faces Utah in a rematch of last year's quarterfinals.