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Big fifth inning lifts Astoria over Mark Morris

The Daily Astorian

After losing their first two games, the Astoria Fishermen have bounced back with two straight wins, including a 4-3 victory Thursday over Mark Morris in a nonleague baseball game at Tapiola Park.

Astoria's Calvin Kaul pitched for the first time in over a year, and tossed a solid five innings before giving way to Michael Moore, who picked up the save.

Adam Feldman had a double for Astoria, which built a 4-1 lead, gave up two runs in the sixth, then got out of a one-out, bases-loaded jam in the top of the seventh to secure the win. A Fishermen double play ended the game.

"It was good to see Calvin pitch, and (Mark Morris) had a decent pitcher, too," said Astoria coach Glen Fromwiller. "It was just a well-pitched, well-defended game. No more than three or four batters per inning."

Feldman led off the bottom of the fifth with a double, which was followed by a single from Burke Matthews. Balan



Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

Calvin Kaul delivers a pitch for the Fishermen.

Kolee was hit by a pitch, and a single by Josiah Hirsh scored Feldman.

Matthews came in on a sacrifice fly by Danny Johnson,

and Moore's two-out hit scored Kolee for a 4-1 lead.

Kaul threw 79 pitches over five innings, and scattered three hits with four strike-

outs and four walks. Moore struck out four in the final two innings.

Astoria plays Friday at Estacada.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Astoria on hot streak with third win in three days

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The Astoria Lady Fishermen continued their roll Thursday in Longview, Washington, winning a nonleague softball game 6-2 at Mark Morris for their third win in three days.

Astoria can make it four-for-four with a win Friday at home over Estacada (4:30 p.m., CMH Field).

The Monarchs scored two runs in the bottom of the first in Thursday's game for a quick 2-0 lead, but Astoria pitcher Julia Norris and the Fishermen defense held Mark Morris scoreless over the final six innings.

"It was a good win," said Astoria coach Kent Israel Jr. "Our defense is just playing lights out. Julia is pitching well, and Hailey O'Brien has been playing super-good at third."

O'Brien had seven put-outs in Thursday's win.

Offensively, Kayla Helligso was 2-for-3 with a solo home run in the sixth inning, in which Astoria scored four runs.

Halle Helmersen was also 2-for-3, which included a single that scored Helligso in the fourth inning, and a hit by Emma Biederman in the seventh scored Norris with the final run.

Norris allowed six hits with four strikeouts and one walk.

Clatskanie tops Seaside, 15-7

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Seaside threw a scare into Clatskanie in a nonleague softball game Thursday afternoon, at least through four innings.

The Gulls and Tigers were tied 6-6 going into the bottom of the fifth, with Seaside outpitching Clatskanie, eight to seven.

But the Tigers — who are ranked No. 2 in the state at the 3A level — scored four runs in the bottom of the fifth and tacked on five in the sixth, on their way to a 15-7 win over the Gulls.

Clatskanie pounded out 14 hits with no errors in the field, while Seaside finished with eight hits off Tiger starter Kaitly Sizemore, who struck out eight with one walk.

The Gulls highlighted their day with a four-run third inning, in which Seaside had a leadoff single from Bri Boyd, Gracie Rhodes walked, and Emma Meyer reached on a dropped third strike to load the bases.

Boyd scored on a grounder by Bri Hill, Rhodes scored on a passed ball, and Meyer scored on a triple by Kandice Flaigg.

Flaigg came home on a single to center from Erin Owsley to give Seaside a 4-3 lead.

The Tigers answered with three runs in the bottom of the third, but Seaside scored twice in the fourth, when Hill singled to plate Rhodes and Meyer.

Sizemore and Alexis Smith both drove in five runs for Clatskanie. Shelby Blodgett and Olivia Sprague each had a double, while Smith had two home runs, with Sizemore and Sprague adding one home run apiece.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE TODAY

Baseball — Astoria at Estacada, 4:30 p.m.; Seaside at Ontario tournament, TBA
Softball — Estacada at Astoria, 4:30 p.m.; Tillamook at Warrenton, 3 p.m.
Boys golf — Seaside at The Dalles Invite, 10 a.m.

SATURDAY

Baseball — Seaside at Ontario tournament, TBA; Warrenton at Monroe (2), Noon
Softball — Warrenton at Monroe (2), Noon

BASEBALL

Seaside 7, Molalla 4
Seaside 110 100 004—7 2 3
Molalla 011 001 001—4 4 3
Westerholm, Fenton (6), Johnson (7) and Teubner; Larsen, Pingo (3). W: Johnson. L: Pingo. RBI: Sea, Westerholm 3, Derby, McFadden, Thompson; Mol, Mackenzie. HBP: Mol, Larsen. LOB: Seaside 6, Molalla 6.

SOFTBALL

Clatskanie 15, Seaside 7
Seaside 004 200 1—7 8 2
Clatskanie 303 045 x—15 14 0
W: Kaitly Sizemore (8 K's, 1 walk). L: Gracie Rhodes (0 K's, 4 walks). RBI: Sea, Hill 3, Flaigg, E.Owsley; Cla, Sizemore 5, Smith 5, Jackson 2, Blodgett, Sprague. 2B: Cla, Blodgett, Sprague. 3B: Sea, Flaigg. HR: Cla, Smith 2, Sizemore, Sprague. HBP: Sea, Hill, Goin. LOB: Seaside 2, Clatskanie 3.

GIRLS GOLF

at Tillamook
Team: Valley Catholic 372, Astoria 480, Seaside 482 (Banks, Tillamook, inc.)
Astoria (480)
Sam Hemsley, 97
Jenna Travers, 111
Kaitlyn Boutin, 136
Constance Rouda, 136
Seaside (482)
Tristyn McFadden, 96
Caitlin Hillman, 114
Emma Arden, 133
Elise Seppa, 139

Oregon women rested and ready for NCAA Tournament

By ANNE M. PETERSON
Associated Press

Oregon has had enough time to ponder its finish at the Pac-12 tournament. Now it's on to a more important matter.

The Ducks (29-4) are the No. 2 seed in the Portland Region for the NCAA Tournament. They'll open with No. 15 Portland State (25-7) on Friday night at home in Eugene.

Oregon is coming off a 64-57 loss to Stanford in the conference tournament championship game. But that was back on March 10, and the Ducks have had time to recover from some nagging injuries that caught up with them in Las Vegas.

"We were disappointed obviously in how that finished out," coach Kelly Graves said. "But as I told the group, Notre Dame and Mississippi State, the two finalists last year, also lost in their respective conference championship games and it didn't affect how they played. So I tried to just tell the team this didn't change who we are and how far we can go, and what we're about."

The Vikings are coming off



AP Photo/John Locher

Oregon's Sabrina Ionescu (20) drives against Stanford.

a thrilling 61-59 victory over Eastern Washington in the Big Sky tournament last Friday that earned them the automatic bid. Desirae Hansen drained a 12-foot jumper with 3.1 seconds remaining for the win. Portland State knocked top-seeded Idaho out in the semifinals.

Portland State returns to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since its only other appearance in 2010. T

he Vikings' 25 wins are the most for the program since joining the Big Sky for the 1996-97

season.

Oregon went to the Elite Eight for the second straight year last season but fell to eventual champion Notre Dame. Oregon is 6-2 in NCAA Tournament games under Graves.

"We've been through it. This is nothing new for this group. So I'm sure they're going to be focused and dialed in right from the get-go," Graves told reporters Wednesday. Seventh-seeded Texas (23-9) plays No. 10 Indiana (20-10) in the earlier game on Friday.

No. 1 Zags roll past Fairleigh Dickinson

By EDDIE PELLIS
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — When it comes to a 16 seed beating a 1, it's still true — anything really can happen in the NCAA Tournament.

Just not on Thursday night. And not against Gonzaga.

One year after dreamers and underdog lovers rejoiced at top-seeded Virginia's first-of-its-kind, first-round loss, the Gonzaga Bulldogs crushed any thought of a repeat with a wire-to-wire 87-49 thumping of Fairleigh Dickinson in the West Region.

Rui Hachimura led the Zags

(31-3) with 21 points and eight rebounds, and this game looked every bit as lopsided as most of the 1-vs.-16 contests since 1985, when the bracket was expanded to 64 teams.

Gonzaga led by 10 after the first 4:12, by 20 after 10:25 and by the score of 53-17 at halftime.

By the time Gonzaga turned it over when Josh Perkins tried flipping a no-look pass backward to Killian Tillie, coach Mark Few looked barely awake — sitting in his chair, cheek cupped in his hand. The Bulldogs led 70-34.

The game's key questions were answered early:

— Could the Knights (21-14)

muster a repeat of their amazing shooting three nights earlier in a come-from-behind win over Prairie View A&M in the First Four? No. Fairleigh Dickinson shot 30 percent and went 6 for 21 from 3-point range. Its star from the win, Darnell Edge, had trouble getting any looks, let alone good ones. He went 2 for 11 for seven points.

— Would the Bulldogs feel any lingering aftershocks from their unexpectedly ugly loss to Saint Mary's last week in the West Coast Conference final? No. The nation's highest-scoring offense this season could've picked its number in this one.

US beats Ecuador 1-0 on fluke goal

By RONALD BLUM
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Gregg Berhalter became only the second American coach to win his first three games when Gyasi Zardes scored a bizarre goal that deflected off a defender, looped over goalkeeper Alexander Dominguez and ricocheted in off the crossbar in the 81st minute for a 1-0 exhibition win over Ecuador on Thursday night.

Christian Pulisic, Weston McKennie and Tyler Adams, a

trio of 20-year-olds who have become regulars in the German Bundesliga, started together for the first time as Berhalter had the full American player pool available. The U.S., still recovering from its failure to qualify for last year's World Cup, showed some of the fluidity and offensive spark Berhalter sought but also was exposed for defensive gaps that stronger opponents would exploit.

McKennie limped off about 20 minutes into the second half after twisting his left ankle when landing after jumping for

a header with Ecuador's Carlos Gruezo, who low-bridged him a bit. McKennie reached the corner flag with assistance, grimacing, and then needed a stretcher to come off the field.

Paul Arriola had two excellent chances, getting stopped by Dominguez in the 26th minute and then putting the ball in the net in the 30th only for Jordan Morris to get ruled offside during the buildup.

Zardes scored when his shot from about 22 yards hit bounded off Robert Arboleda.

Seaside knocks off Molalla in nine innings

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Seaside finished with just two hits, but the Gulls left Molalla with a 7-4 win late Wednesday night in nonleague baseball action.

Tied 3-3 after eight innings, Seaside scored four runs in the top of the ninth, then closed out the Indians in the bottom of the inning for the victory.

Seaside's Brayden Johnson was the winning pitcher, giving up two runs on three hits in three innings of work. Molalla's Damian Pingo took the tough loss, as he struck out seven batters with no hits allowed in seven innings. In a game where there were no extra-base hits, the Gulls managed two singles — both in the ninth inning — by Payton Westerholm and Dylan Meyer.

Westerholm finished with three RBIs, four steals and a run scored. Seaside took advantage of seven walks and three Molalla errors.

Isaac Thomas-Kelmentis had two of Molalla's four hits.

Astoria, Seaside golfers compete at Tillamook

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Golfers from Astoria and Seaside took part in the annual early-season tournament at Tillamook, where the Cheesemakers hosted the four other Cowapa League schools Wednesday for 18 holes at Alderbrook Golf Course.

Only three teams fielded complete squads (four or more golfers), with Valley Catholic posting a 372 team score to easily top Astoria (480) and Seaside (482).

Sam Hemsley carded a 97 to lead Astoria, followed by Jenna Travers (111), Kaitlyn Boutin (136) and Constance Rouda (136).

Seaside's Tristyn McFadden finished third overall with a 96, behind two Valley Catholic golfers. Teammate Caitlin Hillman shot a 114, while Emma Arden (133) and Elise Seppa (139) rounded out the Seaside scores.