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Seaside golfers knock off defending state champs

The Daily Astorian

The highlight match of the day in 4A boys golf took place Monday at Meriwether National Golf Club in Hillsboro.

That’s where defending state champion Valley Catholic hosted Seaside, the Valiants’ No. 1 challenger.

And the Gulls took one more step towards taking the title away from their league rival, as Seaside shot a 323 team score to defeat Valley Catholic by nearly 30 strokes, the Valiants carding a 352. Seaside

improved to 2-0 in league matches.

The Gulls had 10 birdies and an eagle on the day compared to Valley’s three birdies, all by freshman Ryoma Lane, who was medalist with a 76.

Seaside took the next six spots on the leaderboard. Senior Connor Merrell had two birdies and led the Gulls with a 79, one stroke ahead of sophomore Curtis Kunde (80).

Kunde had three birdies, including one from 75 yards out after hitting a tree on his second shot on the par four 16th hole.

Four other Seaside golfers shot

an 82.

Freshman Carson Kawasoe’s day featured a 10 followed by an eagle from 110 yards out. He added two birdies to his card. Senior Samson Sibony’s 82 was a bit more traditional with two birdies and a lost ball leading to his only double-bogey.

Senior Mason Shamion had one birdie and the day’s best score on the back nine.

“Today showed how balanced we are as a team,” said Seaside coach Jim Poetsch. “All of our guys were within three strokes of each other and all five guys had one side

in the 30s. Nobody shot lights out, but everyone came in with a score that helped the team.”

Poetsch said, “I think the best part of today was that every one of them was able to battle through some tough holes. They are starting to learn that a bad shot or a bad hole does not have to lead to a bad round. The more we develop that mental attitude, the better we will become as a team.

“This was also our third tournament of the year, and each time we have had a different player lead our team in scoring.”



Gary Henley/The Daily Astorian
Connor Merrell was Seaside’s third different golfer this year to finish with his team’s best score of the day.



AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill
Oregon’s Sabrina Ionescu dribbles the ball against Southern California.

Oregon’s Ionescu named to AP All-America hoops team

By DOUG FEINBERG
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sabrina Ionescu has rewritten the NCAA record book for triple-doubles and helped the Ducks reach the Final Four for the first time.

Monday, she earned a spot on The Associated Press women’s basketball All-America team.

She has 18 triple-doubles in her career, including one in the second round of the NCAA Tournament against Indiana. She averaged 19.6 points, 7.5 rebounds and 8.1 assists during the regular season for the Ducks.

What’s impressed her coach, Kelly Graves, is her competitiveness.

“She’s defined our program since she got here. The fortunes of our program have turned since she got here,” he said. “To go to the Elite Eight and what she’s done that three years, that’s crazy. We had only won five total NCAA games in the history of the program. She doesn’t take plays off and hates to lose.”

She was joined on the All-America team by UConn’s Napheesa Collier, Iowa’s Megan Gustafson, Louisville’s Asia Durr and Mississippi State’s Teaira McCowan. Voting was done before the NCAA Tournament by the 28-member national media panel that votes on the AP Top 25 each week.

The second team consisted of Notre Dame’s Arike Ogunbowale, Baylor’s Kalani Brown, California’s Kristine Anigwe, Stanford’s Alanna Smith and Iowa State’s Bridget Carleton.

UConn’s Katie Lou Samuelson headlined the third team. She was joined by Notre Dame teammates Jessica Shepard and Jackie Young, Baylor’s Lauren Cox and Missouri’s Sophie Cunningham.

Durr, Ionescu, Samuelson, Ogunbowale and Brown made up the preseason All-America team.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE TODAY

Baseball — Seaside at Astoria, 5 p.m.; Knappa at Gaston, 4:30 p.m.

Softball — Astoria at Seaside, 5 p.m.

Girls golf — Astoria/Seaside at Valley Catholic, noon

Boys golf — Astoria at Banks, 12:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Track — Astoria at Banks, 3:30 p.m.; Seaside at Tillamook, 3:30 p.m.



Akiko Miller
The Knappa baseball team’s road trip to Arizona included a stop at Hoover Dam.

KNAPPA HOLDS DOWN NO. 1 IN COACHES POLL

The Daily Astorian

Knappa is still the No. 1-ranked team in 2A/1A baseball in the latest OSAA coaches poll released Monday.

The Loggers had three first-place votes and collected 77 points, just ahead of No. 2-ranked Reedsport. Knappa won two games and lost one on a trip to Arizona last week, defeating teams from San Francisco and Denver, from schools with enrollments of more than 2,000. The Loggers’ 42-game win streak was snapped by Centaurus High School, from Colorado.

In the Class 3A coaches poll, Warrenton dropped from sixth to eighth, following an 8-1 loss at third-ranked Santiam Christian over the weekend.

OSAA COACHES POLLS (FIRST-PLACE VOTES IN PARENTHESES)

Class 4A	Class 3A	Class 2A/1A
1. North Marion (9) 96	1. Brookings-Harbor (5) 75	1. Knappa (3) 77
2. Banks 76	2. La Pine (1) 70	2. Reedsport (2) 76
3. Hidden Valley 71	3. Pleasant Hill (1) 55	3. Ump. Valley Christian (2) 69
4. Henley (1) 69	3. Santiam Christian (1) 55	4. Monroe (1) 61
5. Junction City 63	5. Taft 41	5. Kennedy 45
6. Newport 33	6. Irrigon 37	6. Sherman/Arlington 26
7. Baker/Powder Valley 32	7. Rainier 26	7. Grant Union 22
8. Philomath/Alsea 28	8. Warrenton 24	8. Santiam 18
9. La Grande 18	9. Joseph 16	9. North Douglas 16
10. Sweet Home 13	10. Cascade Christian 7	10. Nestucca 13
Others receiving votes: Phoenix 12.	Others receiving votes: Horizon Christian 6, Tualatin 6, Yamhill-Carlton 5.	Others receiving votes: Neah-Kah-Nie 12, Western Christian 12, Pilot Rock 11, St. Paul 10, Toledo 9.

Turner has triple-double as Blazers top Wolves, 132-122

By TYLER MASON
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Evan Turner had 13 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists off the bench, and the Portland Trail Blazers moved into a tie for third place in the Western Conference with a 132-122 victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves on Monday night.

Rodney Hood led Portland with 21 points. Enes Kanter added 20 points and 11 rebounds for the Blazers, who joined the idle Houston Rockets at 49-28.

Portland led by as many as 19 in the first half after going 10 of 16 from 3-point range before halftime.

Andrew Wiggins had 21 points for Minnesota, while Gorgui Dieng scored 18 on 7-of-8 shooting.

That lead disappeared in the second half as Minnesota went ahead in the third quarter. The Timberwolves went on a 16-6 run, including eight points from Wiggins, to chip away, then closed the period with a 12-0 run to take a 100-97 lead into the fourth.

A 10-2 run put Portland up 124-



AP Photo/Stacy Bengs
Rodney Hood of the Trail Blazers shoots over Karl-Anthony Towns of the Timberwolves.

114 with 4:29 remaining. Seth Curry had eight of the Blazers’ 10 points during the run.

Kanter has seen his minutes increase since the season-ending injury to center Jusuf Nurkic. Kanter played 26 minutes on Monday, his second-most since joining the Blazers in mid-February.

King Returns: Hernandez solid as Mariners top Angels in 6-3 victory

By TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Felix Hernandez allowed one earned run and pitched into the sixth inning for his first victory since last June, and the Seattle Mariners beat the Los Angeles Angels 6-3 on Monday night.

Demoted to the No. 5 spot in Seattle’s rotation after a career-worst season in 2018, Hernandez overcame shoddy defense to give the Mariners the kind of start they need from the nearly 33-year-old former ace.

With the King’s Court fan section at his back, Hernandez (1-0) allowed seven hits and overcame four errors by his defense. He struck out four and didn’t issue a walk in earning his first victory since June 30, 2018. Hernandez went his final 11 starts of last season without a win. He was charged with two unearned runs.

Seattle’s bullpen was also solid, throwing 3 2/3 scoreless innings, allowing only two baserunners — including an intentional walk to

Mike Trout. Roenis Elias pitched the ninth for his first save.

Jay Bruce homered for the third straight game, hitting a two-run shot in the seventh inning. Seattle has 16 home runs and has scored at least five runs in all seven games.

Seattle scored four times in the first inning off starter Chris Stratton (0-1), including RBI singles by Domingo Santana and Omar Narvaez and a two-run double by AL player of the week Tim Beckham. The Mariners missed chances to extend the lead, leaving the bases loaded in the fifth and runners at second and third in the sixth.

Bruce didn’t miss Hansel Robles’ fastball, homering in three straight games for the 12th time in his career.

Albert Pujols doubled in the fourth inning for the 640th of his career, moving into a tie with Honus Wagner for ninth on the career list. The Angels scored twice in the fourth inning helped by a pair of errors from Narvaez, but were shutdown otherwise.