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SOFTBALL

Astoria defeats Seaside in league opener

The Daily Astorian

The Astoria softball team is feeling right at home at Seaside’s Broadway Field. Playing on the same field where they scored 39 runs in two wins over the weekend, the Lady Fishermen posted a 13-2, five-inning win at Seaside in a Cowapa League opener Tuesday afternoon.

Astoria had no extra base hits, but collected nine singles and scored eight runs in the second inning and five more in the third, before the Gulls score one run in both the fourth and fifth.

Julia Norris shut down the Seaside bats, limiting the Gulls to three hits with five strikeouts and no walks.

Lexi Lyngstad drove in three runs, while Kayla Helligso and Emilee Carlson had two RBIs each. Defensively, Astoria’s Emma Graham made an over-the-shoulder, crashing-through-the-fence catch in the outfield to end the game.

US, Canada women teams favorites for hockey world championships

Associated Press

The American women have beaten Canada in seven of the last eight world hockey championship finals, including a 3-2 overtime win two years ago in Michigan.

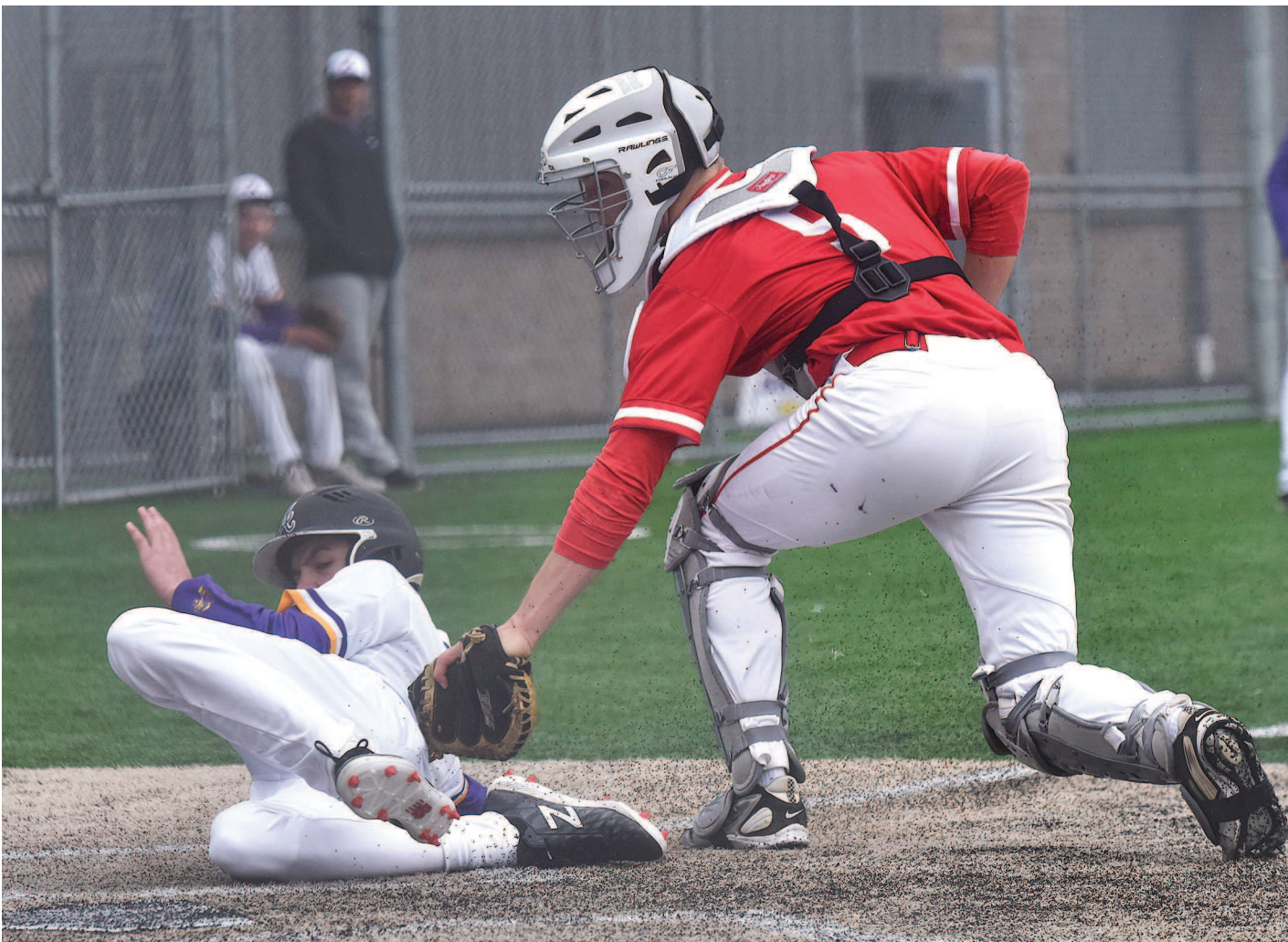
Most expect another showdown between the top two national teams at this worlds, which opens Thursday in Espoo, Finland. Canada will play Switzerland and U.S. faces host Finland.

Canada hasn’t beaten the U.S. in a tournament final since the 2014 Four Nations Cup and hasn’t won the world title since 2012. Still, taking two of three games against their Olympic champion frenemies to win February’s “Rivalry Series” gives Canada some momentum.

“Our goal in the February series wasn’t to come away with wins. That was a bonus,” veteran forward Brienne Jenner told The Canadian Press. “Our goal was to establish the way we want to play and take steps forward toward the performance you want in the world championships. Obviously, it’s reassuring when you’re able to play that way and get some wins as well. We look at it as a good step in the right direction, but we know there’s a bit of a ways to go to get gold in Finland.”

The tournament features 10 teams for the first time, expanding an eight-team format that has been in place since 2010. Women’s hockey at the 2022 Winter Olympics also will be a 10-team tournament.

The world championship format was revamped after 2010. The top two seeds in Group A never faced the bottom two in Group B, which eliminated a pair of lop-sided scores from the tournament. The world’s top five seeds — defending champion United States, Canada, Finland, Russia, Switzerland — are in Group A in Espoo. Sweden, Japan, Germany, Czech Republic and France, ranking sixth to 10th, comprise Group B.



Astoria’s Bo Williams is tagged out at the plate by Seaside’s Alex Teubner.

Photos by Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

LATE SEASIDE RALLY TOPS ASTORIA IN CLATSOP CLASH

By GARY HENLEY
The Daily Astorian

The Cowapa League baseball season opened Tuesday with a Clatsop Clash in Astoria, where the Fishermen hosted Seaside in a big early-season showdown.

Originally scheduled for Tapiola Park, the teams made a late move to the more weather-resistant CMH Field.

And with the rain beginning to pour down a little harder in the late innings, the Gulls made their move, scoring four runs in the top of the seventh for an exciting 8-6 win.

“That was a pretty dang good baseball game,” said Seaside coach Dan McFadden. “And I was nervous for it. League opener, at Astoria. This was the real deal.

“But we played a tough schedule early on, and since then, we’ve just gotten better,” he said. “We have some great athletes in the lineup, we’re hitting the ball really well, and they responded tonight.”

Astoria led for most of the game, as Fishermen starter Dylan Rush did just enough to keep Seaside from putting together any big rallies.

Yet the Gulls seemed to respond to every Astoria score, forcing a 2-2 tie in the top of the third, and 4-4 in the top of the fourth.

The rallies were sparked by a recent addition to the Seaside roster — Chase Januik. In his second game with the Gulls, the senior No. 9 hitter in the lineup had a triple in his first at-bat, followed by a pair of singles. He scored twice and drove in a run.



Burke Matthews makes contact at the plate for Astoria.

“What an addition,” McFadden said. “Usually when a guy sits out for a few years (Januik competed in track previously), it’s hard for them to get it back. I didn’t know what to expect from him, but he’s such an athlete and such a competitor, it’s worked out well. He had a bloop single in his first at-bat in his first game back against North Marion.”

Still, the Fishermen finally seemed to have things put away with two runs in the bottom of the sixth, as Ryan Stutznegger hit a leadoff double and later scored on a fly ball by Adam Feldman, and Ebin Hillard’s single drove in courtesy runner Brooks Fromwiller for a 6-4 lead.

But the Gulls saved their biggest

rally for the top of the seventh, as they greeted reliever Dylan Junes with a single by Isaias Jantes and a walk, followed by consecutive hits for Brayden Johnson and Travis Fenton, with Fenton’s single scoring two runs to tie the game.

Seaside’s big inning was briefly halted when Johnson was thrown out at the plate in a rundown. With two outs and runners at first and second, Payton Westerholm came through in the clutch, driving in both runners with a triple to deep center field.

Westerholm did the rest from the mound, retiring three of the four batters he faced in the bottom of the seventh to pick up the victory.

Gonzales pitches into 9th, Mariners 7-1 for first time in franchise history

By TERRY BLOUNT
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Marco Gonzales pitched into the ninth inning after Dan Vogelbach hit a tiebreaking homer in the eighth, lifting the Seattle Mariners over the Los Angeles Angels 7-1 on Tuesday night to move to 2-1 for the first time in franchise history.

Gonzales (3-0) was hoping to pitch the first complete game in baseball this season, but a one-out walk to Mike Trout and a single to center by Andrelton Simons ended his night.

Anthony Swarzak, who came off the injured list Tuesday, earned the save in his first appearance of the season by strik-



AP Photo/Elaine Thompson
Marco Gonzales lets out a yell after an out against the Los Angeles Angels.

ing out Albert Pujols and getting Jonathan Lucroy to ground out to second.

Gonzales allowed four hits and retired 17 consecutive hitters from the second inning until the seventh. He didn’t walk anyone until Trout in the ninth. He struck out three.

Vogelbach also doubled in the third inning. He didn’t know he was starting until an hour before the game when Edwin Encarnacion was a late scratch because of left-hand discomfort after getting jammed in an at-bat Monday night.

The Angels scored a run in the second after a leadoff double by Jonathan Lucroy. Angels starter Trevor Cahill pitched five scoreless innings before the Mariners tied it in the sixth with doubles by Dee Gordon and Mitch Haniger.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE	
TODAY	
Baseball	— Knappa at Gaston, 4:30 p.m.
Softball	— Knappa at Gaston, 4:30 p.m.
Track	— Astoria at Banks, 3:30 p.m.; Seaside at Tillamook, 3:30 p.m.
THURSDAY	
Baseball	— Banks at Astoria, 5 p.m.; Valley Catholic at Seaside, 5 p.m.; Warrenton at Scio, 4:30 p.m.
Softball	— Astoria at Banks, 5 p.m.
Track	— NWL meet, at Portland Christian, TBA
Boys golf	— Astoria Invitational, noon
BASEBALL	
Seaside 8, Astoria 6	
Seaside 011 200 4—8 10 1	
Astoria 112 002 0—6 12 3	
McFadden, Johnson (3), Westerholm (7) and Teubner; Rush, Junes (7), Moore (7) and Hillard. W: Westerholm. L: Junes. RBI: Sea, Fenton 2, Westerholm 2, Januik, Meyer, Thompson, Teubner; Ast, Feldman 2, Johnson, Reed, Hillard. 2B: Sea, Meyer; Ast, Stutznegger. 3B: Sea, Januik, Westerholm; Ast, Reed. HBP: Sea, McFadden 2. LOB: Seaside 10, Astoria 6. DP: Seaside.	
SOFTBALL	
Astoria 13, Seaside 2	
Astoria 085 00—13 9 3	
Seaside 000 11—2 3 6	
W: Julia Norris (5 K's, 0 walks). L: Gracie Rhodes (0 K's, 4 walks). RBI: Ast, Lyngstad 3, Helligso 2, Carlson 2, O'Brien, Barendse, Norris, Matthews; Sea, E.Owsley, Brown. LOB: Astoria 4, Seaside 4.	