

CONTACT US
Gary Henley | Sports Reporter
ghenley@dailyastorian.com

FOLLOW US
facebook.com/
DailyAstorianSports

SPORTS

Athletes of the Week



Hoekstre's winning shot put mark of 47 feet, 8 inches in Saturday's Daily Astorian Invitational was not only a personal best and a meet record, but the best mark among high school female athletes in the entire country. She also won the discus with a throw of 124-7. Hoekstre has signed a letter of intent to compete in track and field at Brigham Young University.



The Knappa graduate, now a senior at Eastern Oregon University, won the 400 meters in the "War XII" meet Friday and Saturday at Spokane Falls Community College. His time of 48.57 seconds ranks second in the EOU record books and is 21st in the NAIA this year. He was named the Cascade Collegiate Conference men's track athlete of the week.

Three Seaside players earn all-state honors

The Daily Astorian

The Seaside boys basketball team landed three players on the Class 4A all-state team. Senior Chase Januik earned first-team honors, while junior Ryan Hague and senior Payton Westerholm were selected to the second team.

The 4A boys' coach of the year was Marc Roche of state champion Banks. In addition, Januik and Westerholm were selected by coaches to play in the 47th annual Oregon Athletic Coaches Association (OACA) state all-star series, June 14-15, for seniors at the 2A, 3A and 4A levels.

Seaside coach Bill Westerholm was chosen to coach the North team, which will include Knappa's Timber Engblom and Warrenton's Dalton Knight. The first game will be at the Morse Event Center at Northwest Christian University in Eugene (5:30 p.m., West vs. North).

BOYS 4A ALL-STATE	
Coach of the Year: Marc Roche, Banks	Kaden Sand, Sr., Baker
FIRST TEAM	Payton Westerholm, Sr., Seaside
Kaleb Anundi, Sr., Stayton	HONORABLE MENTION
Blake Gobel, Sr., Banks	Dakota Bunn, Sr., Banks
Chase Januik, Sr., Seaside	Riley Nichol, Sr., Stayton
Cory Stover, Sr., Marshfield	Justin Plechaty, Sr., Newport
R.J. Veliz, Sr., Woodburn	Daniel Pruitt, Jr., Valley Catholic
SECOND TEAM	Jacob Slifka, Jr., Banks
Ryan Hague, Jr., Seaside	Grant Webster, Sr., Marshfield
Sergio Jimenz, Jr., North Marion	Max Whittaker, Sr., Marist
Andrew Reynolds, Sr., Henley	

Blazers lock up No. 3 seed

By ANNE M. PETERSON
Associated Press

PORTLAND — Rookie Anfernee Simons scored a career-high 37 points in his first start of the season and the Portland Trail Blazers secured the No. 3 seed in the Western Conference with a dramatic 136-131 victory over the Sacramento Kings using just six players Wednesday night. The Blazers have won 14 of 17 games en route to their sixth straight trip to the playoffs. Portland will open the postseason against the Oklahoma City Thunder, who finished in sixth. Portland had already clinched homecourt advantage in the opening round with a 104-101 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers the night before. Denver beat the Timberwolves 99-95 Wednesday night, locking the Nuggets into the No. 2 seed and a first-round series against San Antonio, and giving Portland the opening to claim the third seed. The Jazz secured the No. 4 seed and will play fifth-seeded Houston. Portland trailed by 28 points during the second half but made it interesting in the fourth quarter by closing within 117-116 with 7:53 left on Simon's 3-pointer. Simons found Jake Layman for an alley-oop dunk to pull the Blazers in front. Portland pushed the lead to 128-119 on Layman's basket with 2:49 left. Simons hit his seventh 3-pointer to make it 131-123 with just over two minutes left and Sacra-



Trail Blazers forward Jake Layman shoots.

AP Photo/Craig Mitchellldyer

mento couldn't catch up. Marvin Bagley III had 20 points to lead the Kings, who lost their 11th straight game in Portland. Blazers coach Terry Stotts said before the game that guard CJ McCollum would rest because it was the second of a back-to-back. McCollum missed 10 games with a left knee injury and had just been back for Portland's last two games. As for his other players, Stotts said going in

that it was "fluid." Damian Lillard was available but did not play. Neither did any of the team's other regular starters, as Stotts went with Skal Labissiere, Layman, Meyers Leonard, Gary Trent, Jr. and Simons. Trent, Simons and Labissiere were making their first starts of the season. "Our goal was to get homecourt, which we got. Whatever happens tonight, happens," Stotts said. "If you overthink it, you get in trouble."

Astoria golfers defeat Tillamook

The Daily Astorian

Astoria's team score of 346 was good enough by 25 strokes to defeat Tillamook in a Cowapa League boys golf match Tuesday at the Astoria Golf & Country Club. The 346 to 371 victory was Astoria's third straight match win. Tillamook's Kellen Stanley won medalist honors with a 78, edging Astoria's Dylan Althiede-Nielson, who had an 80. Rounding out a consistent round for the Fishermen were Connor Long with an 84, followed by Josh Olson (89) and Jacob Ficken (93). Astoria's Taylor Palmberg was on pace to shoot an 83, but an error at check-in disqualified his score. "The guys are coming into their own at the right time," said Astoria coach Peter Roscoe. "We have three matches next week. By then we should have a great sense of where we stand heading into the league championship and districts." Specifically, "I'm looking forward in particular to our head-to-head with Valley Catholic (April 18)," he said. "I think preseason, everyone would have predicted them to be an obvious winner. But our guys have developed a real sense of confidence and consistency that could end up being a factor."

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE	
TODAY	
Baseball — Willamina at Warrenton, 4:30 p.m.	
Softball — Seaside at Blanchet Catholic, 4:30 p.m.; Willamina at Warrenton, 4:30 p.m.; Gaston vs. Knappa (2), 3 p.m., at CMH Field	
Track — NWL meet, at Knappa, TBA	
FRIDAY	
Baseball — Astoria at Valley Catholic, 5 p.m.; Tillamook at Seaside, 5 p.m.; Warrenton at Taft (2), 3 p.m.; Knappa at Nestucca (2), 3 p.m.	
Softball — Banks at Astoria, 5 p.m.; Seaside at Tillamook, 5 p.m.; Warrenton at Taft (2), 3:30 p.m.	
SATURDAY	
Track — Astoria at Lower Columbia Invite, St. Helens, 12:30 p.m.; Meet of Champions, Willamette U, TBA	
BOYS GOLF	
Tillamook at Astoria	
Medalist: Kellen Stanley, Tillamook, 78	
Astoria (346)	
Dylan Althiede-Nielson, 80	
Connor Long, 84	
Josh Olson, 89	
Jacob Ficken, 93	
Taylor Palmberg, 86 (DQ)	
Tillamook (371)	
Kellen Stanley, 78	
Landon Werner, 88	
Nick Gitchell, 101	
Ethan Miller, 104	
Colin Ferrier, 106	

Haniger home run lifts Mariners over Royals

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Mitch Haniger hit a tiebreaking homer with two outs in the ninth inning, lifting the Seattle Mariners over the Royals 6-5 Wednesday night after Whit Merrifield extended his hitting streak to a Kansas City-record 31 games. Merrifield's RBI bunt single in the seventh tied it at 5 and moved him past Hall of Famer George Brett for the Royals mark.

Haniger took Brad Boxberger (0-2) deep, lifting Seattle to 12-2 following an offseason roster overhaul. The Mariners and the 2002 Cleveland Indians are the only teams since 1908 to homer in each of their first 14 games. The Mariners have 34 homers, tied with the 2000 St. Louis Cardinals for most ever through 14 games. Seattle has scored at least five runs 13 times. Anthony Swarzak (1-0) got two outs in the eighth, and Roenis Elias worked out of a bas-

es-loaded jam in the ninth for his second save. Seattle's Jay Bruce, tied for the AL homer lead with seven, left the game in the fourth inning with tightness in his left Achilles tendon. Kansas City dropped to 2-9 with its ninth straight loss. Merrifield bunted with Terrence Gore on third in the seventh. He placed the ball perfectly up the third-base line and tipped his cap to a cheering crowd after reaching first without a throw. Gore made his first major

league start and had three hits in the game after entering with two hits over six major league seasons. His two-out double helped Kansas City threaten in the ninth, but after Merrifield was walked intentionally and Billy Hamilton drew a free pass, Adalberto Mondesi popped up to end it. Yusei Kikuchi gave up three runs and five hits through six innings for Seattle. He retired the last 10 batters he faced after allowing the second of two home runs.