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Warrenton scores big sweep at Taft

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Two wins in one day, and the Warrenton Warriors are in first place in the Coastal Range League baseball standings.

The Warriors swept past Taft in a Friday doubleheader at Lincoln City, 7-5 and 3-2, in Warrenton's first two league games of the season.

Taft — which won the West Valley League a year ago with a 12-0 record — suffered its first two league losses since 2017. The Tigers had opened league play earlier in the week with a win over Rainier.

The Warriors collected 18 hits on the day, including 11 in the opener.

“We were really aggressive at the plate today, both games,” said Warrenton coach Lennie Wolfe. “We did a great job of driving the ball and hitting up the middle. It’s the best we’ve looked at the plate in a while.”

Warrenton also overcame some defensive mistakes (four errors in Game 1) to hold off the Tigers, who scored a run in the seventh inning of both games.

Gabe Breitmeyer and Duane Falls had three hits apiece to lead the offensive attack in the opener, with Jake Morrow scoring three runs and driving in two.

Devin Jackson (four hits allowed, five strikeouts, three walks) started on the mound and picked up the win in Game 1, with Breitmeyer pitching the final two innings.

The Warriors stranded 10 baserunners, but pushed across seven runs in the first four innings to build a safe lead.

Dalton Knight went the distance in Game 2, allowing four hits with eight strikeouts and three walks.

The Tigers had runners at first and third with one out in the bottom of the seventh, but the Warriors turned a 6-3 double play to end the game.

Before the final outs, “We had called a time out to regroup, I told everybody to relax and that we’d get out of it,” Wolfe said. “And that’s what happened. We looked sharp through the sixth, faltered a little in the seventh, but we regrouped and turned the DP. (The players) just had great communication on the field today. The entire doubleheader, the communication was phenomenal.”

Morrow had another two hits in Game 2, as did Falls, who finished the day with five hits.

The No. 4-ranked Warriors improve to 6-2 overall, and are scheduled to host games with Willamina (Monday), Clatskanie (Tuesday) and two with Rainier (Friday).

Astoria defeats Valiants, 4-2

A three-run third inning was all Astoria needed Friday, in a 4-2 win over Valley Catholic in a Cowapa League baseball game at CMH Field.

Astoria pitcher Will Reed threw a complete-game four-hitter, helping the Fishermen improve to 2-2 in league as they begin a stretch of five straight road games.

The Fishermen took advantage of a walk and an error by the Valiants to start the bottom of the third inning, then followed with three consecutive singles by Adam Feldman, Burke Matthews (to score Dylan Rush) and Ebin Hillard.

A bases-loaded walk forced in the second run, and a third run scored on another Valley Catholic error.

Astoria added one run in the fourth, and Reed did the rest, going the distance to finish the game in 82 pitches, with three strikeouts and a walk.

Hillard, Ryan Stutznegger and Rush all had two hits apiece for Astoria, which is scheduled to play a nonleague game Monday at Yamhill-Carlton.

Late rally lifts Seaside over Tillamook

Trailing 2-1 going into the bottom of the seventh inning — and scoreless over the previous five innings — Seaside scored two runs to defeat Tillamook 3-2 in Cowapa League baseball action Friday at Broadway Field.

In their last at-bat of the day, the Gulls began the bottom of the seventh with three straight singles from Payton Westerholm, Duncan Thompson and Alex Teubner to load the bases with no outs.

After a pitching change, Seaside’s Isaias Jantes laid down a sacrifice bunt to score Westerholm with the tying run.

And the Gulls finished it off when Dylan Meyer singled to right field, scoring Thompson with the walk-off, game-winning hit.

Seaside pitchers Brayden Johnson and Westerholm scattered five hits with eight strikeouts and three walks.

The Gulls play Tuesday at Banks and host Astoria Thursday.

Knappa cruises in twinbill at Nestucca

Knappa scored an easy 11-0 win over Nestucca in Game 1, then held off the pesky Bobcats in Game 2, 2-0,



Debbie Morrow

With teammate Devin Jackson at the plate, Warrenton baserunner Jake Morrow follows the action off third base.

for a Northwest League baseball doubleheader sweep Friday in Cloverdale.

Through six league games, Knappa, Neah-Kah-Nie and St. Paul are all 6-0 atop the league standings, but the No. 4-ranked Loggers are the clear frontrunners, having outscored their six league opponents 67-3.

In 11 games overall, Knappa has allowed just 13 runs (fewest in the state at any level), while Neah-Kah-Nie has given up 90 runs, and St. Paul has allowed 57.

The Loggers began Friday’s action with a three-run first inning in Game 1, with a double by Tristin Wallace, and singles by Shaun Lackey and Eli Takalo to drive in Wallace.

Devin Hoover’s base hit later scored Takalo for a 3-0 lead.

Ryson Patterson added a home run in the second, and Knappa tacked on two in the sixth, highlighted by doubles from Logan Bartlett and Cameron Miethe.

Knappa pulled away with five runs in the seventh.

The nightcap was much closer, with the Loggers scoring a run in the third and one in the seventh for a two-run lead.

Nestucca tried to rally in the bottom of the seventh, but Knappa pitcher Logan Flues put out the fire, as he struck out the final batter with the bases loaded to end the game.

SOFTBALL

Taft takes two from Warrenton

Warrenton turned three double plays on the day, but even that did not help the Warriors in a doubleheader softball game Friday at Taft.

The seventh-ranked Tigers had to rally from deficits in both games, but eventually scored a sweep, 8-1 and 9-3.

Taft improves to 9-4 overall, 2-1 in the Coastal Range League standings. The Warriors fall to 3-5, 0-2.

Warrenton jumped on the scoreboard first in the opener, when Kenzie Ramsey had a leadoff single in the second inning, took second on an error, stole third and then stole home for a 1-0 lead.

Taft rallied with three runs in the fourth, and tacked on four in the fifth for a 7-1 advantage. The Tigers finished with five doubles in Game 1.

Taft led 2-1 through three innings of Game 2, before Warrenton staged a rally of its own.

Ramsey reached on an error, Brianna Quaschnick followed with a single, and both advanced on a double steal with one out.

Ruby Dyer had an infield single to load the bases, and the Warriors recaptured the lead when Lilly Thomas singled to bring in Ramsey, and Quaschnick scored on a wild pitch.

But the Tigers answered in the bottom of the fourth, taking advantage of a few Warrenton errors to score five runs for a 7-3 lead.

Taft’s Emma Coulter was the winning pitcher in both games, as the junior threw a total of 183 pitches, and limited Warrenton to just seven total hits, with 13 strikeouts and one walk in Game 1, and five strikeouts and three walks in the nightcap.

Warrenton’s Jade Freniere had a double in the opener, and Avyree Miethe had a triple in Game 2 for the Warriors, who host a single game Monday with Willamina.

Banks rallies past Astoria, 8-2

The battle for the Cowapa League softball title resumed Friday afternoon at CMH Field, where Astoria hosted Banks in the second of four meetings between the Fishermen and Braves.

Banks got the first win April 4, and the Braves rallied for another victory Friday, 8-2.

Banks increased its lead atop the Cowapa League standings to 4-0, with Astoria dropping to 2-2.

Senior pitcher Kaylin Hernandez tossed a two-hitter for the Braves, with four strikeouts and two walks. Banks had 13 hits off Astoria’s Julia Norris, who struck out four with one walk.

The Fishermen did not pick up their first hit until the fourth inning, when Lexi Lyngstad singled and stole second.

Norris followed with a run-scoring triple, then stole home for a 2-0 lead.

But Banks rallied, scoring two runs each in the fifth and sixth innings for a 4-2 advantage.

The Braves tacked on four runs in the seventh, highlighted by a three-run homer from Kaylen Storms for an 8-2 advantage.

In addition to her home run, Storms had a double, drove in three runs and scored twice. Hannah McCourt added three RBIs for the Braves.

Knappa, Nestucca split twinbill

Northwest League softball — where no lead is safe, and no deficit is too big to overcome.

One night after giving up a big lead and overcoming a big deficit in a doubleheader split at Gaston, the Knappa Loggers did the same thing Friday night at Nestucca in a doubleheader split.

After a routine 14-4 win in Game 1, the Loggers built a 10-2 lead in the nightcap, only to give up four runs in the third and five in the fifth, allowing the Bobcats to take a two-run lead into the seventh inning.

Unlike their five-run rally in the seventh to win Thursday’s second game against Gaston, the Loggers failed to score in the seventh inning at Nestucca, letting the Bobcats escape with a 12-10 win in Game 2.

Knappa put up two runs in the top of the first in Game 1, as Madelynn Weaver doubled to score Emily Nicholson, and Weaver sprinted home on a single by Laicee Hendrickson.

The Loggers loaded the bases with no outs in the second inning, and scored four runs on a bases-loaded walk, a two-run single by Hannah Dietrichs, and a grounder by Vicki Ramvick that brought in Hannah Hellberg.

Bayle McCall led Knappa at the plate, going 3-for-5 with a double, two RBI’s and two runs scored.

Weaver was Knappa’s starting pitcher, allowing six hits with seven strikeouts and one walk.

In Game 2, two Nestucca pitchers combined to walk 16 batters and hit four more, but Knappa committed seven errors to keep the Bobcats in the game.

Hellberg had two of Knappa’s three hits, and also drove in two runs and scored three times.

The Loggers have four games in four days this week, as they host Vernonia (Tuesday) and Nestucca (Wednesday), with a doubleheader Friday at Vernonia.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE TODAY

Baseball — Astoria at Yamhill-Carlton, 4 p.m.; Willamina at Warrenton, 4:30 p.m.
Softball — Willamina at Warrenton, 4:30 p.m.

Girls golf — Cowapa Invitational, at Astoria GCC, noon
Boys golf — Seaside at Tillamook, 1 p.m.

TUESDAY

Baseball — Seaside at Banks, 5 p.m.; Clatskanie at Warrenton, 4:30 p.m.; Vernonia at Knappa, 4:30 p.m.
Softball — Banks at Seaside, 5 p.m.; Clatskanie at Warrenton, 4:30 p.m.; Vernonia at Knappa, 4:30 p.m.

BASEBALL

Astoria 4, Valley Catholic 2
Valley 000 110 0—2 4 3
Astoria 003 100 x—4 7 2
Weber, Baglai (4) and Pruitt; Reed and Hillard. W: Reed. L: Weber. RBI: VC, Rocha; Ast, Hirsch, Johnson, Matthews. HBP: VC, Eisenhardt; Ast, Hillard, Reed.

LOB: Valley Catholic 3, Astoria 6. DP: Valley Catholic; Astoria.

Seaside 3, Tillamook 2

Tillamook 100 010 0—2 5 2
Seaside 100 000 2—3 9 1
Romero, Richardson (7) and Biancofiore; Johnson, Westerholm (5) and Teubner. W: Westerholm. L: Romero. RBI: Til, Weber, Brown; Sea, Jantes, Teubner, Meyer. 2B: Til, Harmon. HBP: Til, Silveira, Brown, Gonzalez; Sea, Teubner, Westerholm. LOB: Tillamook 9, Seaside 9.

Warrenton 7, Taft 5

Warrenton 203 200 0—7 11 4
Taft 100 012 1—5 5 2
Jackson, Breitmeyer (6) and Morrow; Dimello, Ty Fisher (3) and Heindereen. W: Jackson. L: Dimello. 2B: War, Morrow, Jackson, Kapua; Taft, Smith, Ramos. 3B: Taft, Dimello.

Warrenton 3, Taft 2

Warrenton 201 000 0—3 7 1
Taft 010 000 1—2 4 0
Knight and Morrow; Kimbrough and Dimello. W: Knight. L: Kimbrough. 2B:

War, Morrow.

SOFTBALL

Banks 8, Astoria 2

Banks 000 022 4—8 13 0
Astoria 000 200 0—2 2 1
W: Kaylin Hernandez. L: Julia Norris. RBI: Banks, Storms 3, McCourt 2, Vanloo, Campbell, Herb; Ast, Norris. 2B: Banks, Storms, Herb, McCourt. 3B: Ast, Norris. HR: Banks, Storms. HBP: Ast, Norris. LOB: Banks 7, Astoria 4.

Taft 8, Warrenton 1

Warrenton 010 000 0—1 3 2
Taft 010 241 x—8 12 1
W: Emma Coulter. L: Mia McFadden. RBI: Taft, O.Coulter 3, Gates 2, E.Coulter, Tolan, Hatton. 2B: War, Freniere; Taft, E.Coulter, Danneker, Gates, O.Coulter, Tolan. LOB: Warrenton 4, Taft 5. DP: Warrenton 2.

Taft 9, Warrenton 3

Warrenton 001 200 0—3 4 5
Taft 101 502 x—9 6 1
W: Emma Coulter. L: Avyree Miethe. RBI: War, Miethe, Thomas; Taft, Knott 2,

E.Coulter, Tolan, Hatton, Peterson, Vandamme. 2B: Taft, Peterson. 3B: War, Miethe. HBP: Taft, Gates. LOB: Warrenton 5, Taft 8. DP: Warrenton.

Knappa 14, Nestucca 4

Knappa 240 062—14 10 4
Nestucca 002 011—4 7 2
W: Madelynn Weaver. L: Danny Johnson. RBI: Kna, Ramvick 3, Dietrichs 2, Hendrickson 2, McCall 2, Weaver 2, Denny, Hellberg; Nes, Royster 2, Chatelain. 2B: Kna, McCall, Weaver. HR: Nes, Chatelain. HBP: Kna, Denny, Hendrickson, Nicholson, Weaver. LOB: Knappa 13, Nestucca 8.

Nestucca 12, Knappa 10

Knappa 451 000 0—10 3 7
Nestucca 204 501 x—12 10 0
W: Danny Johnson. L: Emily Nicholson. RBI: Kna, Corcoran 2, Denny 2, Hellberg 2, McCall 2, Ramvick; Nes, Samek 2, Johnson 2, Ozuna 2, Leslie. 2B: Nes, Samek. HBP: Kna, Corcoran 2, McCall 2. LOB: Knappa 12, Nestucca 5. DP: Nestucca.

Trail Blazers win Game 1 against the Thunder

Associated Press

PORTLAND — Damian Lillard scored 30 points and the third-seeded Portland Trail Blazers opened their playoff series against the No. 6 Oklahoma City Thunder with a 104-99 victory on Sunday.

Enes Kanter added 20 points and a career play-off-high 18 rebounds for the Blazers, who were making their sixth straight postseason appearance. CJ McCollum added 24 points.

UP NEXT: GAME 2

- Oklahoma City Thunder (0-1) at Portland Trail Blazers (1-0)
- Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. **TV:** TNT, NSNW