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## Athletes of the Week



**FERNANDA ALVAREZ**  
 Warrenton

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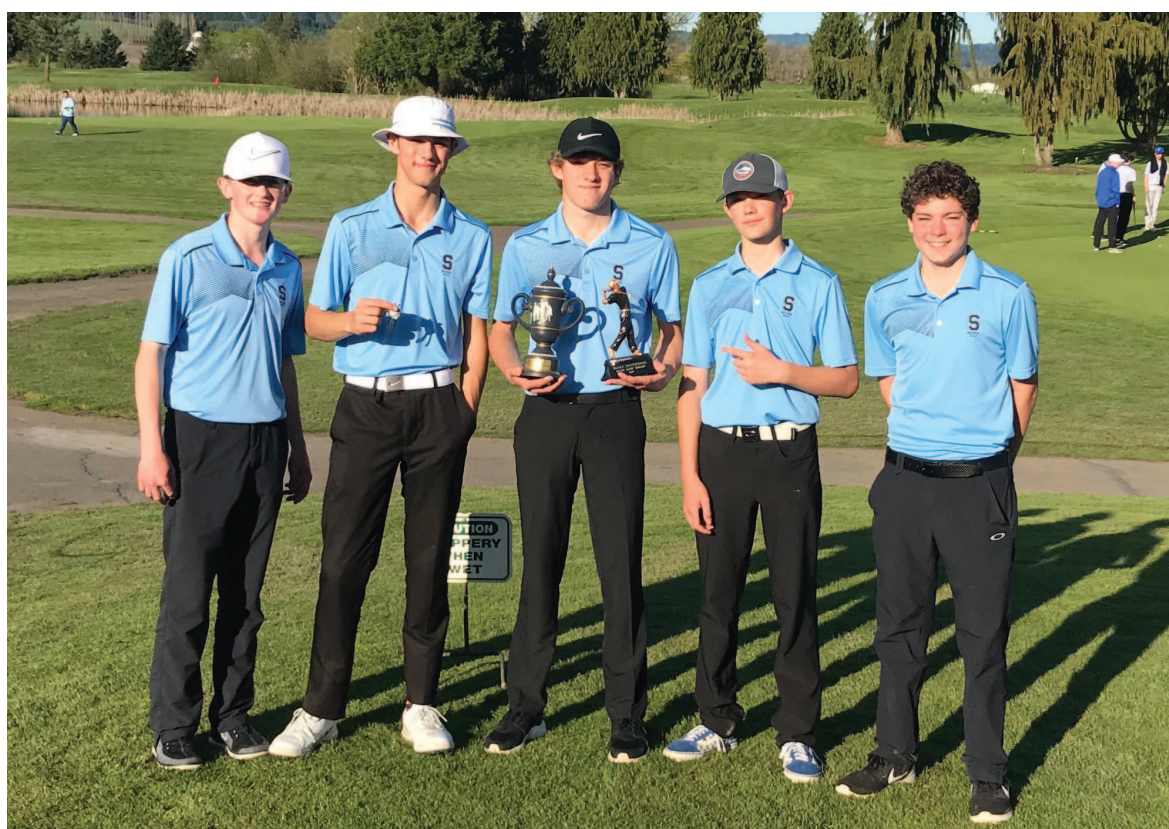
Competing in a meet filled with Class 5A and 6A schools, the Warrenton senior earned the top mark in the shot put competition April 13 in the Willamette Falls Invitational at Oregon City. She had a personal best toss of 38 feet, 4½ inches, first place among the 54 entrants from such schools as Jefferson, West Linn, Wilsonville and Century. Her mark is second-best in the state at the 3A level.



**ROBERT PIÑA-MORTON**  
 Knappa

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In a District 1/2A meet April 11 at Knappa, the Loggers' junior runner had a personal best day, winning a pair of races in career-best times. He ran the 800 meters in 2 minutes, 6.04 seconds — nearly 24 seconds ahead of his nearest competitor. He also won the 3,000 meters in a personal best time of 9:28.33, a winning margin of nearly two-and-a-half minutes ahead of the second-place finisher.



Jim Poetsch

From left to right, Seaside golfers Carson Kawasoe, Mason Shamion, Connor Merrell, Curtis Kunde and Samson Sibony, following their win Wednesday at the Banks Invitational.

## Seaside wins Banks Invitational

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Another tournament win for the Seaside boys golf team Wednesday, as the Gulls walked off with the first-place trophy in the Banks Invitational, held at Quail Valley Golf Course.

Seaside shot a 323 team score, well ahead of Valley Catholic (342), which was followed by Banks (369), Molalla (370), Astoria (381), North Marion (415) and Forest Grove (443).

With a 78, Seaside's Connor Merrell was medalist with a one-shot victory over Peter Boileau of

Valley Catholic. Merrell was joined on the all-tournament team by teammates Curtis Kunde (third with an 80), Carson Kawasoe (fourth, 82) and Mason Shamion (sixth, 83). Seaside's fifth player, Samson Sibony, missed the all-tournament team by a single stroke with an 84.

"Today gave us a good look at where we stand in our region," said Seaside coach Jim Poetsch. "Most of the region was here and we had five of the top eight golfers. Connor had a great front nine then overcame two doubles on the back, finishing birdie-par to win medalist honors."

Merrell has now won two of Seaside's last three events.

In addition, Kunde "had a solid round with nothing worse than a bogey all day," Poetsch said. "Carson had a more eventful round with three birdies and an eagle. He also won both KP's (closest to the pin) and made both putts for birdies."

The Gulls are right back on the course Thursday, in a tournament at Emerald Valley.

Astoria was led by Dylan Altheide-Nielson and Taylor Palmberg, who both carded 94s, just ahead of teammate Connor Long (95). Josh Olson shot a 98.

## Indians sweep Mariners with 1-0 win

By **TIM BOOTH**  
 Associated Press

SEATTLE — Carlos Carrasco rebounded from one of his worst starts with 12 strikeouts, Jake Bauers hit a solo homer and the Cleveland Indians beat the Seattle Mariners 1-0 Wednesday to complete a three-game sweep.

Carrasco (2-2) pitched three-hit ball over seven innings, dominating as the Indians handed Seattle its sixth straight loss. The right-hander struck out the side three times and only allowed one baserunner to reach third base.

The Mariners ended their 20-game home run streak, a record to open a season. Seattle appeared to make it to 21 games in the third, when Ryon Healy hit



AP Photo/Elaine Thompson  
**Mariners starting pitcher Erik Swanson throws against the Cleveland Indians.**

a line drive down the left field line that was initially ruled a homer. It was overturned to a foul ball via replay, and Healy struck out.

Seattle's only hits were dou-

bles by Mallex Smith and Domingo Santana and a single by Edwin Encarnación. Santana reached third base with two outs in the sixth after a wild pitch but was stranded there as Jay Bruce struck out for a third time.

Seattle's Erik Swanson surpassed the expectations of manager Scott Servais in his first big league start. Servais was hopeful of getting five innings out of Swanson (0-1), but the rookie nearly matched Carrasco.

Swanson allowed two hits over six innings, struck out five and didn't walk a batter. Bauers was the only Cleveland hitter to solve Swanson, with a single in the second and his second home run of the season on a 3-2 pitch in the fifth.

### BASEBALL

#### Warrenton wins fifth straight in victory over Clatskanie

After an opening day loss to Knappa, the Warrenton Warriors have won eight of their last nine, including five in a row with a 7-3 victory Wednesday afternoon over Clatskanie at Huddleston Field.

Ranked sixth in the latest Class 3A baseball coaches poll, the Warriors are 4-0 (8-2 overall) atop the Coastal Range League standings.

Warrenton pitchers Devin Jackson and Dalton Knight "didn't have their best stuff today, but I was really pleased with the way they battled through," said Warrior coach Lenzie Wolfe. "And we played a strong game defensively."

Jackson and Knight limited Clatskanie to just four hits, while Warrenton had seven hits off four Tiger pitchers.

The Warriors took advantage of three straight walks to start the bottom of the first inning to score four runs, which included a two-run single by Jackson.

Jackson struck out five and walked four in the victory, as Warrenton tunes up for a Friday doubleheader against Rainier.

#### Banks' big inning beats Seaside

Hayden Vandehey was a one-man wrecking crew, and the Banks Braves took advantage of a seven-run fourth inning to defeat Seaside 9-2 in a Cowapa League baseball game Wednesday at Banks.

Vandehey was the winning pitcher, allowing six hits with eight strikeouts and two walks over four innings, and helped his cause by driving in three runs with two doubles.

The Gulls rallied from a 2-1 deficit in the fourth, as Justin Morris drew a one-out walk, Travis Fenton singled to right, and both advanced on a sacrifice bunt from Gage McFadden.

Morris scored on an infield single by Payton Westerholm to tie the game, 2-2.

But the next seven runs belonged

to the Braves, whose seven-run fourth inning was highlighted by a two-run double from Vandehey for an eventual 9-2 lead.

Pitchers Blake Gobel and Andrew Nichols finished the game for the Braves, with Gobel striking out three in two innings. Westerholm and Duncan Thompson had two hits apiece for the Gulls, who play Thursday at Astoria.

The fourth-ranked Braves improve to 4-0 in league, with Seaside falling to 2-2.

### SOFTBALL

#### Clatskanie slips past Warrenton, 6-1

The Clatskanie Tigers finally played their league opener, and backed up their No. 3 ranking in Class 3A softball with a 6-1 win Wednesday at Warrenton.

Tiger pitchers Kaity Sizemore and Shelby Blodgett allowed six hits, with 12 strikeouts and one walk.

Clatskanie scored one run in each of the first three innings and added two in the fourth for a 5-0 lead.

The Warriors scored their lone run in the bottom of the fourth, as Kenzie Ramsey reached on a one-out single, took second on a wild pitch, and scored on Ruby Dyer's base hit to left.

Eight different players had hits for the Tigers, while Dyer had two hits for Warrenton, which falls to 1-2 in league, 4-5 overall. Clatskanie improves to 9-0 overall.

Warrenton coach Staci Miethe wasn't happy with the loss, but "We kept a good hitting team to six runs," she said. "They are averaging close to 12 runs a game, so keeping them to six is a success for our defense and battery."

"We had some awesome defensive moments," she said. "Lilly (Thomas) caught a runner stealing. We turned a 6-4-3 double play. Jade (Freniere) made some outstanding digs at first. Avyree (Miethe) played the 'hot corner' with several outs and only one error, and our outfield was solid and made some catches that were key."

Warrenton hosts a doubleheader Friday with Rainier.

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## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

#### TODAY

**Baseball** — Astoria at Seaside, 5 p.m.  
**Softball** — Seaside at Astoria, 5 p.m.  
**Track** — District 1/2A meet, at Nestucca, TBA  
**Boys golf** — Valley Catholic at Astoria, 2 p.m.

#### FRIDAY

**Baseball** — Rainier at Warrenton (2), 3:30 p.m.; Knappa at Vernonia (2), 3 p.m.  
**Softball** — Rainier at Warrenton (2), 3 p.m.; Knappa at Vernonia (2), 3 p.m.

**Boys golf** — Astoria Invitational, 1 p.m.

#### BASEBALL

##### Seaside 2, Banks 9

Seaside 001 100 x—2 8 0  
 Banks 002 700 x—9 13 2  
 McFadden, Thompson (4), Fenton (4) and Teubner; Vandehey, Gobel (5), Nichols (7) and Applegate. W: Vandehey. L: Thompson. RBI: Sea,

Westerholm; Ban, Vandehey 3, Bunn 2, Hesselman 2, Lilly 2, Cook, White. 2B: Sea, Thompson; Ban, Vandehey 2. 3B: Ban, Bunn. LOB: Seaside 8, Banks 4. DP: Banks.

##### Warrenton 7, Clatskanie 3

Clatskanie 101 100 0—3 4 4  
 Warrenton 410 200 x—7 7 1  
 Warren, F.Evenson (3), Roth (4), D.Evenson (5) and Boothe, Warren (3); Jackson, Knight (6) and Morrow. W: Jackson (4-1). L: Warren.

#### SOFTBALL

##### Clatskanie 6, Warrenton 1

Clatskanie 111 200 1—6 11 0  
 Warrenton 000 100 0—1 6 1  
 W: Kaity Sizemore. L: Mia McFadden. RBI: Cla, Sprague, Blodgett, Makinson, Hamm, Jackson; War, Dyer. 2B: Cla, Sprague. 3B: Cla, Hummer. HBP: Cla, Harrison. LOB: Clatskanie 8, Warrenton 5. DP: Warrenton.