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SPORTS

Seaside second at Emerald Valley

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Two teams expected to battle for a 4A boys golf state championship next month met on the course Thursday for the first time in 2019 at Emerald Valley Golf Course in Creswell.

In a four-team tournament, Marist got the team victory, firing a 312 team score. Seaside shot a 332, as the Gulls — for the first time this season — did not come away with the first-place trophy.

The Gulls were competing in their second tournament in two days, while Marist was playing on its home course.

The Spartans won the Class 5A state championship last season (and now compete at the 4A level), while the Gulls finished ahead of 5A Churchill (347) and 6A Sheldon (371) in Thursday’s match.

All in all, not a bad day for the Gulls.

“We learned a few things today,” said Seaside coach Jim Poetsch. “We learned that it is physically and mentally draining to play back-to-back competitive rounds. We also learned that Marist is a very good team and will be tough to beat on their home turf.

“At the same time, we learned a little about the course and what we need to shoot to compete come May,” he said of the course that will host the state tournament. “While (the Spartans) got us by quite a few strokes today, I don’t think they shot anything we are incapable of matching.”

Marist’s Nick Watts was medalist with a 74. Seaside’s Curtis Kunde shot 79 to finish fourth. Rounding out the Seaside scores were Connor Merrell and Carson Kawasoe (tied for seventh with 82), Mason Shamion (89) and Samson Sibony (90).

“We did some good things out there today, just not enough,” Poetsch said. “Curtis had three birdies and a really good bogey after losing a ball on the par three 17th. Carson nearly had his second eagle of the week and Mason continued to score well on his second nines. This loss could end up being very good for us. We’ve coasted though our tournaments so far and this should motivate us to work as hard as we can down the stretch.”

Seaside hosts a 12-team invitational Monday at the Gearhart Golf Links.

Knappa beats Nestucca in softball, 15-6

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Pitching was the difference in a Saturday morning Northwest League softball game at Knappa, where the Lady Loggers cruised past Nestucca, 15-6.

Knappa pitcher Hannah Dietrichs tossed a four-hitter in the victory, and struck out 13 batters with no walks, while Nestucca’s Danny Johnson allowed eight hits with 13 walks and four hit batters.

The Loggers committed eight errors on the day, but built a 9-2 lead through three innings, then tacked on six runs over the fifth and sixth innings to pull away.

Meanwhile, most of Saturday’s offense was provided by Laicee Hendrickson, as the Knappa senior was 3-for-4 with a single, double and triple, and drove in seven runs.

Knappa returns to action Tuesday at St. Paul, with a rescheduled doubleheader Thursday at Vernonia.



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Astoria runner Sophie Long won the 400 meters, and was also part of three winning relay teams in Saturday’s track meet at Banks.

LOCALS HAVE BIG DAY IN BANKS INVITATIONAL

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Some of the top track and field stars of the North Coast showed that they are ready for the postseason meets, following a competition Saturday in Banks.

Taking part in the Rob Frank Invitational hosted by the Braves, members of the Astoria girls’ track team highlighted the meet by winning 11 of 18 events against seven other schools.

The Lady Fishermen are heavy favorites to win the upcoming Cowapa League meet May 9-10 in St. Helens, and could challenge for a state title a week later.

On the track in Saturday’s event, Astoria

freshman Maddie Sisley was named the girls’ Athlete of the Meet, winning the 100 meters in a personal best 13.58 seconds, just ahead of teammates Andrea Harris (13.67) and Lillian Randall (13.78). Sisley added victories in the 100-meter hurdles (personal record, 16.75) and the long jump (15 feet, ½ inch).

Other wins for Astoria included Sophie Long in the 400 meters (personal record, 1:01.26) and Allyson Pritchard in the 3,000 meters (personal record, 12:05.40).

The Lady Fishermen also swept three relays, including the distance medley relay.

In the field events, Astoria’s Elizabeth

Barnett placed first in the pole vault and the high jump (clearing a personal best 4-9). Astoria’s Kes Sandstrom won the discus with a throw of 119-6.

Elsewhere, Warrenton’s Fernanda Alvarez took first in the shot put with a toss of 35-9¾.

On the boys’ side, Astoria’s Shrey Sharma ran a 2:12.21 for the top time in the 800 meters, and sophomore Presley Beck jumped 37-6¼ to win the triple jump, ahead of teammate Vojta Ryp (33-8½).

Warrenton picked up two victories, both from junior thrower Mark Warren, who won the shot put (49-1¼) and javelin (158-5).

Lillard sparks Portland past Oklahoma City for 3-1 lead

By CLIFF BRUNT
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Russell Westbrook went cold just when Dame Time hit in the third quarter again.

Now time’s almost up for the Oklahoma City Thunder.

Damian Lillard scored 15 of his 24 points in the third quarter, and the Portland Trail Blazers held Westbrook without a basket in the second half in beating the Thunder 111-98 on Sunday night to take a 3-1 lead in their series.

Lillard had another big third quarter after scoring 25 points in the period in a Game 3 loss Friday. In this game, the All-Star point guard was 5 of 7 in the third to help Portland take control for good.

“I didn’t feel the need to get overly aggressive in the first half, once I saw how the game was going,” he said. “But then in the third, I felt like that was the time when we needed to hit the gas.”

Lillard made his first basket with 1:14 left in the first half after missing his first six shots, but he had seven assists before the break.

“We’ve kind of come to expect it,” Portland coach Terry Stotts said. “He manages the game. He senses the moment when we need him to do different things. He’s an ultimate



Blazers guard Damian Lillard goes to the basket against Thunder center Steven Adams.

competitor. He is going to give it his all.”

C.J. McCollum scored 27 points, Al-Farouq Aminu had 19 points and nine rebounds, and Maurice Harkless added 15 points and 10 rebounds for the Trail Blazers.

Portland can close out the series

UP NEXT: GAME 5

- Oklahoma City Thunder (1-3) at Portland Trail Blazers (3-1)
- Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. **TV:** NBCN, TNT

Tuesday at home.

Paul George had 32 points and 10 rebounds for Oklahoma City. Dennis Schroder added 17 points.

Westbrook scored 14 points on 5-for-21 shooting. He missed his final 10 shots and was 0 for 7 with one point in the second half.

Now, the Thunder will try to fight off elimination.

“Honestly, regardless of what the series is, it’s always one game at a time,” George said. “You play one game. You leave everything in one game and go to the next one. It makes no difference when you’re down 3-1 — you’ve got to take it one game at a time, regardless.”

TIP-INS

Trail Blazers: Lillard was just 2 of 8 in the first half and scored seven points. ... Made 22 of 23 free throws. ... Outrebounded the Thunder 41-38.

Thunder: Thunder coach Billy Donovan was called for a technical in the first quarter for arguing a no-call against Steven Adams. ... Shot 37.5 percent from the field. ... Westbrook had nine rebounds and seven assists.

Valiants top Astoria in league match

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A close match after nine holes, Valley Catholic eventually scored the team victory Thursday at the Astoria Golf & Country Club.

The Valiants shot a team score of 349 to Astoria’s 364 in a Cowapa League boys golf match.

Valley Catholic led by just two at the turn (178-180), before a rough back nine for the Fishermen.

“Our guys had a rough week,” said Astoria coach Peter Roscoe. “We played Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and everyone struggled at the wrong time.”

The Fishermen finished back in the pack last Tuesday at the North Marion Invitational, with a similar result in a Wednesday invitational at Banks.

“The team senses that they are on the verge of making a breakthrough,” Roscoe said. “Sometimes in golf, this can create pressure that leads to mistakes and that is what has been happening.”

In Thursday’s match, Peter Boileau of Valley Catholic was the medalist with an 80, followed by teammate Ryome Lane (83).

Josh Olson led Astoria with an 87. Rounding out scores for the Fishermen were Taylor Palmberg (90), Conner Long (91) and Dylan Altheide-Nielson (96).

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE TODAY	
Baseball — Astoria at Banks, 5 p.m.; Seaside at Valley Catholic, 5 p.m.	
Softball — Banks at Astoria, 5 p.m.	
Girls golf — Astoria at Woodburn Invite, TBA	
Boys golf — Seaside Invitational, 11 a.m.	
TUESDAY	
Baseball — Warrenton at Catlin Gabel, 4:30 p.m.; Knappa at St. Paul, 4:30 p.m.	

Girls golf — Astoria/Tillamook at Seaside (Gearhart GC), 1 p.m.	
SOFTBALL	
Knappa 15, Nestucca 6	
Nestucca 200 103 0—6 4 4	
Knappa 225 024 x—15 8 8	
W: Hannah Dietrichs. L: Danny Johnson. RBI: Nes, Johnson 2, Samek; Kna, Hendrickson 7, Corcoran 2, Hellberg 2, Weaver 2, Dietrichs, Nicholson. 2B: Kna, Hendrickson, Weaver. 3B: Kna, Hendrickson. HBP: Kna, McCall 2, Morrill, Nicholson. LOB: Nestucca 8, Knappa 11. DP: Nestucca.	