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Big inning lifts Banks over Astoria, 8-1

A big five-run third inning was all Banks needed Monday evening, as the Braves cruised to an 8-1 win over Astoria in a Cowapa League baseball game, the second of three meetings between last year's co-league champions.

Banks pitchers Hayden Vandehey and Blake Gobel combined on a four-hitter, with nine strikeouts and three walks.

Vandehey pitched five innings to pick up the victory, which gives the Braves a 6-0 league record, with a three-game lead on second-place Astoria (3-3) with six games remaining.

Banks scored one run each in the first and second innings, then erupted for five in the third, highlighted by a bases-loaded, three-run double from Gobel.

Astoria scored its lone run in the fifth, Burke Matthews on a single by Josiah Hirsch.

Matthews had two of Astoria's four hits, while the Fishermen defense turned two double plays. The Braves had eight hits off three Astoria pitchers.

The Fishermen have road games vs. Tillamook and Valley Catholic, Wednesday and Friday, respectively.

Valiants hold off Seaside, 3-1

Most of the action took place in the sixth inning Monday night at Valley Catholic, where the Valiants posted a 3-1 win over Seaside in Cowapa League baseball action.

After Valley Catholic scored one run in the first inning, the two teams battled through four scoreless innings.

The Gulls tied the game 1-1 in the top of the sixth, as Gage McFadden reached on an error, took third on a single by Justin Morris, then scored on a single by Chase Januik.

Valley Catholic answered with two runs in the bottom of the sixth, which featured a lead-off home run by sophomore George Eisenhardt, and later a squeeze bunt that scored Daniel Pruitt for a two-run lead.

Seaside loaded the bases with two outs in the top of the seventh, but relief pitcher James Baglai got the final batter to ground into a force-out play at second to end the game.

The Gulls, 2-4 in league, have three days off before playing Friday at Tillamook.

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SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE TODAY

Baseball — Warrenton at Catlin Gabel, 4:30 p.m.; Knappa at St. Paul, 4:30 p.m.
Softball — Astoria at Warrenton, 4:30 p.m.; Knappa at St. Paul, 4:30 p.m.
Girls golf — Astoria/Tillamook at Seaside (Gearhart GC), 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Baseball — Tillamook at Astoria, 5 p.m.; Rainier at Warrenton (2), 3:30 p.m.
Track — Warrenton league meet, TBA
Boys golf — Banks at Seaside, 2 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Banks 9, Astoria 8

Banks 000 403 2—9 12 2
Astoria 000 121 4—8 12 4
W: Kaylin Hernandez. L: Julia Norris. S: Halle Vandomelen. RBI: Banks, Vanloo 2, McCourt 2, Hernandez, Graham, Campbell, Herb; Ast, Barendse 3, Norris, Matteucci, Matthews. 2B: Banks, Vanloo, Campbell, Herb, McCourt; Ast, Barendse, Norris, Biederman, Matthews. HBP: Ast, Lyngstad. LOB: Banks 12, Astoria 8.

Seaside 8, Tillamook 7

Tillamook 102 020 2—7 11 1
Seaside 320 003 x—8 9 0
W: Gracie Rhodes. L: Torrin Richardson. S: E.Meyer. RBI: Til, Jenck 2, Dentel, Johnson, Lourenzo; Sea, Brown 3, Goin, Hill, Flaigg. 2B: Til, Dentel, Knutsen, Lourenzo, Stahle. 3B: Til, Lourenzo; Sea, Lair. HBP: Til, Hurlman 2. LOB: Tillamook 12, Seaside 8.

BASEBALL

Banks 8, Astoria 1

Astoria 000 010 0—1 4 4
Banks 115 010 x—8 8 2
Kaul, Reed (4), Matthews (6) and Hillard; Vandehey, Gobel (6) and Applewhite. W: Vandehey. L: Kaul. RBI: Ast, Hirsch; Banks, Gobel 3, Hesselman, White. 2B: Banks, Vandehey, Gobel, White. HBP: Ast, Hillard, Johnson; Banks, Gobel, B.Cook. LOB: Astoria 8, Banks 8. DP: Astoria 2.

Valley Catholic 3, Seaside 1

Seaside 000 001 0—1 3 2
Valley C. 100 002 x—3 7 1
Fenton, McFadden (6) and Teubner; Eisenhardt, Schultheis (6), Baglai (6) and Pruitt. W: Eisenhardt. L: McFadden. S: Baglai. RBI: Sea, Januik; VC, Eisenhardt, Pruitt, Rocha. 2B: VC, M.Weber. HR: VC, Eisenhardt. HBP: VC, W.Weber. LOB: Seaside 6, Valley Catholic 5.

BANKS TOPS ASTORIA IN THRILLER AT CMH FIELD



Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

Astoria's Julia Norris is tagged out at the plate.

By **GARY HENLEY**
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The two powers of Cowapa League softball put on a soggy — but thrilling — show for the fans Monday night at CMH Field, where the Banks Braves held off a late Astoria rally to post a 9-8 win over the Lady Fishermen.

The Braves spent a good part of the game watching Astoria fielders snag line drives and rob base hits, while the Fishermen spent the night rallying from deficits.

Astoria cut a 4-0 deficit to 4-3 in the fifth inning, only to give up three runs in the sixth and two in the seventh, as Banks went into the bottom of the seventh with a seemingly safe 9-4 lead.

But the Fishermen had other ideas, as they loaded the bases with no outs on back-to-back singles and an error.

A bases-loaded walk forced in the

first run, and one out later, Astoria's Jenna Barendse delivered a 2-2 pitch to the fence in right-center field, scoring three runs to bring Astoria to within one run.

Emma Biederman kept the rally going with an infield single, and she advanced to second base on a throw to third, to put runners at second and third with one out.

After a pitching change, Astoria's Mollie Matthews had a line drive right back to pitcher Halle Vandomelen, who made the catch for the second out.

And Vandomelen finished the job, as she got the final batter to ground out to end the game.

"We had a couple opportunities, but so did (the Braves)," said Astoria coach Kent Israel, Jr., whose team made a few defensive mistakes that led to runs for the Braves. "And that was it. That's all it took. We had some plays (defensively) where we just weren't aggressive in making the out.

GOLF ROUNDUP

Seaside wins own invite in dramatic fashion

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Valley Catholic took an early lead and was ahead of Seaside by 12 strokes in Monday's Seaside Invitational golf match, with the top two golfers for each team done with their rounds.

But the Gulls were not to be denied on their home course, as they rallied with their next three golfers to score a dramatic team win at Gearhart Golf Links.

Valley Catholic's duo of Peter Boileau and Ryoma Lane both shot 74, while Seaside's Mason Shamion carded an 81 and Curtis Kunde shot 79.

Seaside teammate Connor Merrell came in with a 79 to gain back 10 strokes out of the third position, and Carson Kawasoe's 87 put the Gulls up by two. Samson Sibony, playing at the No. 5 position, finished with an 80 to seal the team championship.

Seaside finished the day with a 319 team score to Valley Catholic's 328. Astoria came back from 16 down after three players to edge Tillamook for third place by a single stroke, 361 to 362.

Also competing were Molalla (371), Ilwaco (379), Banks (379), Wahkiakum (383) and North Mar-

ion (403).
On the individual side, Ilwaco junior Blake Kukula tied Lane and Boileau with a 74. On the first playoff hole for medalist honors, Kukula stuck his second shot within feet of the hole and knocked in his birdie putt to win his third straight Seaside Invitational medalist honor.



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Seaside freshman Carson Kawasoe tees off.

As an eighth grader in 2015, Kukula lost in a playoff for medalist honors and has now shot for at least a tie after regulation four straight years.

Merrell and Kunde tied for fourth place with Kunde winning a scorecard playoff.

"I've always said, it is not the top golfers that win team titles but the four and five guys that put teams over the top," said Seaside coach Jim Poetsch. "Today it was our three though five guys that did it for us. Not that we know who is one through five on our team, but the guys that end up playing those spots are the guys that will win big tournaments for us."

Shamion and Kunde put up good scores, he said, "but we were still down big after the Valley kids put up great numbers. But we usually come in with good scores throughout our lineup and that is how we win tournaments. Connor came in to tie Curtis, Carson secured the win and Samson, who was in the very last group, still had a chance to tie the leaders with three holes to go."

All five Astoria golfers shot solid rounds, led by Taylor Palmberg with an 88, followed by Dylan Altheide-Nielson and Connor Long (both with 89), Josh Olson (95) and Jacob Ficken (96).

The Gulls finish the regular season Wednesday with a league match vs. Banks at Gearhart.

Astoria third at Woodburn

The Astoria girls golf team took third place Monday in the Woodburn Invitational, held on the Oregon Golf Association course.

Woodburn shot a 405 for the team title, followed by Waldport (434) and Astoria (462).

Salem Academy, North Marion and Sweet Home also competed.

Jenna Travers had Astoria's top score with a 91 (46-45), which earned her a tie for second individually.

Rounding out the Astoria scores were Samantha Hemsley (100), Constance Rouda (138), Katie Boutin (133) and Annalyse Steele (147). Astoria plays Tuesday in the Seaside Invitational at Gearhart.



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Seaside's Gracie Rhodes delivers a pitch.

Seaside edges Tillamook, 8-7

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Tillamook had 11 hits — including four doubles and a triple — but stranded 12 base-runners, while the Seaside Lady Gulls made the plays when they needed to for an 8-7 Cowapa League softball win Monday over the Cheesemakers at Broadway Field.

Seaside snapped a 5-5 tie with three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning, then gave up two in the seventh before pitcher Emma Meyer was able to record the final out with Tillamook runners at second and third.

The Gulls had nine hits off two Tillamook pitchers, with two hits apiece for Erin Owsley, Alyssa Goin and Kandice Flaigg.

Emma Brown drove in three runs for Seaside, while teammate Tara Lair had a triple.

The win snapped a five-game losing skid for the Gulls, who improve to 1-5 in league, 4-13 overall. Seaside hosts Banks on Wednesday.