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Astoria clips Tillamook in 7th inning rally

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Astoria scored its first Cowapa League softball win in a week Thursday, as the Lady Fishermen went on the road and outlasted Tillamook 9-8.

Astoria improves to 4-3 in the league standings, while the Cheesemakers fall to 1-5.

The Fishermen head right back to Tillamook for another league contest Monday, followed by road games at Seaside and Banks, before returning home to face Tillamook again, May 6 at CMH Field.

In Thursday's game, the Cheesemakers held an 8-4 lead after six innings, before Astoria scored five in the top of the seventh to grab a one-run lead.

Astoria collected 10 hits off Tillamook pitcher Torrin Richardson, including a double by Mollie Matthews and doubles from Julia Norris and Tenley Matteucci.

Norris was the winning pitcher, giving up eight hits with 10 strikeouts and one walk.

Eight different players had hits for Astoria, including two hits for Matthews to go with three RBIs.

The Fishermen opened the top of the seventh with a single by Lexi Lyngstad, and followed with back-to-back homers by Norris and Matteucci.

A single by Matthews later in the inning scored Kayla Helligso with the game-tying run, and Astoria took the lead on a Cheesemaker error (their fourth) that allowed Matthews to score the go-ahead run.

Gonzales improves to 5-0, Mariners beat Rangers 14-2

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Marco Gonzales became the first pitcher to reach five wins this season and the Seattle Mariners chased Texas' Taylor Hearn in the first inning of his major league debut, beating the Rangers 14-2 Thursday night.

Gonzales (5-0) matched his career high with nine strikeouts, allowed six hits and didn't walk a batter in seven scoreless innings, another flawless start for the Mariners' No. 1 pitcher.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE TODAY
Baseball — Valley Catholic at Astoria, 5 p.m.; Seaside at Tillamook, 5 p.m.; Warrenton at Willamina (2), 3:30 p.m.; St. Paul at Knappa (2), 3 p.m.
Softball — Tillamook at Seaside, 5 p.m.; Warrenton at Willamina (2), 3:30 p.m.; St. Paul at Knappa (2), 3 p.m.
SATURDAY
Track — Astoria/Seaside at Dick Baker Invite, Gladstone, 10 a.m.
SOFTBALL
Astoria 9, Tillamook 8 Astoria 000 400 5—9 10 0 Tillamook 023 003 0—8 8 4 W: Julia Norris. L: Torrin Richardson. RBI: Ast, Matthews 3, Norris 2, Lyngstad, Matteucci; Til, Johnson 2, Burgett, Jenck, Knutsen, Lourenzo, Reeves. 2B: Ast, Matthews; Til, Stahle. HR: Ast, Norris, Matteucci; Til, Johnson. HBP: Til, Burgett. LOB: Astoria 9, Tillamook 5.
Rainier 5, Warrenton 1 Rainier 102 000 2—5 6 1 Warrenton 000 010 0—1 3 1 W: Taleah King. L: Mia McFadden. RBI: Rai, Larson 3, King, Brusco. 2B: War, Dyer. HBP: Rai, Howell 2, Melvin 2, Schimmel, O'Brien, Keller, Brusco. LOB: Rainier 9, Warrenton 1.
Vernonia 3, Knappa 2 Knappa 000 020 0—2 6 2 Vernonia 102 000 x—3 7 1 W: Joyce Everett. L: Madelynn Weaver. RBI: Kna, Nicholson; Ver, Everett 2. LOB: Knappa 5, Vernonia 6.
Vernonia 10, Knappa 0 Knappa 000 000—0 2 4 Vernonia 220 105—10 9 1 W: Jordan Walters. L: Madelynn Weaver. RBI: Ver, Everett 3, B.Walters 2, Cook 2, Hartman. 2B: Kna, Nicholson; Ver, Everett 2, B.Walters. HR: Ver, Hartman. LOB: Knappa 3, Vernonia 4.
BOYS GOLF
Seaside 326, Banks 394 Medalist: Carson Kawasoe, Seaside, 76 Seaside (326) Carson Kawasoe, 38-38—76 Curtis Kunde, 38-42—80 Connor Merrell, 43-42—85 Samson Sibony, 45-40—85 Mason Shamion, 48-42—90 Banks Liam Birr, 43-46—89 Jake Walters, 46-53—99 Aaron Brown, 49-53—102 Hunter Giesbers, 50-54—104 Jaden Loza, 61-43—104

SEASIDE BATTLES WINDY CONDITIONS TO BEAT BANKS



Gary Henley/The Daily Astorian

Seaside golfer Samson Sibony had a solid back nine.

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The Seaside boys golf team overcame two opponents Wednesday afternoon at Gearhart Golf Links, where the Gulls hosted Banks in a Cowapa League match.

In addition to the Braves, the Gulls had to battle some tough winds. In the end, Seaside defeated both to finish the league season with a perfect 4-0 record.

Seaside's 326 team score easily beat the Braves and their 394, and the Gulls finished the round with the top five individual scores of the day.

Freshman Carson Kawasoe earned medalist honors with a 76, followed by teammate Curtis Kunde (80). Seaside's Connor Merrell and Samson Sibony

tied for third at 85, and Mason Shamion rounded out the varsity scores with an 90.

Seaside junior varsity golfer Chris Bodner shot the day's second-best score overall with a 77.

"This was easily the toughest conditions we played all year," said Seaside coach Jim Poetsch. "They were losing a lot of distance into the wind and it was nearly impossible to hold the green going downwind. To come out with a 326 today was pretty impressive."

Kawasoe "had a great round today," he said. "I thought we might not see any 70s, but he didn't have a bad hole throughout his round. He ended his round with six straight pars."

Kunde "would have joined him in a round without anything over five had

he not hit his approach long on the last hole," Poetsch said. "He ended up with a downhill downwind chip, which we have been practicing, but there was really no way to stop it from rolling 20 feet past the hole. He nearly made the putt but ended the day with a bogey and his only six."

Sibony played well on the back side to salvage a score to help the team, with nothing over a five from the ninth hole on.

The Gulls finish the league season undefeated for the second straight year. Seaside's junior varsity team also went 3-1 against the Cowapa League's other varsity teams.

Seaside will take part in the district tournament Monday at the Astoria Golf & Country Club.

Seahawks address pass rush need by selecting TCU lineman Collier

By TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — The Seattle Seahawks selected TCU defensive end L.J. Collier with the No. 29 pick in the first round of the draft and made a pair of trades to bolster their total number of selections.

Seattle addressed one of its major needs on Thursday night by grabbing a versatile pass rusher who can project to rush off the edge and move inside as well. Collier was a first-team All-Big 12 selection in his senior season after recording 42 tackles, 11 ½ tackles for loss, six sacks, and four pass breakups.

Defensive end became a bigger need this week after Seattle traded Frank Clark to Kansas City.

Seattle was originally set to select at No. 21, but traded that pick — its original selection — to Green Bay in exchange for the No. 30 pick and a pair of fourth-round selections. Seattle has not used its original first-round pick in eight straight drafts and the move this



AP Photo/Darron Cummings

TCU lineman L.J. Collier runs a drill during the NFL scouting combine.

time landed the Seahawks the two extra mid-round picks along with the 30th pick.

That 30th pick was later dealt to the New York Giants as Seattle picked up a second-round pick, an additional fourth-rounder and another fifth-round selection. Seat-

le began the week with just four selections, the fewest of any team in the NFL. After trading Clark to Kansas City and two trades on the first day, the Seahawks have eight more selections over the final two days along with landing the pass rusher they needed in Collier.

Rainier holds off Warrenton in softball, 5-1

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Rainier pitchers Taleah King and Kyla Cook shut down the Warrenton bats Thursday afternoon, leading the Columbians to a 5-1 win over the Warriors in a Coastal Range League softball game at Warrenton.

King started and pitched three innings before giving way to Cook, and the two pitchers allowed just three hits in the Rainier victory.

Rainier loaded the bases (a single and two hit batters) with no outs in the top of the first, but only

scored one run.

The Columbians loaded the bases again in their second at-bat, but Warrenton pitcher Mia McFadden worked her way out of the jam, getting Reese Schimmel to ground into a force out for the third out.

Rainier loaded the bases yet again in the third inning, and this time a single by Jaedyn Larsen scored two runs for a 3-0 lead.

The Warriors finally struck back in the bottom of the fifth, sparked by a leadoff double from Ruby Dyer.

One out later, Melia Kapua sin-

Vernonia sweeps Knappa in Logger battle

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A Logger softball showdown finished in a sweep for the home team Thursday, as first-place Vernonia scored two wins over second-place Knappa, 3-2 and 10-0.

Vernonia improves to 12-1 in the Northwest League, while Knappa drops to 7-6.

In Game 1, Vernonia scored all three of its runs in the first three innings, then let pitcher Joyce Everett take it from there, as the senior scattered six hits with seven strikeouts and one walk to earn the victory.

Everett also drove in the eventual winning run with a two-run single with two outs in the bottom of the third.

Emily Nicholson had two of Knappa's six hits, while pitcher Madelynn Weaver allowed seven hits with six strikeouts and no walks.

"The first game was a great softball game," said Knappa coach James Nichols. "It was close the whole way, and Madelynn pitched a fine game. And Game 2 was pretty good until we gave up a bunch of runs late. We just couldn't hit today. We were 6-for-47 at the plate for the two games."

Game 2 was also fairly close through five innings, before Vernonia erupted for six runs in the sixth inning to end the game via the 10-run mercy rule.

Everett had two doubles and drove in three runs for Vernonia, and teammate Jayden Hartman added a solo home run.

Game 2 starter Jordan Walters allowed just two Knappa hits (including a double by Nicholson), with eight strikeouts and no walks.