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Seaside blanks Astoria in the Clash

The Daily Astorian

The score-by-inning was a pretty simple one Wednesday night at Tapiola Park, where Astoria hosted Seaside for another crucial Clatsop Clash baseball showdown.

The Gulls scored three runs in the third inning — and that was it. The three runs held up for a 3-0 Seaside victory, as pitchers Payton Westerholm and Brayden Johnson silenced the Astoria bats, giving up just five hits, with five strikeouts and two walks.

It was Astoria’s first shutout loss this season, and Seaside’s first shutout victory in league play.

Westerholm also drove in the game’s first run, a one-out double to left field that scored Johnson.

Westerholm later scored on an error, and Duncan Thompson came in on a ground ball by Chase Januik for the 3-0 lead. Thompson had three of Seaside’s 10 hits.

Astoria falls to 5-4 in league play, second place behind Banks (9-0), and just one game ahead of the Gulls (4-5).

Astoria defeats Seaside, 20-3

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Astoria rapped out 17 hits in five plate appearances Wednesday night at Broadway Field in a 20-3 win over Seaside in Clatsop Clash softball action.

The Fishermen scored in every inning, including five in the first and four in the second on their way to a 16-1 lead.

Hailey O’Brien led Astoria’s offensive attack by going 4-for-4, while Julia Norris was 3-for-5 with a double, a home run and six RBI’s. Lexi Lyngstad was 3-for-3, and Jenna Barendse was 2-for-4 with a double, as Astoria beat Seaside for the third time this season.

The two teams meet one more time, on Tuesday, at Astoria.

Norris pitched the first three innings and Emma Biederman finished the game in the circle.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE	
TODAY	
Track — NWL meet, at Vernonia, TBA	
FRIDAY	
Baseball — Banks at Astoria, 5 p.m.; Valley Catholic at Seaside, 5 p.m.; Warrenton at Clatskanie (2), 3 p.m.; Portland Christian at Knappa (2), 3 p.m.	
Softball — Astoria at Banks, 5 p.m.; Seaside at Valley Catholic, 5 p.m.; Warrenton at Clatskanie (2), 3 p.m.; Portland Christian at Knappa (2), 3 p.m.	
Track — Knappa at Toledo Twilight, TBA	
BASEBALL	
Seaside 3, Astoria 0	
Seaside 003 000 0—3 10 1	
Astoria 000 000 0—0 5 2	
Westerholm, Johnson (6) and Teubner; Rush, Reed (6) and Hillard. W: Westerholm. L: Rush. RBI: Sea, Westerholm, Januik. 2B: Sea, Westerholm. HBP: Sea, Johnson. LOB: Seaside 11, Astoria 7. DP: Seaside.	
SOFTBALL	
Astoria 20, Seaside 3	
Astoria 542 54—20 17 1	
Seaside 010 02—3 5 6	
W: Julia Norris. L: Gracie Rhodes. RBI: Ast, Norris 6, Barendse 3, Lyngstad 3, Matteucci 2, Helligso, Helmersen, Matthews, Biederman, O’Brien; Sea, Lair, Flaigg, Brown. 2B: Ast, Norris, Barendse, Helmersen, O’Brien, Lyngstad; Sea, E.Owsley. HR: Ast, Norris. LOB: Astoria 5, Seaside 2.	



Photos by Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

Tryton Matlock competes in the pole vault for Astoria.

Seaside, Astoria athletes tune up for league meet

By GARY HENLEY
The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — The Seaside track team hosted one last regular season meet Wednesday before the big postseason meets begin next week.

It was a Clatsop Clash-plus one, as the Gulls invited Astoria and Valley Catholic to take part in a contest that served as a tuneup for next week’s Cowapa League championship meet, May 9 and May 10 at Scappoose High School.

And the results looked pretty much like they have all season for the local teams. The Astoria girls dominated the running and jumping events, Seaside’s Gretchen Hoekstre had another solid day in the discus and shot put, while the Astoria and Seaside boys were busy trying to chase down Valley Catholic runners for the better part of the meet.

The Astoria boys managed two wins on the track (Lathen Schultz in the 110-meter hurdles, and Astoria’s foursome in the 1,600-meter relay), and the Fishermen added three more victories in the field events.

Vojta Ryp and Presley Beck both cleared 5 feet, 2 inches to tie for first in the high jump. Justin Villa, Beck and Schultz finished 1-2-3 in the long jump, and Beck soared a personal best 39-6¼ to win the triple jump.

Seaside’s Axel Martinez cleared a PR 9-6 to take the pole vault.

On the girls’ side, Astoria won eight of 10 races on the track, including victories in the 100 meters (Andrea Harris), 200 meters (Harris again, in a personal best 27.84), the 400



Runners for Astoria and Seaside clear the hurdles during a race.



Cole Biamont flies through the air for Seaside during the long jump.

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meters (Sophie Long), 800 meters (Lindsay Riutta), 1,500 meters (Long) and the 3,000 meters (Riutta, in a PR 11:51.09).

Valley Catholic’s Kate

MacNaughton swept the hurdles, but Astoria won both relay events, which included a season-best 52.06 in the 400-meter relay, from the foursome of Nara Van De Grift, Harris, Kelsey Fausett and Long.

“Our team did good,” Fausett said. “We PR’d in the 4-by-1. We’ve been looking for something in the high 50s. We haven’t had a consistent team in the 4-by-4, so we’re still trying to get to a 4:18 (Astoria won in 4:21.38 in Wednesday’s meet).”

Astoria and Seaside athletes won all but one field event, as Astoria junior Elizabeth Barnett captured the pole vault and triple jump, and Harris added a victory in the long jump (PR 15-2½).

Seaside’s Anna Hudleston hit a PR 117-11 to win the javelin ahead of Fausett (109-5), while Hoekstre had a toss of 152-4 to win the discus, and a 45-11 to take the shot put. Astoria’s Kes Sandstrom placed second in both events.

“It was nice to have a few really good throws,” said Hoekstre, the state leader at the 4A level in both events. She has the best shot put by nearly 8 feet, and leads Sandstrom in the discus by 26 feet.

“This is about the time of year when you’re starting to peak, starting to be consistent with high numbers,” she said. “Things are really starting to settle into place, and the workouts are doing what they’re supposed to.

“I’ve done all the work, I’ve put all the time in, and I’ve worked my butt off,” said Hoekstre, whose personal best in the shot put (47-8) is tied for fourth-best in the entire country.

“It’s nice just to have things fall into place,” she said. “It’s important to me to really throw well when it counts. Because I’m a very competitive person.”

Once she gets to the state meet, she said, “I know I can win, and I honestly know I can break the state meet record (in the discus, 152-10, held by Astoria’s Laura Bobek, 2009). It’s just putting everything together at the right time. The other day I threw a 154-2, so I know I have it in me and I know I can throw farther.”

McCollum leads Blazers past cold Nuggets, 97-90

By ARNIE STAPLETON
Associated Press

DENVER — CJ McCollum scored 20 points, picking up the slack with backcourt mate Damian Lillard struggling, and the Portland Trail Blazers turned back the Denver Nuggets 97-90 on Wednesday night to even their playoff series at 1-1.

The Trail Blazers led by 15 at halftime, 17 in the third quarter and 14 to start the fourth but the Nuggets pulled to 95-90 in the final minute thanks to an astonishing 14 offensive rebounds and a 19-9 run before Rodney Hood’s two free throws with 17 seconds left iced it.

“The good news is they had all of those offensive rebounds but they didn’t convert a lot,” Portland coach Terry Stotts said. “They were 8 for 24 on second-chance points. We were fortunate we came away not hurt as badly as we could have been on the offensive boards.

“(Nikola) Jokic and (Paul) Millsap were just playing volleyball with it. They’re both excellent offensive rebounders. They’re a top-three offensive rebounding team anyway and we’ve got to make sure they don’t have those opportunities in Game 3.”

Lillard added 14 points

UP NEXT:

Game 3 is Friday night in Portland.

but was just 5 of 17 from the floor and 1 of 7 from 3-point range, 24 hours after scoring 39 in the series opener. Still, the Blazers seized the home-court advantage with the series shifting to Portland for Game 3 on Friday night.

Jokic had 16 points and 14 boards but got off to a slow start and wasn’t nearly the take-control force he was in Game 1, when he scored 37 points.

With Jokic taking — and missing — just one shot in the first quarter and scoring

six points in the first half, the Nuggets trailed 50-35 at halftime after the franchise’s worst quarter ever at home in the playoffs, one in which they made just 5 of 23 shots and missed all 10 of their 3-pointers.

Nuggets coach Michael Malone said he admonished his team at halftime, “‘if you’re not making shots, maybe attack the basket, maybe get to the foul line, maybe get to the rim.’ And we were getting such open looks. I understand our players shooting the shot. But when you’re not having a night when you’re making a shot consistently, you’ve

got to attack the basket, you’ve got to push pressure on the rim. You’ve got to think attack instead of settle. And I thought in that first half we didn’t have that mind-set.”

To top it off, they lost sparkplug forward Torrey Craig, whose nose was bloodied after he was knocked down and slammed into teammate Monte Morris’ foot early in the second quarter.

Moments after Craig hobbled off, leaving a trail of blood, Maurice Harkless rolled his right ankle and also left the game. Harkless didn’t return but Craig came back in the second half.