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SPORTS

Athletes of the Week



Last weekend at Wine Valley Golf Club in Walla Walla, Washington, Hinton led Willamette University to the Northwest Conference men's golf team championship. Now a senior with the Bearcats, the 2015 Seaside graduate tied for third on the individual leaderboard, with a 149 over 36 holes. He shot 80 in the first round, then carded a 3-under-par 69 in the second round, the second-lowest round in the tournament. Willamette teammate Kenneth Sheldon (Ilwaco High School) finished tied for eighth.



The 2018 Seaside graduate, playing for the University of Oregon club softball team, helped the Ducks qualify for the National Club Softball Association championships in Georgia. She was recently named a "Pitcher of the Week" for the Ducks, after striking out 10 batters in games against Washington State. The team is raising funds through its Facebook page (University of Oregon club softball) to make the trip. One of Ideue's teammates is former Seaside infielder Sequoia Shand.

Seaside golfers trail Marist in state preview tournament

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Two days after setting a season-low score at the Cowapa district tournament, the Seaside boys golf team shot a season high in the state preview event Wednesday at Emerald Valley Golf Course in Creswell.

Marist continues to be the favorite to win the 4A state title, as the Spartans again topped the Gulls by 20 strokes.

Marist won the tournament with a 328 team score, with Seaside a distant second at 348. Valley Catholic was third (353), followed by Woodburn (360) and Oregon Episcopal (365). Eight other schools took part.

The Spartans put up a number that should have given the Seagulls a chance, but the Gulls had a day to be forgotten on the tough Emerald Valley course, said Seaside coach Jim Poetsch.

"This should be a good learning experience for us," he said. "First, we learned that the course needs to be carefully played to score well. Carson (Kawasoe) did that today and Samson (Sibony) did on the front nine.

"On this course you can score on the front nine, then you battle to hold on on the back. We started on the back today and I think it just crushed some kids' spirits by the time they got to the front. Not just

our kids, but the field in general."

In addition, Poetsch said, "we also learned that Marist can be beat. Take away Curtis (Kunde) shooting 12 strokes over his average, Connor (Merrell) losing 12 strokes to lost balls, and four of our guys shooting their worst score of the year, and we should win this tournament.

"Fortunately, this was a preview and not the real thing. Hopefully we qualify next week (at regionals)

then we can come back for some revenge on this course."

Kawasoe finished second individually with a 76, including a one-under-par on the second nine. Sibony had a 39 on the second nine for an 86, followed by Kunde (90), while Merrell and Mason Shamion both shot 96. Marist's Nick Watts edged Kawasoe by one stroke for medalist honors.

Seaside plays in the regional tournament Monday and Tuesday.

Warrenton football camp

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A Warrenton "Warrior Football Camp" is scheduled for May 28-31 at Warrenton High School.

The camp is open to every athlete in grades 3-12.

Cost is \$40 prior to May 15, \$50 after. The camp takes place from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. each day.

For more information, contact Warrenton soccer coach Ian O'Brien at 503-861-3317 or obrieni@warrentonk12.org.



Gary Henley/The Daily Astorian

Players will huddle up for a Warrenton Warrior football camp later this month.

Upcoming tryouts for Classic soccer

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The Lower Columbia Youth Soccer Association will hold tryouts later this month for Classic teams.

Tryouts begin Sunday, May 19, at the Warrenton soccer complex on Ridge Road. Times will be 1 p.m. for boys soccer and 3 p.m. for girls. The tryouts continue Tuesday, May 21, 5:30 p.m. for girls and 7 p.m. for boys.

Players are only required to participate in one of the practices, but are welcome to attend both. Athletes

will go through a series of drills, and finish in small-sided scrimmages.

The LCYSA seeks players, boys and girls, born between 2006 and 2009.

Exceptional players born in 2010 are also welcome to try out. Team practices for Classic teams will start shortly after the Fourth of July holiday. Teams will play in one or two tournaments in August, with the main season including 10 games over eight weeks in September and October.

Half the games will be

played at the Warrenton soccer complex, and half in the Portland area.

The upcoming tryouts are for LCYSA's Classic teams, the most competitive soccer offered on the coast. Registration for recreational soccer will be available May 7 through July 15.

The LCYSA is also looking for volunteer coaches, and will provide a small travel stipend for those who can commit to the season. For more information, visit the LCYSA website.



AP Photo/David Zalubowski

Blazers guard CJ McCollum drives past Nuggets forward Torrey Craig and center Nikola Jokic.

Blazers, Celtics aim to protect home court after road wins

By KYLE HIGHTOWER
Associated Press

The Trail Blazers and Celtics have stolen home-court advantage in their respective second-quarter playoff series. Now they're focused on keeping it as their series shift to Portland and Boston.

The third-seeded Blazers return home for Game 3 tonight against the second-seeded Nuggets eager to play with the same sense of urgency they displayed in their 97-90 Game 2 win.

Portland was also helped by a historically bad second-quarter effort by Denver. The Nuggets trailed 50-35 at half-time after the franchise's worst quarter ever at home in the playoffs (12 points). They made just 5 of 23 shots and missed

all 10 of their 3-pointers in the quarter.

"They say the series starts when someone wins a game on the road and we were able to do that," said Damian Lillard, who had a poor night shooting in Game 2. "So our goal is to just take it one game at a time and protect our home floor. ... We have to be just as sharp, if not better because you know they are going to come back better."

Boston, the East's fourth seed, came out strong and took Game 1 against top-seeded Milwaukee before getting blown out in Game 2. The series resumes at TD Garden tonight, and the Celtics like their chances on a court where they've won 12 of their last 13 playoff games.

Middle school receives grant for volleyball program

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The Astoria Middle School volleyball program recently received a \$1,500 Thomas R. Brown athletics grant from California Casualty.

The grant will help the school purchase new nets and equipment. Coach Matt Hensley said the equipment will allow more student-athletes to participate in the sport.

Astoria Middle School is one of 64 public middle schools and high

schools in 32 states awarded a total of \$67,149 to help purchase new equipment, improve player safety and provide uniforms.

Two other Oregon schools, Parish Middle School (Salem) and Philomath Middle School, also received athletics grants from California Casualty this year.

Since its inception in 2011, more than \$738,000 has been awarded to some 630 schools across the nation.

The grant is named for California Casualty chairman emeritus Tom Brown.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE TODAY	
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.