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Hoekstre hits new mark in shot put

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Seaside's Gretchen Hoekstre was at it again over the weekend.

The Gulls' senior athlete hit another milestone mark in her main event, and is once again No. 1 in the country on the list of high school female shot putters.

Competing in the Nike/Jesuit Twilight Relays, held Friday at Cronin Stadium in Portland, Hoekstre won the shot put competition with a new personal best toss.

And Hoekstre hit the big one, with a throw of 50 feet, 1½ inches, the first high school female to break the 50-foot barrier this year.

The mark also stood out, as Hoekstre was competing against 46 other throwers, all from Class 5A and 6A schools.

The second-place mark was 44-6¼ by Angel Aleusi of Centennial. Keeley Rasmussen of Sandy was a distant third at 41-7.

Hoekstre's new mark is the best in the country by almost two feet. Jaida Ross, a junior at North Medford, is second at 48-5, followed by Shyann Franklin of Golden Valley (California), at 47-11½.

Hoekstre had the No. 1 mark early in the season but had slipped to fourth, before Friday's winning shot.

Hoekstre and her Seaside teammates will be in action later this week, in the Cowapa League Championships in Scappoose.

Hoekstre family

Seaside senior Gretchen Hoekstre stands by her new personal best mark in the shot put, currently the No. 1 mark in the country among high school female shot putters.

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Knappa's Logan Bartlett shows off his home run swing in Game 2 of Friday's doubleheader sweep.

KNAPPA CLOSES IN ON LEAGUE TITLE

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There are still three games left in the regular season, but the Knappa Loggers are already in "state title" mode — giving up very few runs, while scoring lots of their own.

The Loggers were at their best in a Friday afternoon doubleheader at Teevin Field, where Knappa swept Portland Christian 15-3, 8-0.

Ranked No. 1 in the latest 2A coaches poll, Knappa improves to 15-0 atop the Northwest League baseball standings, with Neah-Kah-Nie second at 13-2. The Loggers and Pirates have a three-game series this week to finish the regular season. A Neah-Kah-Nie sweep would result in a league championship for the Pirates — but that would be highly unlikely and next to impossible, as the Loggers hold a record of 114 wins, three losses in league play over the last six years.

With Friday's sweep, the Loggers have won 15 games in a row (nine via the 10-run mercy rule), and 35 straight victories in league play going back to 2017.

Logan Flues tossed a complete game for Knappa in Friday's opener.

The Royals actually held a 3-2 lead early in Friday's first game.

And Portland Christian pitcher Andrew Dailey had an 0-2 count on Knappa's Ryson Patterson with two outs and the bases loaded in the bottom of the second, and was a strike away from getting out of the inning with a 3-3 tie.

But, Dailey walked Patterson to force in a run, and the Loggers proceeded to score six more runs for a 10-3 lead.

Knappa finished with 12 hits off two Royal pitchers, while Logger starter Logan Flues allowed six hits with four strikeouts and one walk over five innings.

In the nightcap, Knappa's Eli Takalo and Tristin Wallace combined on a three-hit shutout. Takalo struck out 10 and gave up one walk and three hits in six innings.

Shaun Lackey had three of Knappa's nine hits, while Patterson had a triple and Logan Bartlett had a three-run homer.

The Loggers stole bases at will, finishing with 17 on the day. Knappa's leader in steals, Bartlett, had four stolen bases in Game 1.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE
TODAY
Baseball — Astoria at Valley Catholic, 5 p.m.; Tillamook at Seaside, 5 p.m.; Warrenton at Rainier (2), 3 p.m.; Neah-Kah-Nie at Knappa, 4:30 p.m.
Softball — Seaside at Astoria, 5 p.m.; Warrenton at Rainier (2), 3 p.m.
Girls golf — Regional championships, at Quail Valley, 10 a.m.
Boys golf — Regional championships, at Quail Valley, noon
THURSDAY
Softball — Seaside at Warrenton, 4:30 p.m.
Track — Cowapa League championships, Scappoose HS, TBA

BASEBALL
Banks 10, Astoria 4
Banks 233 101 0—10 12 1
Astoria 200 020 0—4 7 3
Lilly, Nichols (1), Gobel (2) and Applegate; Reed, Kaul (3), Matthews (5) and Stutznegger. W: Gobel. L: Reed. RBI: Banks, Bunn 2, Evans 2, Gobel 2, Vandehey 2, Hesselman, White; Ast, Hillard, Hirsch, Stutznegger, Reed. 2B: Banks, Hesselman 2, Vandehey; Ast, Stutznegger. HR: Banks, Gobel. HBP: Ast, Reed. LOB: Banks 7, Astoria 9. DP: Banks, Astoria.

Valley Catholic 10, Seaside 4
V.Catholic 213 040 0—10 12 0
Seaside 011 001 1—4 7 3
Eisenhardt, Baglai (5) and Pruitt; Fenton, Johnson (3), McFadden (5) and Teubner. W: Eisenhardt. L: Fenton. RBI: VC, Robison 2, W.Weber 2, M.Weber 2, Schultheis; Sea, Januik, Westerholm. 2B: VC, Eisenhardt; Sea, Westerholm. 3B: Sea, Fenton. HR: Sea, Westerholm. LOB: Valley Catholic 11, Seaside 5.

Warrenton 8, Clatskanie 7
Warrenton 101 031 101—8 7 2
Clatskanie 000 302 200—7 10 7
Knight, Little (5) and Morrow; Combs, F.Evenson (6), Warren (8) and Warren, Booth (8). W: Little. L: Warren. RBI: War, Falls 2; Cla, D.Evenson 2, Roth 2, Shockley 2, Patterson. 2B: War, Falls; Cla, Patterson 2, D.Evenson, Roth. HBP: War, Kapua; Cla, Combs, Warren. LOB: Warrenton 9, Clatskanie 11. DP: Warrenton.

Warrenton 15, Clatskanie 5
Warrenton 201 0(12)—15 9 1
Clatskanie 201 02—5 6 9
Jackson, Breitmeyer (3) and Morrow; Warren, Boothe (4) and Boothe, Warren (5). W: Breitmeyer. L: Boothe. RBI: War, Knight 3, Herrera 2, Falls 2, Little 2, Breitmeyer, Pedraza; Cla, Combs, F.Evenson, Roth, Shockley. 2B: War, Herrera; Cla, F.Evenson. 3B: War, Little. HBP: War, Morrow. LOB: Warrenton 5, Clatskanie 7. TP: Clatskanie.

Knappa 15, Portland Christian 3
P.Christian 120 00—3 6 4
Knappa 283 2x—12 12 3
Dailey, Chinchilla (3), McLaughlin (4) and Siegel; Flues and Patterson. W: Flues. L: Dailey. RBI: PC, Mihalak, Dailey; Kna, Hoover 3, Coffey 2, Goodman 2, Patterson 2, Bartlett. 2B: PC, Watson; Kna, Coffey, Takalo. HBP: PC, McLaughlin; Kna, Miethe, Wallace. LOB: Portland Christian 5, Knappa 9.

Knappa 8, Portland Christian 0
P.Christian 000 000 0—0 3 3
Knappa 500 003 x—8 9 0
Helgerson, McLaughlin (6) and Siegel; Takalo, Wallace (7) and Patterson. W: Takalo. L: Helgerson. RBI: Kna, Bartlett 3, Lackey, Patterson, Wallace. 3B: Kna, Patterson. HR: Kna, Bartlett. HBP: Kna, Goodman. LOB: Portland Christian 2, Knappa 6. DP: Portland Christian.

SOFTBALL
Banks 5, Astoria 4
Astoria 001 011 100 0—4 9 2
Banks 012 010 000 1—5 9 3
W: Halle Vandomelen. L: Julia Norris. RBI: Ast, Lyngstad 2, Matteucci, Biederman; Banks, Hernandez, Herb, McCourt. 2B: Ast, O'Brien, Helmersen, Biederman; Banks, Storms, McCourt. HBP: Ast, Lyngstad. LOB: Astoria 9, Banks 8.

Clatskanie 15, Warrenton 1
Warrenton 000 10—0 2 5
Clatskanie 240 9x—15 7 1
W: Sheby Blodgett. L: Mia McFadden. RBI: Cla, Blodgett 4, Smith 3, Sizemore 2, Gray, Jackson. HR: Cla, Blodgett. HBP: Cla, Harrison. LOB: Warrenton 7, Clatskanie 4.

Clatskanie 15, Warrenton 6
Warrenton 110 400 0—6 7 1
Clatskanie 172 401 x—15 13 3
W: Kaity Sizemore. L: Mia McFadden. RBI: War, Miethe 4, Bue 2; Cla, Blodgett 3, Harrison 3, Hummer 2, Sprague 2. 2B: Cla, Ausmus, Harrison. 3B: War, Miethe 2; Cla, Hummer, Smith. HR: Cla, Sprague. HBP: Cla, Sprague, Hummer, Blodgett, Jackson. LOB: Warrenton 7, Clatskanie 8.

Knappa 11, Portland Christian 1
P.Christian 010 00—1 1 4
Knappa 460 01—11 5 7
W: Hannah Dietrichs. L: Emily Bieker. RBI: Kna, Ramvick 3, Carlson 2, Hendrickson 2, Hellberg, Roberts. 2B: Kna, Carlson. HBP: Kna, McCall, Roberts. LOB: Portland Christian 7, Knappa 6.

Knappa 10, Portland Christian 0
P.Christian 000 00—0 0 5
Knappa 201 07—10 4 1
W: Madelynn Weaver. L: Emily Bieker. RBI: Kna, Dietrichs 2, Ball, Hendrickson, Nicholson, Patterson. 3B: Kna, Ball. HBP: Kna, Nicholson. LOB: Portland Christian 1, Knappa 3. DP: Portland Christian.

SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

Banks tops Astoria in 10-inning thriller

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Junior Halle Vandomelen of Banks raced home with the winning run in the bottom of the 10th inning Friday, giving the Braves a 5-4 win over Astoria and bringing an end to one long day for the Lady Fishermen softball team.

The day began with a breakdown of the team bus on the trip over the coast range.

A bus from Banks brought Astoria the rest of the way, and following a late start to the game, the Lady Fishermen gave the fourth-ranked Braves all they could handle through nine-and-a-half innings.

In the circle, Astoria pitcher Julia Norris went toe-to-toe with Banks' pitchers Kaylin Hernandez and Vandomelen.

Norris gave up nine hits with five strikeouts and two walks, while the Braves' duo also allowed nine hits, with four K's and two walks.

Trailing 4-2 after five innings, Astoria's Kayla Helligso reached base on an error with one out in the top of the sixth.

One out later, she took third on a wild pitch, then scored on a double to left field by Emma Biederman.

Still behind 4-3 entering the seventh inning, the Fishermen mounted another rally when Halle Helmersen reached safely on another Banks error.

Lexi Lyngstad drew a walk, and after a pitching change and an out, Astoria's Tenley Matteucci singled to right field, scoring Norris from second base with the tying run.

Meanwhile, Norris was shutting down the Braves' offense, keeping Banks scoreless through the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth innings.

Both teams went down in order in the eighth, and both left a runner on base in the ninth.

In the 10th inning, the game went to the international tie-breaker rule, with a runner placed at second base to start each half inning.

After Astoria was unable to score in the top of the 10th, the Braves put Vandomelen at second to start the bottom of the 10th, and the Fishermen chose to intentionally walk Hannah McCourt to put runners at first and second.

Madi Graham popped out to right field for the first out, but a ground ball by Noel Herb glanced off an Astoria glove and into right field, allowing Vandomelen to score the game-winner.

"We had a couple mental errors and some base-running mistakes," said Astoria coach Kent Israel, Jr.

"But it was a great game again," he said, as three of his team's four games with the Braves ended in a one-run loss.

Banks defeated Astoria 7-6 April 4, followed later in the month by a 9-8 win April 22 at CMH Field, and Friday's 10-inning victory.

"It helps our self-esteem and our confidence, knowing that we can play with them," said Israel, whose team has lost just five games since March 15 — four to the Braves and one to Warrenton.

Helmersen and Lyngstad had two hits apiece for Astoria in Friday's loss, while freshman outfielder Emilee Carlson had eight put-outs in right field, including back-to-back running catches in extra innings.

The Fishermen host Seaside on Tuesday at CMH Field.

Tillamook blanks Seaside, 12-0

Tillamook's Torrin Richardson tossed a two-hit shutout Friday, leading the Cheesemakers to a 12-0 win over Seaside.

The freshman pitcher faced just 16 batters, giving up a single to Seaside freshman Erin Owsley for the Gulls' lone hit.

Makinley Johnson and Laci Lourenzo each had a triple for Tillamook, which led 5-0 after one inning.

Seaside has road games this week at Banks, Astoria and Warrenton.

Top-ranked Clatskanie sweeps Warrenton

Warrenton took its best shot at No. 1-ranked Clatskanie in a Coastal Range League softball doubleheader Friday, and the Warriors went down swinging.

The Tigers racked up 20 hits and 30 runs on the day, and improved to 8-0 in league play (17-0 overall) with a 15-1, 15-6 sweep.

Clatskanie's Shelby Blodgett highlighted Game 1 with a grand slam in the second inning, helping the Tigers build an early 6-0 lead.

Blodgett did the rest from the circle, as Clatskanie's starting pitcher gave up just two hits over five innings, with 14 strikeouts and five walks.

Warrenton committed five errors and left seven runners on base.

In Game 2, the Tigers scored 10 runs over the first three innings for a 10-2 lead. Warrenton scored four runs in the top of the fourth to cut the deficit to 10-6, but Clatskanie answered with four runs in the bottom of the fourth, then tacked on one in the sixth.

Blodgett was 2-for-3 at the plate with three runs scored and three RBI's. The Tigers had two doubles and two triples, and Olivia Sprague belted a home run for her only hit.

Avyree Miethe went 4-for-4 with four RBIs and a pair of triples for the Warriors, who play a doubleheader Tuesday at Rainier.

Knappa pounds the Royals, twice

Knappa moved one step closer to clinching second place in the Northwest League softball standings, with a doubleheader sweep Friday over visiting Portland Christian, 11-1 and 10-0.

The Loggers swept last week's three-game series with the Royals, outscoring Portland Christian by a combined 38-4.

Knappa pitcher Madelynn Weaver was near-perfect in Friday's second game, striking out five with no walks and no hits allowed. The Royals had just one baserunner, via a Knappa error.

Weaver faced 16 batters and threw just 51 pitches, 35 for strikes.

The Loggers committed seven errors in Game 1, but even that did not help the winless (0-17) Royals, who committed four errors of their own and gave up 10 runs over the first two innings.

Knappa had just five hits in the opener, taking advantage of seven walks and two hit batters to score their 11 runs.

Vicki Ramvick had just one hit, but drove in three runs, while Sophia Carlson had two of Knappa's five hits, with a double and two RBI's.

Logger freshman Rachel Ball got the call to start at second base, and responded with seven assisted put-outs in Game 2.

Knappa plays three games vs. Neah-Kah-Nie this week. One Logger victory will clinch second place and an automatic spot in the state playoffs.