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Athletes of the Week



The Gulls’ senior was in the spotlight last week in the Nike/Jesuit Twilight Relays in Portland. She won the shot put with a toss of 50 feet, 1½ inches, the first high school female in the U.S. to break the 50-foot barrier this year. Her mark is the best in the country by almost two feet. For good measure, Hoekstre won the discus with a toss of 143-6¾.

The Logger senior was a one-man wrecking crew in three games vs. Portland Christian. In a single game, Bartlett drove in six runs with a single, triple and a home run in a 20-7 win. He continued the hot streak in a double-header sweep (15-3, 8-0). He had four stolen bases in Game 1, and belted a three-run homer in the nightcap.

Seaside softball closes season with win at Warrenton

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Their final overall record (5-19) wasn’t what they wanted, but the Seaside softball team at least finished the 2019 season on a positive note.

The Gulls overcame a 4-1 deficit after four innings and scored a run in the top of the eighth, on their way to a 5-4 win at Warrenton in a nonleague game Thursday afternoon.

Seaside snapped a six-game losing skid in the process, while the Warriors have one more nonleague contest (Saturday at Monroe) before opening the league playoffs Tuesday.

In Thursday’s meeting, the Warriors opened a 2-0 lead in the third inning, as Claire Bussert had a leadoff double and Dani Bue drew a walk.

Bussert was forced out at third, but Ruby Dyer followed with an infield single, and a Seaside error allowed two runs to score.

The Gulls snapped a three-game scoreless streak with a run in the top of the fourth. Erin Owsley and Emma Brown drew walks, and Owsley scored on a grounder by Emma Meyer.

Warrenton answered with two runs in the bottom of the fourth.

Kenzie Ramsey drew a leadoff walk, stole second and scored on Brianna Quashnick’s double to left. One out later, Quashnick scored on an RBI grounder by Bue for a 4-1 advantage.

The gradual Seaside comeback began with one run in the fifth (Brianna Hill was hit by a pitch and scored on a steal), and the Gulls managed another run in the sixth.

Warrenton loaded the bases with one out in the bottom of the sixth, but Seaside pitcher Gracie Rhodes retired two straight to get out of the inning.

The Warriors were one out away from a win in the top of the seventh, but with two outs and no runners on base, Seaside’s Erin Owsley and Sidney Owsley had back-to-back singles, and both advanced on a wild pitch.

Meyer came through with an infield single that scored Erin Owsley with the tying run.

The Warriors were held scoreless in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings, and the teams headed to the eighth.

Playing her final softball game, Seaside senior Alyssa Goin opened the extra frame with a leadoff walk. She took second on a passed ball, eventually reached third, then scored the go-ahead run on a two-out error by the Warriors.

And Seaside’s final run of the season would be a game-winner, as Rhodes retired the Warriors in order in the bottom of the eighth.

Rhodes gave up eight hits with four strikeouts and three walks, while the Gulls managed five hits off three Warrenton pitchers.

Bussert was 4-for-5 for Warrenton, which finished fourth in the Coastal Range League with a 2-10 record, and will host Willamina (1-9) in a league playoff Tuesday.



Calista Valdez competes in the floor exercise.

Nancy Taylor

Infinity athletes score big at regionals and state

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Athletes from Astoria’s Infinity Gymnastics team wrapped up the season at the USA Regional Xcel Invitational, held April 26-28 at the event center on the Evergreen Fairgrounds in Monroe, Washington.

The results — not bad, said Infinity coach Doug Oldham.

“We are so proud of the girls and how they competed against the best in our region,” he said, a region that includes gymnasts from Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington.

Approximately 400 gymnasts from the six states competed.

The Infinity Silver Xcel team had six girls in the competition. In the senior C division, Infinity’s Annie Rehnert placed fourth in the all-around with a 36.45, which included second-place scores in the vault and floor exercise.

Sisters Audrey and Jocie Steele competed in the child A division, with Audrey placing first (37.10) and Jocie third (35.325) in the all-around. Audrey had the top scores in vault (9.175), beam (9.40) and floor (9.05).

Infinity teammates Maevri Bergerson and Calista Valdez tied for sixth in the all-around of the senior A division, with identical scores of 36.55.

Valdez had the third-best score out of 12 gymnasts in bars (9.50), while Bergerson was fourth in the vault and bars.

Alexis Valdez highlighted her meet with a 9.425 in bars in junior A division.



Nancy Taylor

Members of the Infinity gymnastics team. In the front row, left to right: Lily Schaelling, Kalista Giles and Karli Gantenbein. Back row: coach Doug Oldham, Sofia Shipley, coach Kayla Stubbs.

“Audrey’s only goal for the meet was to get a 9.0 on beam which had eluded her all season, and she scored a 9.4 at the meet,” Oldham said. “Needless to say she was so happy.”

Bergerson “upped her all-around score by two points from state,” he said. “All of the girls scored at least 9.0 or higher on at least two events. Not bad for their first year of competition, and looking great for what they can accomplish next season.”

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Young athletes compete in a sprint during a TrackTown event in Warrenton.

Youth track meet scheduled in Warrenton

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A popular free all-comers track meet for kids returns to the North Coast on Tuesday, May 21.

The meet, sponsored by TrackTown Youth League, will take place at Warrenton Grade School, and will feature events including the 100, 400 and 1,500 meter races, as well as the long jump and the turbojav throw, all for boys and girls ages 7-14.

The TrackTown Youth League is a series of 16 free all-comer track meets across Oregon. Top finishers will advance to a championship meet in Eugene in June.

Participants can register online in advance at tracktownyouthleague.com/meets.

For group registrations, email Claire Hogenson at claire@oregonsports.org. Groups of 10 or more must pre-register online.

Day of the meet registration is from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m., and pre-registered participant check-ins take place from 3:45-4:45. The first race begins at 5 p.m.

More than 50 young athletes participated in the 2016 meet at Warrenton Grade School, and the 2017 meet was held at Astoria Middle School.



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Warrenton’s Kysa Whitsett won the javelin competition for her age group in last year’s TrackTown championships in Eugene.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE	
SATURDAY	
Baseball	— Estacada at Astoria, noon (Tapiola Park); Warrenton at Monroe, 1 p.m.
Softball	— Warrenton at Monroe (2), Noon
Track	— District 1/2A championships, TBA
TUESDAY	
Baseball	— Warrenton at Knappa, 4:30 p.m.
Softball	— Astoria at Yamhill-Carlton, 4 p.m.; Willamina at Warrenton, 4 p.m.