

Warrenton sweeps Catlin, loses at Monroe

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In a game that finished with 22 runs and 11 errors, Monroe managed to hold off Warrenton for a 12-10 win Saturday afternoon in a nonleague baseball game at Monroe.

The game featured the Dragons, 21-1 overall and the No. 5-ranked team at the Class 2A level, vs. the Warriors, now ranked seventh in Class 3A, with both squads hoping to make deep runs in their respective state playoffs.

Warrenton wasted no time in building a lead.

A leadoff walk to Austin Little in the first inning was followed by a single from Gabe Breitmeyer and a run-scoring double by Jacob Morrow.

An error allowed Morrow to score for a 2-0 lead, and the Warriors led 3-0 after a half inning.

Monroe answered with three runs in the bottom of the first, then Warrenton re-took the lead in the top of the second.

Kale'o Kapua was hit by a pitch, which was followed by three straight walks to force in the go-ahead run.

From there, the Dragons scored four runs in the third and three more in the fifth for a 10-5 lead.

The Warriors made a big move in the top of the sixth, loading the bases on an error and two walks.

Alec Herrera's single scored Little, Herrera came in on a double by Dalton Knight, and Morrow scored on an error, one of three in the inning by the Dragons, whose lead was cut to 10-9.

Monroe pushed its lead back to 12-9 with two runs in the bottom of the sixth, but the Warriors picked up in the top of the seventh right where

they left off in the sixth.

Little was hit by a pitch to lead off, and he scored on Morrow's single.

Duane Falls followed with another hit, and with two outs, Knight drew a walk to load the bases.

But Monroe pitcher Austin Teran and the Dragons finally managed to retire the Warriors, striking out the final batter for the win.

"We hit the ball and competed ... we just didn't have our best game on the mound and didn't defend well," said Warrenton coach Lennie Wolfe, whose son Dan is an assistant coach with the Dragons. "But I suppose both teams could have said that. All in all, we did O.K. for playing five games in five days."

The Warriors are scheduled to play a nonleague game Tuesday at Knappa.

Warriors sweep Catlin Gabel

Warrenton was coming off a doubleheader sweep, 13-3 and 13-3, over Catlin Gabel to finish the league season Friday at Huddleston Field, as the Warriors secured a co-league championship with Rainier for the second year in a row.

Game 1 took five innings, and the Warriors finished Game 2 in six innings.

Devin Jackson, Maverick Pedraza and Gabe Breitmeyer all pitched in the opener for Warrenton, which scored seven runs in the fourth inning.

Breitmeyer was the winning pitcher in Game 2, in which the Warriors rallied from an early 2-0 deficit with five runs in the second inning, three in the third and three in the fourth.

Dalton Knight was 3-for-3 with a triple and scored three runs.

Blazers' patience has been rewarded

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Bravo, Portland.
Bravo.

Doing the right thing isn't easy in the NBA, where patience is a rare virtue. The Trail Blazers were swept in the first round of the 2017 playoffs. They got swept again in the first round last season. Portland had lost 10 consecutive playoff games going into this year. Ordinarily, that's a recipe for firings, trade demands and roster dismantling.

Instead, the Blazers stayed the course.

And their reward is a trip to the Western Conference final, starting Tuesday against two-time defending champion Golden State.

"It speaks to the character of our organization and what we've become," All-Star guard Damian Lillard said.

The Blazers have become a model of consistency.

They could have gone the other way. A lot of teams have gone the other way.

Neil Olshey, the Blazers' general manager, took an uncommonly measured approach last season and kept Terry Stotts — currently the fourth-longest-tenured coach in the NBA. Lillard stayed committed and didn't stomp his feet or force a trade like so many other players in his situation have done or tried to. CJ McCollum, Lillard's backcourt partner who carried them Sunday with 37 points, doesn't mind that he could get more shots elsewhere.

"This is arguably the biggest win that we've had in the franchise for a long time," Stotts said after Sunday's Game 7 win at Denver — the first Game 7 road win in team history. "To be a part of it, to do it the way we did, I'm thrilled."

In a lot of ways, Sunday epitomized what the Blazers have done in recent years. They got down 17 early on the road in a Game 7. They battled, chipped at the deficit, eventually found the right combination of things that worked and didn't panic.

"Just stay with it," Stotts said. "Trust was the biggest thing."

He was speaking of Game 7.

He could have meant the last two offseasons.

Trust takes time to build, and the Blazers now have it from top to bottom. This is how close-knit they are: After the game, Lillard lauded teammates, coaches, the training staff, the front office, the team's security and the members of the sports media relations staff. He forgot nobody.

"Everybody we see every day, everybody's invested in what we've created," Lillard said.

Some teams should be taking notes.

So should some players.

This is an era in which teams spend years tanking instead of competing, yet still charge plenty to fans will-

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- Tonight, 6 p.m. TV: ESPN

ing to come see their inferior product. An era where a bad team like Phoenix somehow decides after one year that a well-regarded coach like Igor Kokoskov needs to be fired — a move that means Devin Booker will start his fifth NBA season playing for a fifth different coach. An era where an elite player like Anthony Davis can pursue a trade with a year and a half left on his contract in New Orleans, starting a circus that became a massive problem for both the Pelicans and the Los Angeles Lakers.

The Blazers didn't demand that someone else fix their mistakes.

They did it themselves.

Olshey knew Portland's roster was flawed after being swept by Davis and the Pelicans last season, that it wasn't deep enough to handle injury issues. So he took a chance on Seth Curry, Warriors star Stephen Curry's brother who wasn't in the league last season, and signed him over the summer. He swung a trade in February and got Rodney Hood to fortify the bench. He fought off plenty of other clubs to sign Enes Kanter when he was freed by the New York Knicks — and that move proved enormous after center Jusuf Nurkic went down with a broken leg.

But the moves Olshey didn't make the last two summers are part of why the Blazers are here now. So are the moves he made three months ago. So, too, are the moves he made four years ago when the Blazers were rebuilders after LaMarcus Aldridge and three other starters left.

"We had the roster turnover four years ago and everybody was quick to shoot us down, count us out," Lillard said. "And at that point, we didn't know for sure what direction we were going to go in."

Now they know.

They're heading to Oakland and the Western Conference final.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

No. 1 Knappa completes another perfect league season

The Knappa baseball team completed a season sweep over Neah-Kah-Nie with a 15-0, 10-4 doubleheader win Friday in Rockaway Beach.

The Loggers outscored Neah-Kah-Nie 37-5 in three games against the Pirates last week, to complete yet another perfect (18-0) league season, their fourth in the last six years.

Knappa also ran its winning streak in league games to 38 in a row.

Eli Takalo threw Knappa's latest no-hitter in Game 1, and just missed a perfect game, as the Pirates had two baserunners via one error and a batter hit by pitch.

Closing in on the league MVP award, Knappa's Logan Bartlett hit another grand slam home run, with a double and six RBIs.

The Loggers trailed 3-1 through four innings of Game 2, but managed to avoid the upset by scoring nine runs over the fifth and sixth innings.

Bartlett had two doubles and five more RBIs, to finish the day with four extra-base hits and 11 RBIs.

Banks rallies past Seaside, 5-4

In the final meeting of the year between Banks and Seaside, the Braves got the win, and the Gulls took the heart-breaking loss in Friday's 90-degree heat at Banks, in a Cowapa League baseball finale.

The Braves' Jared Evans scored on an error with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning, capping a three-run inning and a 5-4 win for Banks.

Seaside finishes the regular season 10-12 overall, 5-7 in league. The Gulls' projected play-in game will be Thursday at Sweet Home.

The No. 1-ranked Braves completed the league season 12-0, 21-3 overall.

Seaside had taken a 2-1 lead in the top of the third inning on a two-run double by Payton Westerholm.

After Banks scored the tying run in the fourth, the Gulls answered with one in the fifth (a run-scoring single by Gage McFadden) and another in the sixth for a 4-2 lead.

The Gulls were able to retire the first batter in the bottom of the seventh, but the Braves followed with a double by Tyler Lilly and three straight singles by Charlie White, Hayden Vandehey and Evans to tie the game at 4-4.

McFadden had two of Seaside's four hits.

Knappa softball team pounds Neah-Kah-Nie in twinbill

The Knappa Loggers continued to romp through Northwest League softball, with two more easy victories Friday in Rockaway Beach.

Knappa's Laicee Hendrickson had two doubles and five runs batted in to highlight a 19-0 win over Neah-Kah-Nie in Game 1, and the Lady Loggers scored all of their runs in the seventh inning of Game 2, for a 4-2 win.

Madelynn Weaver was the winning pitcher in the opener, allowing just five hits with 10 strikeouts and one walk.

Knappa had 14 hits off two Neah-Kah-Nie pitchers, who combined to walk seven and hit four batters. The Loggers had seven stolen bases in Game 1, and the Pirates committed five errors. Katie Patterson had three hits and drove in four runs.

Knappa committed seven errors in the second game, but highlighted the top of the seventh with back-to-back doubles by Hannah Hellberg and Weaver, followed by a single from Hendrickson and a triple by Vicki Ramvick.

Weaver allowed just three hits with 11 strikeouts and no walks, while Pirate pitchers Hailey Ernst and Taylor Meyers gave up 10 hits, with 10 strikeouts and four walks.

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Astoria tops Estacada

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All the scoring took place in the final two innings Saturday afternoon at Tapiola Park, where Astoria defeated Estacada 3-2 in a nonleague baseball game.

Estacada's fourth error of the day allowed Astoria's Ryan Stutznegger to score the winning run with two outs in the bottom of the seventh, helping the Fishermen overcome a 2-1 deficit going into the last half-inning.

Playing the second of two nonleague games in two days, Astoria finished the regular season with a 12-9 record, and tied for second in the Cowapa League with Valley Catholic at 6-6.

The Fishermen will await their first round opponent in the state playoffs, day and time to be announced.

In Saturday's win, Astoria pitchers Dylan Rush and Calvin Kaul combined on a six-hitter, with five strikeouts.

The Fishermen had eight hits off Estacada's Nathan Hagel, the last hit a single by Burke Matthews in the seventh inning.

An error sent Matthews to third and allowed Stutznegger to reach base.

Following a walk, Matthews scored the tying run on a fielder's choice. A ground ball by Danny Johnson resulted in Estacada's second error of the inning, and allowed Stutznegger to score the game-winner.

Sisters 9, Astoria 7

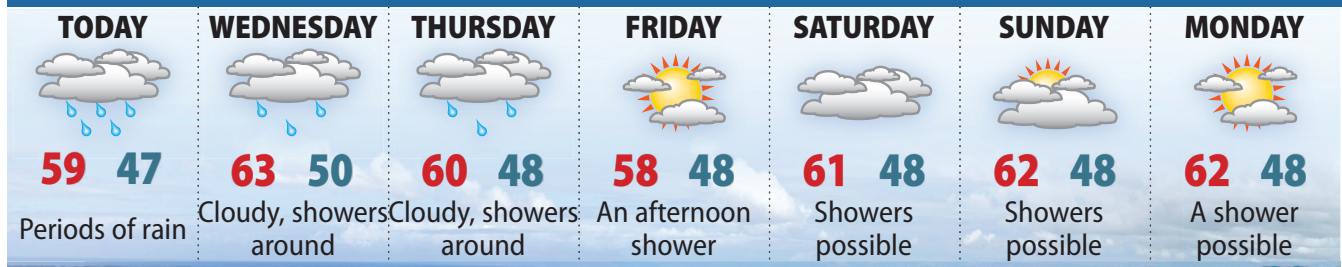
Sisters and Astoria met for a nonleague baseball game Friday at George Fox University.

The Outlaws scored six runs in the third inning on their way to an 8-2 lead, then had to hold off a late Astoria rally for a 9-7 win over the Fishermen.

Astoria had eight hits to just six for Sisters, but the Fishermen committed four errors, including two in the top of the third, in which Astoria also walked four batters and gave up two hits.

The Fishermen had four doubles as part of their eight-hit attack, while Astoria pitchers Burke Matthews and Will Reed combined to strike out 12 batters.

SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



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Astoria through Sunday

Temperatures

High/low 58/49
 Normal high/low 60/45
 Record high 87 in 1912
 Record low 31 in 1985

Precipitation

Sunday 0.00"
 Month to date Trace
 Normal month to date 1.43"
 Year to date 20.35"
 Normal year to date 31.47"

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Hercules climbs the eastern sky this evening. Look for a keystone pattern of dim stars high in the east by mid-evening.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 5:45 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 8:40 p.m.
 Moonrise today 3:49 p.m.
 Moonset today 4:03 a.m.



TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
	10:11 a.m.	6.9	4:26 a.m.	1.8
	11:01 p.m.	8.1	4:43 p.m.	0.9
Cape Disappointment	9:51 a.m.	6.4	3:49 a.m.	1.4
	10:41 p.m.	7.7	3:53 p.m.	0.3
Hammond	10:48 a.m.	7.2	4:03 a.m.	1.9
	10:52 p.m.	8.4	4:14 p.m.	0.4
Warrenton	10:06 a.m.	7.3	4:10 a.m.	1.9
	10:56 p.m.	8.4	4:27 p.m.	0.5
Knappa	10:48 a.m.	7.2	5:27 a.m.	1.5
	11:38 p.m.	8.3	5:44 p.m.	0.4
Depoe Bay	9:03 a.m.	6.5	3:16 a.m.	1.8
	9:54 p.m.	7.9	3:21 p.m.	0.2

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	72/53/s	75/62/s
Boston	47/42/r	58/46/c
Chicago	68/52/s	71/48/pc
Dallas	84/64/pc	85/64/pc
Denver	79/52/pc	81/53/pc
Honolulu	86/74/pc	86/73/sh
Houston	82/64/pc	83/66/t
Los Angeles	77/60/pc	74/58/pc
Miami	89/77/t	85/73/t
New York City	52/45/sh	65/52/pc
Phoenix	97/75/s	101/72/pc
San Francisco	65/55/pc	65/55/pc
Wash., DC	62/50/pc	72/57/pc

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