

SPORTS



Astoria High School
The Astoria girls golf team. Top, head coach Chris Hunt. Middle, left to right: Kaitlyn Boutin, Madi Burchfield, Sam Hemsley, Jenna Travers. Bottom: Annalyse Steel, Constance Rouda.

Astoria girl golfers finish sixth at state

The Astoria girls started the day in the sixth place in the team standings, and that’s where they finished after the final round of action in the Class 4A/3A/2A/1A girls golf state tournament.

St. Mary’s held on to the No. 1 spot and finished as the team champion, as Day 2 action wrapped up Tuesday at Eagle Crest Ridge Course in Redmond.

St. Mary’s had a 35-stroke lead on Valley Catholic after one round, and won by 67 strokes over the Cowapa League champion Valiants, 638 to 705.

Heppner/Ione took third with a 741, followed by Woodburn (787), La Grande (802) and Astoria (828). Seaside finished ninth (854).

Sophomore Baylee Hammericksen of St. Mary’s also held on to her top spot on the player leaderboard, and finished as tournament medalist with a 139 (69-70).

Riverdale sophomore Yvonne Vinceri shot a 70 on Day 2 and finished at 146 for second place, followed by freshman Riley Hammericksen of St. Mary’s (151).

Astoria’s top golfer was Jenna Travers, as the senior carded rounds of 87 and 94 to tie for 13th overall with a 181.

Right behind Travers was Astoria senior teammate Samantha Hemsley, who improved from 96 to 88 in Tuesday’s round, for a final round score of 184.

Close behind was Seaside sophomore Tristyn McFadden, who shot a 92 (down from 98 in Monday’s round), for a 190, tied for 18th. Every Seaside golfer improved their respective scores from the first to the second round.

“The tournament went really well for us,” said Astoria coach Chris Hunt. “We shot season bests on both days, and moved up to sixth place from our

pre-tournament ranking of eighth.”

The sixth place finish is “our highest since Astoria got second in 2004,” he said.

After Travers and Hemsley, Constance Rouda finished with a 225, followed by Katie Boutin (238), and Astoria’s fifth score was a combined 252 from Annalyse Steele and Madi Burchfield.

“On Day 1, Jenna, Constance and Katie all shot personal bests,” Hunt said. “On Day 2, Sam, Katie again, and Annalyse shot personal bests. So, five out of our six golfers who competed shot personal bests during the tournament, and Madi, who played on Day 1, had two holes that kept her from a personal best.”

Hunt said, “I’m extremely proud of the team, not only for how they played, but also for the character and sportsmanship they displayed in representing Astoria High School and the community.”

Warrenton hammers Willamina, 16-6

The Warrenton softball team had no trouble advancing in the league playoffs, as the Warriors posted a five-inning, 16-6 win Tuesday over visiting Willamina.

Warrenton moves on to round two, following its third win in four games over Willamina. The Warriors won two of three games from the Bulldogs in the regular season — their 14-1, 14-7 victories were Warrenton’s only wins in league play.

Following a hit and a pair

of Willamina errors in the bottom of the first inning in Tuesday’s game, Warrenton’s Jade Freniere singled to score Avyree Miethe and Dani Bue.

The Warriors led 3-0 after one inning, before the Bulldogs answered with six runs of their own in the second, thanks in part to two Warrenton errors and four batters hit by pitch.

But Willamina’s lead was brief.

Warrenton tacked on one run in the second, and a single by Mia McFadden and Brianna Quashnick’s double

opened the third inning, as the Warriors loaded the bases with no outs.

Warrenton eventually scored eight runs before Willamina recorded the first out.

Warrenton’s 11 runs in the inning and resulting 15-6 lead was plenty for McFadden, the starting pitcher who gave up just three hits, with two strikeouts and six hit batters.

Miethe was 2-for-5 at the plate, with four RBI’s and three runs scored, with a walk-off triple that gave Warrenton a 10-run lead.

Hoekstre: ‘My goal is to be the best’

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Do the Ducks know what they’re missing? Does BYU know what they’re getting? Hoekstre’s signing took place before she became the top shot putter in the nation.

It’s OK, said Hoekstre. “Things like that happen. I am religious, and I realize that (BYU) is where God wants me to be. “I looked at Utah State a little, but there was something about BYU,” she said. “The atmosphere, the (throws) coach (Niklas Arrhenius). He’s a two-time Olympian from Sweden, and he just has this persona about him that I love. That’s the kind of coach I want to have. That’s why I chose BYU.”

She adds, “I’m just super-excited to see what the future holds. I’ve always played basketball, and up until my sophomore year, I figured I would play softball in college, like ‘this is what I’m going to do!’ But I had a falling out with the coach that year, and so I decided I would do something else. I tried track, and fell in love with

the sport.”

Hoekstre’s private coach is Lex Strom.

“We started working together right at the end of last season, and I wouldn’t be where I am without him,” she said.

Back to the present, Hoekstre no doubt will be looking to not only win state titles this weekend in the discus and shot put, but set some new personal bests.

And Hoekstre has a way of meeting and exceeding her goals. She’s been doing it her whole career.

“At the beginning of the season I told my coach my goal is to throw 47 feet” in the shot put, she said. “And my coach said, ‘that’s a pretty big goal. We’ll see if we can get you there.’

“And obviously, we’re there. That’s happened every year so far. I set a goal that I think is pretty big, and I end up getting it pretty early in the season.

“My sophomore year was to break the school record, which was 39-4. And four meets in, my fourth meet ever, I threw 40 feet. The next year was, ‘I want to hit 42.’

And I hit 43 in Banks. It’s been really cool to see that hard work does pay off. Because sometimes you don’t see it. It’s been nice to see those numbers grow.”

Just for reference, the girls 4A Oregon state meet record is 48-7, a mark held by Christy Ward of North Valley since 1988. The discus state meet record was set by (guess who?) Bobek, at 152-10. Hoekstre’s current best is 154-2.

Certainly doable for Hoekstre, who wants national records.

The National Federation High School record for the shot put is currently 54-10¼, set by Michelle Carter of Austin, Texas in 2003.

“All these girls from Georgia, California, Texas and Kentucky, those girls are throwing huge numbers, and then someone asked, ‘why can’t you? Why not you?’

“And I said, ‘I don’t know.’ That’s where I’m at,” Hoekstre said. “My goal is to be the best, and to prove to everyone else that some girl from a small town in Oregon can do it.”



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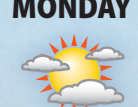
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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
						
61 50	59 47	62 50	61 48	59 48	61 49	60 49
Cloudy, showers around	Clearing, a shower	Cloudy, a little rain	Cloudy, showers around	A shower possible	Rain	Showers possible

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Astoria through Tuesday

Temperatures

High/low	58/51
Normal high/low	60/45
Record high	82 in 1939
Record low	35 in 1964

Precipitation

Tuesday	0.29"
Month to date	0.29"
Normal month to date	1.63"
Year to date	20.64"
Normal year to date	31.67"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: The Milky Way appears to be missing, but is really along the surrounding horizon before midnight in May.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	5:42 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:42 p.m.
Moonrise today	6:18 p.m.
Moonset today	4:57 a.m.

Full

Last

New

First

May 18 May 26 June 3 June 9

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
12:20 p.m.	7.3	6:22 a.m.	0.0	
none		6:22 p.m.	0.0	
Cape Disappointment	12:02 p.m.	6.9	5:38 a.m.	0.9
none		5:33 p.m.	0.9	
Hammond	12:11 p.m.	7.6	5:56 a.m.	0.0
none		5:56 p.m.	0.9	
Warrenton	12:15 p.m.	7.7	6:06 a.m.	0.1
none		6:06 p.m.	1.0	
Knapka	12:23 a.m.	8.8	7:23 a.m.	0.0
	12:57 p.m.	7.5	7:23 p.m.	0.7
Depoe Bay	11:16 a.m.	6.9	5:07 a.m.	-0.2
	11:16 p.m.	8.8	5:02 p.m.	0.9

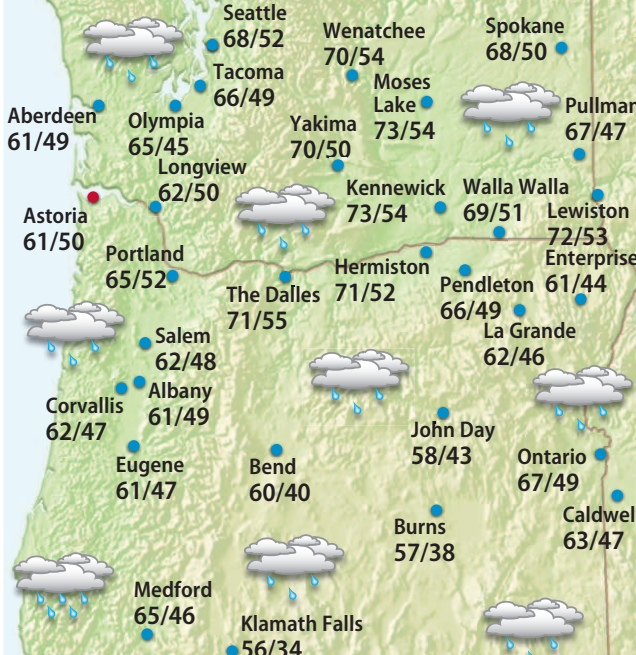
NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	82/65/pc	86/67/s
Boston	62/49/c	64/54/sh
Chicago	79/52/t	55/47/t
Dallas	86/67/pc	85/70/pc
Denver	83/54/s	75/44/pc
Honolulu	85/74/s	85/73/s
Houston	86/65/pc	85/73/pc
Los Angeles	65/53/r	70/54/pc
Miami	84/75/t	85/74/t
New York City	70/55/pc	74/56/t
Phoenix	91/62/pc	78/61/s
San Francisco	62/54/r	63/51/pc
Wash., DC	76/61/pc	82/65/t

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Seattle	68/52	
Tacoma	66/49	
Yakima	70/50	
Kennewick	73/54	
Walla Walla	69/51	
Lewiston	72/53	
Enterprise	61/44	
Pendleton	66/49	
La Grande	62/46	
John Day	58/43	
Burns	57/38	
Ontario	67/49	
Caldwell	63/47	

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Baker City	62/42/sh	54/35/r
Brookings	57/47/r	54/45/pc
Ilwaco	58/50/sh	57/49/pc
Newberg	61/49/sh	62/42/sh
Newport	57/49/sh	56/46/pc

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
North Bend	59/50/sh	59/46/pc
Roseburg	64/48/sh	67/42/pc
Seaside	59/50/sh	58/47/pc
Springfield	60/48/sh	62/41/sh
Vancouver	62/51/sh	62/43/sh