

SPORTS



Photos by Patrick Webb

Despite knocking down the final hurdle, Alex Kaino of Ilwaco won his heat in the 300 hurdles at the WIAA state championships Thursday and advanced to the finals. The Ilwaco senior is the defending state champion in the event.

Early success at state for Ilwaco athletes

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CHENEY, Wash. — Ilwaco began the WIAA state track meet with some successes Thursday.

Three Fisherman athletes stepped up the podium at Eastern Washington University to receive medals.

Senior Ebby McMullen landed a triple jump of 36 feet, 4¾ inches for third and sophomore Erika Glenn increased her personal best by two feet to place fourth with 36-0. The winner was last year's champion, Matty Lagerwey of La Conner, with 37-1 ¾.

The two Ilwaco competitors found their groove in the field of 16 as Lagerwey appeared dissatisfied with her early jumps and Raymond's strong Kyra Gardner had mixed success.

Both Ilwaco athletes qualified for the final cut and the battle began in earnest. When Glenn's personal record 36-foot jump was put on the scoreboard she and McMullen jumped aloft and double high-fived, an action that made even the officials smile.

"I don't think any school in the state has had two 36-foot jumps this year," said a beaming coach, Dan Schenck, once the result was known. He said McMullen's third place was a delight, especially in view of surgery that coaches feared may end the three-sport athlete's final season in an Ilwaco uniform.

"I didn't expect to be here," said McMullen, who credits her coaches, school leaders and the community for outstanding support. "I had shoulder surgery in April, but then I had a chance to do triple jump and I said, 'why not?'"

McMullen is also participating at state in long jump, hurdles and a relay.

For Glenn, who has qualified in two sprints and relay, Thursday's pleasure was evident. "It was great to beat my PR by two feet. I had never done track before, so it is good."

For the boys, Daniel Quintana placed fourth in the 1,600 meters.

The freshman ran a canny



Ilwaco High School senior Ebby McMullen, left, placed third and sophomore Erika Glenn fourth in the WIAA state triple jump competition.

race. With two front runners challenging for supremacy, and a third a short distance behind, the other contest was for fourth.

Quintana made sure he was in fourth during the final two laps as the pack thinned. He appeared to be tiring as he and Gavin Merritt from Tekoa-Rosalia disappeared behind some movable bleachers that block the grandstand's visibility on the home turn.

Seconds later, as the runners came back into view, Quintana was still holding on. He sprinted the last 100 and held off the senior's challenge to finish in 4 minutes, 31.30 seconds. The winner, Justin Roosma, from Walla Walla Valley, was timed at 4:15.07.

"This is the best feeling," said Quintana, still breathless several minutes after crossing the finish line. "It was in the last 100 meters — I just took off! This is the best run I have ever had."

Alex Kaino began his defense of the state 300 meter hurdles title with a smooth win in his heat. His time of 40.17 was slightly slower

than his district qualifying time of 39.41, but he eased up slightly as he approached the tape. Will Lane from Northwest Christian won another heat in 40.09. They and the other six qualifiers will run Saturday.

Kaino's 100 meter heat was the fastest of the three, with the winner Brandon Montoya of Lyle-Wishram clocked at 11.02. Kaino was second in 11.28 and will for the championship Saturday.

Naselle has 20 athletes at the 1B state meet, also being held at Cheney.

Thursday, sprinter Faaoso Tutu'u was second in his heat in the 100 meters in 11.53, making him the tie-fourth fastest qualifier for Saturday's final.

In the 1,600 final, first and second were brothers from Pope John Paul II High School. Sophomore Kobe Deutscher finished in 4:29.69 to beat senior Caden by just over one second.

Naselle's Kolby Glenn and Monte Schell did not place.

Corey Gregory and Ian Fontanilla ran in 300 hurdles heats but did not advance.

Warrenton: Two double plays

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The Hilanders intentionally walked Austin Little to load the bases, but Winn — unintentionally — walked the next two batters on just nine pitches, forcing in a pair of runs.

A ground ball by Duane Falls also could have ended the inning, but a poor throw to first resulted in an error, which scored two more runs.

Burns' nightmare inning continued when an errant pickoff attempt by catcher Sean Wilber sailed into left field, scoring Jacob Morrow for a 5-0 lead.

That was all the Warrenton pitching staff needed. Jackson was replaced by Breitmeyer in the third inning, and the side-arm-throwing junior gave up an RBI single, but faced the minimum number of batters from the fourth through the sixth innings.

Knight retired three of four batters in the seventh.



Colin Murphey/The Astorian

Gabe Breitmeyer delivers a pitch for Warrenton.

Jackson got the victory on the mound, while Winn took the loss.

"We put the ball in play, and the kids forced them to have to make plays," Wolfe said. "Obviously the big thing for us today was the way we pitched and defended. When they had a bit of a threat, we turned a double play (twice), and I

was able to use three pitchers, which could potentially be big for Friday.

"The fact that (Jackson) gave us two-and-a-third innings, set the tone, Gabe came in and kept his pitch count where it had to be, then Dalton basically got a bullpen session. So we have three arms for the things we have to do Friday."

Knappa: Quarterfinal relocated

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Krissy Barendse

Knappa pitcher Eli Takalo struck out 16 batters and allowed just one hit in seven innings of work.

everybody's nerves," Miller said.

The Loggers went on to score at least one run in every inning.

Considering Knappa's record in first round playoff games over the last 11 years — the Bobcats didn't have much of a chance.

In a record that's probably unmatched at any level, the Loggers have won 12 games in the first round for 12 straight years. They missed the state playoffs in 2007, after winning a first-round game in 2006. Knappa's last loss in the round of

16 was to Grant Union in 2005.

And the Loggers were the home team for most of those first-round games.

Other than their annual trip to Keizer, Knappa has not had to play a road playoff game since 2013.

And the most important numbers of all — the Loggers have a string of nine straight wins in the post-season.

Knappa was scheduled to host Regis in a state quarterfinal Friday (the Rams defeated Neah-Kah-Nie, 9-1). The game was relocated to Ridgefield in Washington state, due to weather.

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
58 47	67 53	65 53	63 52	63 52	67 52	65 53
Partly sunny, a shower	Clouds and sun	Partly sunny	Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Some brightening	Mostly cloudy

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Astoria through Thursday

Temperatures

High/low 58/52
Normal high/low 61/47
Record high 85 in 1999
Record low 34 in 1966

Precipitation

Thursday 0.00"
Month to date 1.33"
Normal month to date 2.52"
Year to date 21.68"
Normal year to date 32.56"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Gemini, the twins, to the left of Orion and is in the southwest.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 5:33 a.m.
Sunset tonight 8:52 p.m.
Moonrise today 1:53 a.m.
Moonset today 11:43 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
May 26	June 3	June 9	June 17

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
5:51 a.m.	6.7	12:28 a.m.	3.5	
7:53 p.m.	6.4	1:02 p.m.	0.8	
Cape Disappointment				
5:31 a.m.	6.3	12:23 p.m.	0.5	
7:38 p.m.	6.0	none		
Hammond				
5:42 a.m.	6.8	12:05 a.m.	3.8	
7:42 p.m.	6.5	12:35 p.m.	0.7	
Warrenton				
5:46 a.m.	7.1	12:12 a.m.	3.6	
7:48 p.m.	6.8	12:46 p.m.	0.9	
Knappa				
6:28 a.m.	7.0	1:29 a.m.	3.0	
8:30 p.m.	6.7	2:03 p.m.	0.6	
Depoe Bay				
4:47 a.m.	6.5	11:52 a.m.	0.4	
6:57 p.m.	6.3	none		

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Sun.
Atlanta	95/74/s	96/74/s
Boston	71/59/pc	82/62/pc
Chicago	80/60/t	70/53/pc
Dallas	88/70/pc	88/70/pc
Denver	72/44/s	76/49/s
Honolulu	87/74/s	88/73/s
Houston	90/74/pc	90/73/pc
Los Angeles	69/57/pc	60/52/sh
Miami	88/77/s	91/77/s
New York City	72/62/pc	86/64/pc
Phoenix	92/64/s	86/61/s
San Francisco	66/52/pc	60/52/t
Wash., DC	81/70/pc	90/72/pc

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

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REGIONAL FORECAST

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

City	Today	Sun.	City	Today	Sun.
Baker City	65/42/c	68/45/sh	North Bend	58/48/sh	61/51/c
Brookings	59/47/pc	62/49/c	Roseburg	62/47/c	71/50/c
Ilwaco	57/49/s	63/53/pc	Seaside	57/47/sh	66/51/pc
Newberg	57/44/pc	75/50/pc	Springfield	59/45/pc	72/49/c
Newport	55/46/s	60/50/pc	Vancouver	58/46/pc	74/52/pc