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## Astoria beats North Marion, 2-1

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The day could not have gone much better for the Astoria baseball team.

The No. 14 seed Fishermen scored the big victory of the first round in the Class 4A state playoffs, posting a 10-inning, 2-1 win over No. 3 seed North Marion on the Huskies' home field.

On top of that, No. 11 seed Sweet Home upset La Grande, handing the Fishermen another winnable game Friday, when the Fishermen were scheduled to play a quarterfinal contest at Sweet Home.

Friday's winner will advance to the semifinals to play either Philomath or Henley.

In Wednesday's win, both teams scored a run in the second inning, and neither team could bring in a run until Astoria's Adam Feldman delivered a two-out double to left, scoring courtesy runner Leo Matthews.

Burke Matthews pitched the bottom of the 10th, retiring three of the four batters he faced.

North Marion had more hits (seven to four), and the Fishermen had more errors (four to two), but the Huskies stranded 11 base runners.

Astoria pitchers Dylan Rush and Burke Matthews struck out three batters with one walk, while North Marion pitchers Griffin Henry and Grant Henry combined for 15 strikeouts and two walks.

The Fishermen improve to 13-10 overall (6-6 in league), while North Marion's season ends with a 23-3 record, 14-1 in league.

## Astoria softball season ends in Junction City

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Junction City pitcher Jenna Kister gave up just three hits and one walk with 11 strikeouts, leading the Tigers to an 8-1 win Wednesday over Astoria in a 4A softball first-round state playoff game.

Astoria's Kayla Helligso belted a solo home run in the second inning, but that was the only offensive highlight for the Lady Fishermen, who finish the season 16-8 overall.

Tenley Matteucci had two of Astoria's three hits.

Junction City scored two runs in the first and three runs in the third inning, then added single runs in the fourth, fifth and sixth.

The Tigers had nine hits off Astoria's Julia Norris, including a pair of doubles by Kamryn Potter and a home run by Abby Bumcrot.

## SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL	
<b>Astoria 2, North Marion 1</b>	Astoria 010 000 000 1—2 4 4 N.Marion 010 000 000 0—1 7 2 Rush, B.Matthews (10) and Hillard; Gri.Henry, Gra.Henry (9) and Wierstra. W: Rush. L: Gra.Henry. RBI: Ast, Feldman, Hirsch. 2B: Ast, Feldman. HBP: Ast, Hillard, Hirsch, Rush; NM, Gri.Henry, Wierstra. LOB: Astoria 7, North Marion 11. DP: Astoria, North Marion.
<b>Henley 12, Seaside 0</b>	Seaside 000 000 0—0 4 3 Henley 150 204 x—12 12 1 Fenton, Westerholm (2), McFadden (5), Johnson (6) and Teubner; Ha.Rasica. W: Ha.Rasica. L: Fenton. RBI: Takalo. L: Mallorie. RBI: Kna, Bartlett 2, Miethe 2, Lackey, Takalo. 2B: Kna, Loney, He.Rasica. 3B: Hen, Ha.Rasica. HR: Hen, He.Rasica 2, Tacchini. HBP: Hen, Hasskamp 2, Tacchini. LOB: Seaside 4, Henley 6. DP: Henley
<b>Warrenton 6, Burns/Crane 1</b>	Burns/Crane 001 000 0—1 4 4 Warrenton 050 010 x—6 3 3 Winn and Wilber; Jackson, Breitmeyer (3), Knight (7) and Morrow. W: Jackson. L: Winn. RBI: Burns, C.Tiller; War, Breitmeyer, Morrow, Herrera. LOB: Burns 3, Warrenton 4. DP: Warrenton 2.
<b>Knappa 9, Nestucca 0</b>	Nestucca 000 000 0—0 1 2 Knappa 111 132 x—9 9 1 Mallorie, Richwine (3) and Hurliman; Takalo and Patterson. W: Takalo. L: Mallorie. RBI: Kna, Bartlett 2, Miethe 2, Lackey, Takalo. 2B: Kna, Goodman, Miethe. 3B: Kna, Wallace. HR: Kna, Bartlett.
SOFTBALL	
<b>Junction City 8, Astoria 1</b>	Astoria 010 000 0—1 3 5 J.City 203 111 x—8 9 2 W: Jenna Kister. L: Julia Norris. RBI: Ast, Helligso; JC, Bumcrot 2, Kister, Ohman, Potter. 2B: JC, Potter 2. HR: Ast, Helligso; JC, Bumcrot. HBP: JC, Bauer. LOB: Astoria 3, Junction City 9.



Warrenton's Austin Little dives back to first after a pickoff attempt.

Photos by Colin Murphey/The Astorian

## 6-1 VICTORY OVER BURNS SENDS WARRENTON TO QUARTERFINALS

By GARY HENLEY  
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**WARRENTON** — From a 1-17 record in 2017, to the state quarterfinals in 2019.

Players on the current Warrenton baseball roster have certainly paid their dues to get there. And the result has been a quick two-year turnaround for Warrior baseball, which is back in the final eight for the first time since 2011.

Warrenton secured its spot in the 3A baseball quarterfinals with a 6-1 win Wednesday over Burns/Crane at Huddleston Field.

Three Warrenton pitchers combined on a four-hitter, and the Warriors scored five runs in a decisive second inning.

"We've worked hard to get to this point, and I'm very pleased," said Warrenton coach Lennie Wolfe. "We talked earlier in the week about the fact that the guys need to understand that they've earned this. They deserve to feel like they should be out here and win a game. My gut instinct in what I saw today, is that there was a lot of confidence in what we were doing. It was a good day."

The No. 7 seed Warriors (17-6) was scheduled to play Friday evening at No. 2 Brookings-Harbor (26-2). Friday's winner will advance to the semifinals Tuesday to play either Santiam Christian or Taft. With Rainier still in contention,



Alec Herrera takes a swing at the plate for the Warriors.

three of the final eight teams are from the Coastal Range League.

As for Wednesday's win, the Warriors did not have a lot of offense (Burns pitcher Mick Winn allowed just three hits), but Warrenton took advantage of some timely walks and errors.

Winn walked five with three strikeouts, while Warrenton's Devin Jackson, Gabe Breitmeyer and Dalton Knight combined to strike out nine, with no

walks.

In Warrenton's big inning, Alec Herrera singled to lead off the bottom of the second.

Kale'o Kapua reached on an error, which put runners at second and third with no outs. Winn retired two straight, and was an out away from escaping the inning.

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## Takalo, Knappa shut down Nestucca, 9-0

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In the most predictable outcome of the first round, the Knappa baseball team beat up Nestucca for the fourth time this season, 9-0, this time in a Class 2A state playoff game Wednesday at Knappa.

The Loggers were 4-0 against the Bobcats this season, with three wins in the league season by a combined 22-1.

In Wednesday's win, Knappa starter Eli Takalo gave up an infield single in the first inning, but that was all, as the junior went the distance for a one-hit shutout, with 16 strikeouts and three walks.

"We played well in every area," said Knappa coach Jeff Miller. "Of course Eli was dominant, but we had guys get hits from all parts of the lineup, and everybody stepped up, even with some players playing other positions."

A recent injury to Knappa's Ryker Coffey (who is day-to-day on his return) resulted in some lineup changes defensively, but the Loggers only committed one error — though the Knappa defense did not have to make a lot of plays, with Takalo ringing up 16 Ks.

"Our guys have been through this before (when the Loggers lost Reu-



Knappa coach Jeff Miller, left, congratulates Logan Bartlett as the Logger senior rounds third base on yet another home run.

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ben Cruz in last year's championship run), and we're fortunate to have players who can step in when needed and play well," Miller said.

But just in case, "Eli was really effective," he said of Takalo. "He threw a few more pitches over the fifth and sixth, but he did the job you like to see in a playoff game."

Logan Bartlett "struggled at the

plate (1-for-3)," Miller said, "but he also had the big hit," a three-run homer in the fifth inning.

The other big hit was a leadoff triple in the first inning by Tristin Wallace.

"To get a triple to start the game gave us some confidence, and settled

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## BASEBALL

### Henley defeats Seaside, 12-0

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Seaside's return to the state playoffs was a short one, as the Henley Hornets defeated the Gulls 12-0 Wednesday in a Class 4A baseball first-round game in Klamath Falls.

Henley scored a run in the first inning, then tacked on five in the second for an early 6-0 lead.

The Hornets finished with 12 hits off four Seaside pitchers, including doubles for Blake Loney and junior Heith Rasica, a triple by senior Hayden Rasica, and three home runs — two for Heith Rasica and one by John Tacchini.

Hayden Rasica pitched all seven innings for the Hornets, allowing four hits with 11 strikeouts and no walks.

In the first year under head coach Dan McFadden, the Gulls finished 11-13 overall, 5-7 in the Cowapa League.