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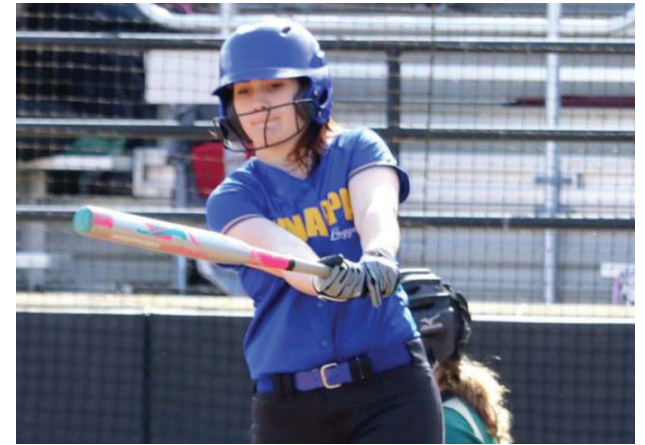
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Warrenton students cheer on the Warriors in the state championship baseball game.

Colin Murphey/The Astorian



Knappa senior shortstop Laicee Hendrickson batted her way to first team all-league honors in her final year.

Five Knappa players earn all-league honors

The Astorian

The Knappa softball team placed five players on this year's Northwest all-league team, as voted on by the league's coaches and announced during the league playoffs.

Senior shortstop Laicee Hendrickson and junior pitcher Madelynn Weaver led the way, as first-team selections.

Freshman pitcher/infielder Hannah Dietrichs and junior outfielder Sophia Carlson both earned second-team honors, and senior Hannah Hellberg at first base was selected honorable mention.

The complete Northwest all-league softball team:

First Team

P/1B: Joyce Everett, Sr., Vernonia

P: Madelynn Weaver, Jr., Knappa

C/SS: Shamilee Chatelain, So., Nestucca

C/3B: Sydney Lawrence, Jr., Perrydale

C: Megan Tuck, Sr., St. Paul

C/P/1B: Brooklynn Walters, Fr., Vernonia

SS: Nita Cook, Fr., Vernonia

SS: Laicee Hendrickson, Sr., Knappa

SS: Kenzy Lawrence, Jr., Perrydale

OF/1B: Avery Smith, Sr., Neah-Kah-Nie

OF: Sadie Smith, Sr., St. Paul

U: Haylee Johnston, Fr., Gaston

Second Team

P/Inf: Hannah Dietrichs, Fr., Knappa

P: Hailey Ernst, Fr., Neah-Kah-Nie

P: Danny Johnson, Sr., Nestucca

P: Rachel Vela, Sr., St. Paul

P/1B/C: Jordan Walters, Jr., Vernonia

2B/C: Brooklyn McKillip, Sr., Nestucca

2B: Tommi Ota, Jr., Vernonia

SS: Destiny Smith, Jr., St. Paul

OF: Sophia Carlson, Jr., Knappa

OF: Sydney Perkins, Sr., Perrydale

U: Alix Heisler, Jr., Gaston

U: Hannah Farmer, Jr., Gaston

Honorable mention

P/OF: Olivia Leslie, Jr., Nestucca

1B: Hannah Hellberg, Sr., Knappa

1B: Ryleigh Royster, So., Nestucca

OF: Jayden Hartman, So., Vernonia

Baseball caps big year for Warrenton sports

By GARY HENLEY
The Astorian

The city of Warrenton does not have a famous "turn-around." Or a "round-about." But athletics at Warrenton High School in the 2018-19 school year could certainly qualify as some sort of reversal of fortunes, across the board.

Nearly every sport at the school made improvements over the recent past, with a few sports going where no Warrior team has gone before — at least in a long time.

"It was definitely the best year since I've been here," said Warrenton athletic director Robert Hoepfl.

Part of it was competing in a new league, or a different level.

But the biggest factor in the turnaround has been the athletes themselves. Warrenton baseball coach Lennie Wolfe, who has been connected with athletics at the school since 1992, called it a "renaissance," athletically.

Hoepfl said, "Starting in the fall, we had volleyball win a league championship (the first since 1978) and made state, football made state, and we had one of our best years in cross country.

"So we started the year really strong, then in the winter our boys basketball team made districts for the first time in a while (2011). Girls basketball was playing on the last day of the year and won a trophy (sixth place). Boys wrestling, we had a district champion, with Nic Pior. And our girls' wrestling team placed higher than any 3A team in the state tournament, and was great across the board."



Warrenton's volleyball team.



The girls basketball team won Warrenton's first team trophy of the year at the state level, placing sixth in the Class 3A state tournament.

Amanda Loman

A few of Warrenton's swimmers, in their co-op with Seaside, also had good years.

"Then obviously the baseball team making our first state title appearance in 21 years was big," Hoepfl said, as the Warriors took home the second place trophy from Volcanoes Stadium last week.

In track, "Mark (Warren) won a state championship and set a bunch of school records,

and was top four in three different events at state," he added. "Fernanda (Alvarez) did really well, and we had three other kids make it to state. So as a whole, this was a really great year in athletics for us."

And — let's face it — winning brings more fans on board. And more fans equals more community support.

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Krissy Barendse-Goodman

Once again, Knappa's Madelynn Weaver showed that she was one of the top pitchers in Northwest League softball.

Orioles grab Oregon State's Rutschman with top pick

By MIKE FITZPATRICK
Associated Press

SECAUCUS, N.J. — Pitchers took a backseat at the Major League Baseball draft.

On a night when a record 22 position players and nine shortstops were cho-

sen in the first round, the rebuilding Baltimore Orioles went for a cornerstone at catcher, selecting Oregon State switch-hitter Adley Rutschman with the top pick Monday.

Rutschman became the first catcher to go No. 1 since Minnesota tabbed Joe

Mauer in 2001.

"He's everything you want and he plays a premium defensive position with athleticism that gives him versatility to play elsewhere, as needed," first-year Baltimore general manager

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Hagan Scholarship Recipient

Ms. Julie Foss, a student at Astoria High School, was awarded a Hagan Scholarship to attend the University of Washington to study Political Science.

The Hagan Scholarship is a need-based merit scholarship, providing up to \$6,000 each semester to help recipients graduate college debt free. Hagan Scholars from 44 states will attend 325 colleges and universities the fall semester of 2019.

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