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Warrenton pitcher Austin Little struck out five and kept Churchill scoreless over the final six innings of the Warriors' victory in Game 1.

## Churchill, Warrenton split Sunday twinbill

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**WARRENTON** — The Warrenton summer baseball team improved its record to 9-2-1 over the weekend, with four more wins as part of the Warrenton Challenge at Huddleston Field.

The Warriors highlighted the three-day tourney with a doubleheader split Sunday with Class 5A Churchill, with a 5-1 victory followed by a 4-2 loss to the Lancers, a 5A quarterfinalist in last year's state playoffs.

Austin Little tossed a complete game in Sunday's opener, scattering five hits with five strikeouts and no walks.

Warrenton only had three hits, but with Little's pitching and a solid defense, that's all the Warriors needed.

A near-meltdown by the Lancers in the first inning didn't hurt.

The Warriors scored five runs on four walks, two hit batters, a pair of errors and a pickoff attempt that helped Warrenton score a run.

Both teams were scoreless over the final six innings.

Warrenton grabbed a 1-0 lead in Game 2, as Gabe Breitmeyer sprinted home on a ground ball by Ryan Hoagland.

But that would be the only Warrior run until the sixth inning, while Churchill scored twice in the second inning, and a two-run homer by Dylan Carson made it 4-1 in the third.

A big-time quarterback prospect for the Lancers, Carson also had a double and hit the ball hard in every at-bat.

After a scoreless fourth and fifth, the Warriors loaded the bases with no outs in the bottom of the sixth.

Hoagland's single to shallow left scored Jake Morrow, but Warrenton's potentially big inning came to a quick end. One baserunner was thrown out at the plate on a passed ball, and starting pitcher Bryson Estrella struck out the next two batters to end the inning.

The Warriors brought the tying and game-winning run to the plate in the bottom of the seventh, but Churchill reliever Cho Tofte struck out the side to end the game.

"Looking at the big picture, we went 2-1 against two very good 5A programs," said Warrenton coach Lennie Wolfe. "They may be young and they may have lost some seniors, but for a tiny 3A school like we are, I'm very pleased with where we're at."

"Yes, we're disappointed because we

didn't get the sweep, but when we're disappointed at losing to a 5A state playoff team, we have to keep it in perspective about where the program's at," he said. "We're young too, but that only means we've got lots of room for improvement before next March."

Warrenton did not play Saturday, after opening the tournament with two wins Friday — a 2-1 decision over Neah-Kah-Nie and a 4-1 victory over Crescent Valley.

Warrenton had just three hits in the opener against the Pirates, in which the Warriors trailed 1-1 after five innings.

The Warriors tied the game in the bottom of the sixth, then won it in the seventh on a walk-off wild pitch.

Devin Jackson pitched a complete-game, three-hitter against Crescent Valley, striking out eight. He needed just 76 pitches to complete the game.

Offensively, the Warriors had just four hits. Warrenton's Austin Little had a combined four hits in the two Friday games.

"We just played really solid defense, and Devin pitched a fantastic game," said Wolfe, whose team hosts its annual alumni game July 6, then takes part in a Seaside tournament, July 11-13.

## Astoria Ford sweeps Knappa

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Dane Gouge's Astoria Ford baseball team racked up 19 runs and 19 hits in two games Thursday at Tapiola Park, where the Fishermen scored a doubleheader sweep over Knappa, 10-3 and 9-2.

In Game 1, Astoria Ford scored six runs in the third inning for all the runs it would need.

Ebin Hillard was 2-for-3 at the plate, with a triple and five RBIs. Adam Feldman also had two hits and scored twice for the Fishermen, who drew seven walks and were hit by pitch four times.

Feldman picked up the win on the mound, allowing four hits in five innings, with six strikeouts and five walks.

Astoria Ford committed five errors in both games, but the Fishermen collected 11 hits in Game 2, while pitchers Dylan Rush, Will Eddy and Brandon Helligso combined on a six-hitter, with 14 strikeouts and just three walks.

Rush struck out seven in two-and-a-third innings. Leo Matthews and Rush had three hits apiece, with Rush driving in four runs and scoring three times.

Drew Miller had two of Knappa's six hits in the second game.



AP Photo/Matt Slocum

Weston McKennie, right, celebrates with Tyler Boyd after a goal.

## US to play Jamaica in Gold Cup semifinals

Associated Press

**PHILADELPHIA** — The United States was outplayed during the second half by 79th-ranked Curacao but managed to advance to the CONCACAF Gold Cup semifinals with a 1-0 win Sunday night behind Weston McKennie's goal in the 25th minute.

The defending champion U.S. extended its Gold Cup winning streak to nine and will play Jamaica on Wednesday at Nashville, Tennessee, in the second semifinal, a night after Mexico faces Haiti at Glendale, Arizona. The U.S. reached the semifinals for the 10th straight Gold Cup and 14th in 15 overall.

Christian Pulisic, the Americans' 20-year-old star midfielder, captained the U.S. for the second time and fed McKennie for the goal. Pulisic cut in from a flank and crossed, and McKennie headed in the ball from 4 yards for his second goal in 12 international appearances.

The 30th-ranked Americans have outscored opponents 12-0 in the tournament, the championship of North and Central America and the Caribbean, and have held opponents scoreless for 405 minutes overall.

## Lillard gets supermax deal, and NBA spending spree begins

By **TIM REYNOLDS**  
 Associated Press

Damian Lillard wasn't a top-five pick. Tobias Harris wasn't a lottery pick. Khris Middleton wasn't even a first-rounder.

Their bank balances won't know the difference soon.

Free agency opened Sunday with nearly \$3 billion in deals getting struck in the opening hours — including Kyrie Irving officially picking Brooklyn, as has been expected, but without any word from Kawhi Leonard about his future plans to either stay with NBA champion Toronto or move elsewhere.

Lillard agreed to a \$196 million, four-year extension with Portland that will kick in for the 2021-22 season. Harris is staying in Philadelphia for \$180 million over the next five years and Middleton gave Milwaukee a bit of a discount in agreeing to a \$178 million, five-year deal — \$12 million shy of what he could have commanded.

Even injuries couldn't derail the spending.

Kevin Durant announced that he's leaving Golden State and joining Brooklyn on a max deal — which would be worth \$164 million



AP Photo/Craig Mitchell/Idyer

Damian Lillard drives against Golden State in the playoffs.

over four years, even though he'll miss next season with an Achilles injury and could have gotten \$221 million for five years from the Warriors. And Kristaps Porzingis, who hasn't appeared in an NBA game since Feb. 6, 2018 because of a knee injury, will sign a \$158 million, five-year contract to stay with Dallas.

At least 10 players agreed to contracts that will be worth \$100 million or more. Lillard, Harris, Middleton, Durant, Porzingis, Butler, Kemba Walker (\$141 million, four-year deal with Boston), Irving, Al Horford (\$109 million, four years

from Philadelphia) and Nikola Vucevic (\$100 million, four years with Orlando) were the big early winners, with more likely to come.

Point guards did particularly well, and will likely keep doing well.

Lillard, Irving and Walker guaranteed themselves nearly a half-billion dollars. Terry Rozier left Boston for Charlotte — essentially the swap for Walker — on what will be a \$58 million, three-year deal that will be completed via trade. Ricky Rubio also cashed in, getting \$51 million for three years from the Phoenix Suns.

### MIAMI TRADING HASSAN WHITESIDE TO PORTLAND

MIAMI — Hassan Whiteside is heading to the Portland Trail Blazers, as the Miami Heat continue reshaping their roster.

The Heat have agreed to trade Whiteside to the Trail Blazers for Meyers Leonard and Moe Harkless.

Whiteside is entering the final season of a four-year, \$98 million contract. He lost his starting spot to Bam Adebayo in the second half of last season, but figures to offer frontline depth to a Trail Blazers team that lost center Jusuf Nurkic to a broken leg late last season.

Whiteside averaged 12.3 points and a team-best 11.3 rebounds last season, appearing in 72 games and starting 53 of those. He also averaged only 23 minutes per game, and at times expressed his displeasure about not having a larger role.

But with Portland, he figures to have a chance at starting right away.