

SPORTS



Players on both teams were required to wear masks while in the dugouts.

Photos by Hailey Hoffman/The Astorian

Lower Columbia scores doubleheader sweep

The Astorian

Just four games into the summer schedule, the Lower Columbia Baseball Club's AAA team is in cruise control.

The team, sponsored by Hilander Dental of Longview, Washington, doubled their win total for the season, with two more impressive victories Sunday afternoon at Aiken Field.

Lower Columbia pounded Rural Baseball Inc. in a doubleheader, 12-0 and 12-4. Lower Columbia improved to 4-0, and has now outscored the opposition 47-6.

The "Clatsop Kids" played another big part in the sweep, with Astoria's Dylan Rush tossing a one-hit, five-inning shutout in the opener, while Warrenton's Austin Little and Jake Morrow combined for three hits and three runs scored in the second game.

Rush struck out three and walked one in the first game, in which he threw 56 pitches over five innings.

Lower Columbia scored one run in each of the first three innings, then broke it open with seven in the fourth.

Ashden Niemyer (Wahkiakum) was 3-for-3 at the plate, while Morrow had a two-run double in the fourth.

Rush and Ethan Lindstrom each scored twice as part of Lower Columbia's 11-hit attack. Lindstrom was also hit by two pitches, running his season total to four in four games.

Lower Columbia jumped all over Rural Baseball early in Game 2, scoring six runs in the first and five in the second.

Little was 2-for-2 at the plate and drove in three runs, and Morrow drew a pair of walks and scored twice.



Hilander Dental celebrates another run scored, adding to their win in the first game against Rural Baseball Inc.



Ethan Lindstrom, of Hilander Dental, Lower Columbia Baseball Club's AAA team, waits to tag a Rural Baseball Inc. player as he tries to steal second base at their first game at Ernie Aiken Field on Sunday afternoon.

Lower Columbia — which features players from the lower Columbia River region — returns to Astoria on Tuesday at 5 p.m. for a single game against the Vancouver Mavericks. Spectators must watch from their cars.

OBITUARIES

Scott Andrew Smotherman

Warrenton

Feb. 28, 1959 — June 15, 2020

It is with great sorrow that we say goodbye to our son, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, cousin and friend Scott Andrew Smotherman. Scott suffered a major stroke on the afternoon of June 13, and passed in the early hours of June 15. He fought the good fight, making last call for the last time that Monday morning.

Scott was a competitor in many arenas. He was an athlete who played football, basketball and golf. His greatest passion was being a horseman. Scott and his father were both champions in their respective events. Scott and his family spent most weekends at some horse show somewhere in the Pacific Northwest with the Maize, Johnson and Selig families. Scott won a closet full of ribbons and trophies.

His greatest accomplishment came in November 1977, when his horse placed second in the National Quarter Horse competition in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The competition at this event was far more connected, and immensely more funded than Scott. But the little guy from Warrenton had the guts to gamble his life savings and personal pride to take them on.

Scott was a gregarious guy. He had friends from all walks of life. There is not enough space to acknowledge all of his friends and family, but we must mention a few. Kevin Dunn, Mark Davis and Roger Searle were his partners in crime for much of his adult life. They all had a lot of fun together, but they also did a lot for the community as a whole, and our mother, specifically.

Kevin was always around, helping put up Christmas lights and decorations, and doing other things Sally needed done. Roger, Scott and Mark would make sure Sally had social company after the passing of our father. They were a fun group to be around.

Gloria and Jeff Brown, thank you for

all the love and support you showed Scott. Our family will be forever grateful for all you did for him. It always baffled us what he held over your head to enlist the sacrifices and friendship you showed him. Guess you are off the hook, as he took it to his grave. All attempts at humor aside, Gloria, you became family when you took him into your home, and will forever stay family as long as there is a Smotherman walking this earth.



Scott Smotherman



Scott, Buddy is missing you and is having a tough go of it. You treated him very well, and he will keep you in his soul forever.

Scott was born into a fishing family; he was third generation. Scott worked his way to the captain's chair the old-fashioned way, by working the back deck for various boats, gaining the experience needed to be successful. Scott's favorite job during this time was crabbing on the F/V No Wonder with Jim "Fifty" Nichols. He loved you a lot Jim, because when he reminisced, most of the stories centered around those times.

Scott became the captain of the F/V Cape St. James, one of the smaller boats in the fleet at 52 feet. This did not deter his competitive spirit, as he fished for shrimp, bottom fish, tuna fish and black cod. Scott was a very good producer, but he was a superior crabber. He took that little boat, and year after year, out-produced most of the fleet. He was in the top tier of poundage caught in Oregon consistently.

Aunt Bonnie Sue and Dominic Kohlasch, leave a chair for him at Thanksgiving dinner; he will miss that special day. A celebration of Scott's life will be held as soon as allowed. We will get the word out as soon as possible.

Please, for those who wish, make a donation to the Fisherman's Benefit Fund in Scott's name.

— The family of Scott Smotherman

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Pacific Tech clips Nipp's, twice

The Astorian

The 2020 baseball season opened for business Saturday afternoon at Ernie Aiken Field, where a pair of Lower Columbia Baseball Club teams met for a doubleheader under gray skies.

With spectators watching from their cars and the players wearing face masks in the dugouts, Pacific Tech defeated Nipp's Burgers in a pair of five inning games, 20-4 and 14-1.

The Double A Babe Ruth teams from Longview, Washington, included players from Astoria, Seaside and Naselle.

For the day, 12 pitchers for Nipp's combined to walk 29 and hit 14 batters.

Game 1 was lopsided from the start, as Pacific Tech put up one run in the first inning, then tacked on 18 in the second for a 19-0 lead.

Three Pacific Tech pitchers combined to throw a four-hitter with six strikeouts and four walks while eight pitchers for Nipp's allowed just five hits with nine strikeouts, but walked 17 and hit seven batters.

Pacific Tech had doubles from Kelso's Kjell Guttormsen and Ben Muraski, while Joey Strange of Naselle drew three walks and was hit by a pitch and scored three runs.

Seaside's Justin Morris walked twice and scored twice.

In Game 2, Nipp's held its only lead of the day with a run in the top of the first before Pacific Tech scored six in the bottom of the inning then added six more in the third.

Pacific Tech had just three hits but took advantage of 12 more walks and seven hit batters.

Kolten Lindstrom of Naselle was 0-for-2 at the plate, but scored three times, while Strange had a double and drove in two runs.

Pitchers Canyon Rader, Brodie Fitzpatrick, Clay Bergeson and Lindstrom combined on a no-hitter, with six strikeouts and six walks.

Nipp's featured four players from Astoria (Aiden Giles, Karson Hawkins, Sven Johnson and Gunnar Olson), while Seaside's Riley Kuhl and Morris saw action for Pacific Tech.

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
72 58	67 54	67 54	68 56	64 53	62 52	64 52
Rather cloudy	Clouds and sun	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny	A passing shower	Chance of a shower	Showers possible

ALMANAC

Astoria through Sunday

Temperatures

High/low	65/51
Normal high/low	65/51
Record high	80 in 1971
Record low	42 in 1956

Precipitation

Sunday	0.03"
Month to date	1.97"
Normal month to date	1.99"
Year to date	37.58"
Normal year to date	35.60"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Low in the west after sunset, the conjunction of the waxing crescent moon and Mercury.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	5:25 a.m.
Sunset tonight	9:11 p.m.
Moonrise today	7:42 a.m.
Moonset today	11:32 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
June 28	July 4	July 12	July 20

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
2:35 a.m.	8.6	9:59 a.m.	-1.2	
4:31 p.m.	6.8	9:51 p.m.	3.0	
Cape Disappointment				
2:17 a.m.	8.6	9:03 a.m.	-1.4	
4:04 p.m.	6.8	8:52 p.m.	3.4	
Hammond				
2:27 a.m.	8.8	9:23 a.m.	-1.6	
4:17 p.m.	7.0	9:16 p.m.	3.1	
Warrenton				
2:30 a.m.	9.0	9:43 a.m.	-1.1	
4:26 p.m.	7.2	9:35 p.m.	3.1	
Knappa				
3:12 a.m.	8.8	11:00 a.m.	-1.0	
5:08 p.m.	7.1	10:52 p.m.	2.6	
Depoe Bay				
1:26 a.m.	8.5	8:33 a.m.	-1.8	
3:20 p.m.	6.7	8:23 p.m.	3.2	

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	79/67/t	80/69/c
Boston	85/69/pc	86/68/c
Chicago	76/57/pc	74/58/pc
Dallas	82/68/t	89/73/c
Denver	84/58/pc	90/61/pc
Honolulu	86/73/c	86/75/pc
Houston	89/76/t	83/75/t
Los Angeles	82/63/pc	82/62/pc
Miami	92/79/pc	92/79/pc
New York City	90/75/pc	88/73/pc
Phoenix	111/82/s	111/83/pc
San Francisco	75/56/pc	73/56/pc
Wash., DC	92/73/pc	86/71/pc

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	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Seattle	82/60	84/58	Wenatchee	94/68	91/67
Tacoma	84/58	86/68/c	Moses Lake	97/69	93/67
Aberdeen	75/59	86/59	Yakima	97/68	95/67
Olympia	85/60	86/59	Kennewick	100/67	93/67
Longview	86/59	86/59	Walla Walla	93/67	92/65
Astoria	72/58	86/59	Hermiston	101/70	95/67
Portland	90/62	96/67	Pendleton	95/67	84/56
Salem	91/59	96/67	La Grande	87/60	84/56
Corvallis	91/58	96/67	John Day	91/59	92/65
Eugene	91/58	96/67	Burns	93/60	92/65
Bend	93/56	96/67	Ontario	96/64	92/65
Medford	99/66	96/67	Caldwell	93/62	92/65
Klamath Falls	95/57	96/67			