

SPORTS



Photos by Nancy Taylor

Infinity Gymnastics coaches Doug Oldham, left, and Darian Hageman, right, with members of the Xcel Silver team.

Local gymnasts back in the action

The Astorian

Members of Astoria's Infinity Gymnastics recently competed in their first meet of the 2021 season as part of the America's Best Kids Classic in Medford.

Infinity's Xcel Silver and Gold teams both made the trip, and both teams returned with medals.

For the Gold senior team, Infinity's Maevri Bergerson placed first in bars on her way to the first place score in the all-around with a 35.5.

The Xcel Gold junior team featured Karli Gantenbein (fourth place in the all around score) and Lily Shaelling (fifth place, all around).

The Xcel Silver team had several placers, including juniors Aasha Slot, who took

first in the vault and floor, and third in the all around; and Adelia Lippold, first on the beam.

Infinity's Silver child division had Erika Gantenbein, first in the vault and second in the all-around with a 36.4; Neveah Nicholls, second place on the bars; Corrine Geyer, third on the beam; and Kalista Giles, ninth all-around.

Infinity is scheduled to host their first-ever in-house meet May 15, while the Xcel state championships will take place May 22 and May 23.

"The team girls are beyond excited to finally get to compete again," said Infinity Gymnastics owner Nancy Taylor. "The meet hosts have worked very hard to create a safe environment for our girls to compete."



Xcel Gold team gymnast Lily Schaelling competes on the bars.

Banks blows past Astoria baseball

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For the second time in three days, the Banks Braves scored a one-sided victory over Astoria in Cowapa League baseball action.

After a 10-1 win Thursday at Tapiola Park, the Braves scored an 11-1 victory over Astoria in a Saturday afternoon contest at Banks.

Pitcher Cam Louie limited Astoria to three hits in five innings, with eight strikeouts and one walk.

Aiden Giles had a double for Astoria, which hosts Tillamook Wednesday at Tapiola.

Gulls 13, Valiants 3

Seaside remained within striking distance of first place in Cowapa League baseball, with a 13-3 win Friday at Valley Catholic.

The Gulls improved to 5-3, while Banks continues to sit atop the league standings at 8-0.

Seaside plays Tillamook twice this week, and also hosts a nonleague contest Wednesday at 5 p.m. at Broadway Field with Knappa.

Warriors down the 'Dawgs, 6-1

Dawson Little and the Warrenton Warriors made quick work of the Woodburn Bulldogs in a Saturday afternoon nonleague baseball game at Huddleston Field.

Little gave up just four hits and a walk with four strikeouts, pitching a complete-game, 6-1 win over Woodburn.

Little also had two hits and two RBIs at the plate, as did Mike Ulness.

Warrenton improved to 6-1 overall, with three games this week vs. Taft, and a home game Thursday with Willamina.

Loggers close in on NWL title

The Knappa Loggers have all but locked up another Northwest League baseball title, as they swept a doubleheader Friday at home against Portland Christian, 6-2 and 14-4.

Knappa is 9-0 overall, tied with Monroe for the best record in 2A baseball. The Royals — who were undefeated coming into last week's three games vs. Knappa — dropped to 6-3 after three straight losses to Knappa.

The Loggers have league games remaining with Nestucca and Vernonia (a combined 2-14).

Portland Christian outthit Knappa eight to three in Game 1, but stranded 10 baserunners, walked eight batters and committed four errors in the loss. Camo Miethe and Mark Miller had doubles for Knappa.

Knappa led 4-1 after one inning of Game 2, and scored five runs in the fourth inning. The Loggers had 10 hits in five inning, including four doubles.

Banks rallies to top Astoria softball

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Astoria led 3-2 after one inning, but Banks scored runs in each of the next five innings, on its way to a 13-5 win over the Lady Fishermen, in a Cowapa League softball game Saturday at CMH Field.

Both teams had 11 hits, but the Braves made the most of their opportunities, building a 12-3 lead in the top of the fifth.

Halle Helmersen led Astoria's offense, going 4-for-4 with a solo home run, while teammate Tenley Matteucci belted a pair of homers, with three RBIs and two runs scored.

Seaside 11, Valiants 6

Seaside snapped a 2-2 tie with six runs in the second inning, and the Gulls cruised to an 11-6 win over Valley Catholic in a Cowapa League softball game Friday at Broadway Field.

The bottom half of Seaside's lineup had the big day offensively, as Erin Owsley was 4-for-4 with a double, and Emma Taylor was 3-for-4 and also had a double. Ila Bowles had two of Seaside's five doubles.

Gracie Rhodes was the winning pitcher, allowing 10 hits and one walk with four strikeouts.

Willamina, Warrenton split doubleheader

The Willamina and Warrenton softball teams combined for 37 runs, 33 hits and 20 errors in a Saturday doubleheader at Willamina, where the Warriors and Bulldogs split the Coastal Range League twinbill.

Willamina scored a 13-12 victory in the opener, followed by an 8-4 Warrenton win in Game 2.

The Warriors committed eight errors in Game 1, but still held an 8-1 lead entering the bottom of the fourth, when the Bulldogs scored eight runs. Willamina outscored Warrenton 3-2 in the last two innings, scoring the walkoff game-winning run on a pair of errors by the Warriors.

Warrenton's Avyree Miethe was 5-for-5 with a home run at the plate and scored four runs, while Emma Smith drove in four runs.

The Warriors led 6-0 after three innings in the second game and held on for the win.

Miethe and Jamie Annat had three hits apiece for Warrenton, while Willamina committed six errors. Miethe was also the winning pitcher, scattering four hits with five strikeouts.

Warrenton has three games vs. Taft this week.

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TUESDAY

Baseball — Warrenton at Taft, 4:30 p.m.; Nestucca at Knappa, 4:30 p.m.

Softball — Taft at Warrenton, 4 p.m.; Knappa at Nestucca, 4:30

p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Baseball — Tillamook at Astoria, 5 p.m.; Knappa at Seaside, 5 p.m.; Warrenton at Taft, 4:30 p.m.

Softball — Astoria at Tillamook, 5 p.m.; Seaside at Knappa, 4:30 p.m.; Taft at Warrenton, 4 p.m.; Seaside at Knappa, 5 p.m.

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