

SPORTS

Another middle school state title for Astoria

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Teagan Birdeno, Pierce Burnhan, Quin Gohr, Kanon Huber, Sawyer Rochon, Mulu Starr-Hollow, Brayden Wintersteen.

Memorize the names. If everything goes as planned, these kids — currently known as the Astoria Bandits — could be celebrating a high school state championship in 2026, if not sooner.

Since grade school, the group has won most of its games, which now includes a state title, at the recent Oregon Middle School Basketball Championship in central Oregon, March 11 through March 13.

Another team from Clatsop County — the Astoria sixth grade girls — also won a state championship this season.

The Astoria eighth grade boys have won at all levels, against all competition the state has to offer, from big cities to small towns.

After last year's tournament was canceled, the Astoria players were back as eighth graders this season, and the Bandits concluded their year by going 5-0 in the silver bracket of the Oregon middle school championships, three days of competition in a 27-team tournament.

Astoria opened the tournament with a 58-34 win over Cascade on March 11.



LEFT: The Astoria Bandits as sixth graders, above, and as state champion eighth graders. RIGHT: Astoria's Quin Gohr puts up a shot during the recent middle school state championships.



Photos by Kate Gohr

The action picked up March 12, and the Bandits met the challenge with victories over teams from Junction City (48-25) and West Linn (49-32).

The Bandits continued right on winning on March 13, with a 53-28 rout over Molalla, and a victory in their closest game of the tournament, 55-51 over the St. Mary Rams in the final.

Young Loggers take third

In the same tournament, the Knappa fifth grade boys basketball team finished third in their division.

Coached by Bryan Lempea and Chad Harrington, the team includes Kolson Bourrioux, Tucker Delay, Blake Harrington, Tanner Jones, Trey Lempea, Ben McDorman, Kyler Rinell, Kirk Rohne, Emmett Rubus and Charlie Stevens.



Amanda Rohne

The Knappa fifth grade boys basketball team, third place at state.

BASEBALL

Warrenton tops Scio, 4-3

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The Warrenton Warriors split a pair of nonleague baseball games Wednesday at Scio High School against two different teams.

Warrenton opened with a 4-3 win over Scio, then lost a 9-8 decision to South Umpqua, as the Warriors faced a pair of top 10 teams at the 3A level.

Ranked third in a preseason coaches poll, Warrenton allowed just three hits against fifth-ranked Scio.

Starter Dylan Atwood worked four-and-a-third innings, giving up three hits with five strikeouts and a walk, and helped himself at the plate with two of Warrenton's five hits, and an RBI.

In Game 2, seventh-ranked South Umpqua built an 8-0 lead through four innings, only to see the Warriors battle back and close to within one run in the seventh.

Warrenton's final batter was out by a step at first base, as a runner from third was scoring what would have been the tying run.

Warrenton's Ethan Cald-

well and Kaison Smith each had a double and two hits, while Talon McGrorty drove in two runs.

"It was a good day," said Warrenton coach Lennie Wolfe, whose team had just one error on the day. "We really did play well. South Umpqua is the best we've seen so far, and they will be one of the top teams in the state. The discussion after the game was that we can play with both these teams, which should give us a lot of confidence, because these are two teams we may be seeing again."

The Warriors, in fact, host Scio for another nonleague contest April 1.

Ralston 12, Knappa 4

Knappa scored the first run of the game, but Ralston Valley rallied and led 10-2 after three innings, on its way to a 12-4 win over the Loggers, in their final game of a week-long road trip in Arizona.

Knappa returns home to open a three-game series against Portland Christian, with the league opener Tuesday at 4 p.m. at Knappa.

OBITUARIES

Jon Allen Hissner

Astoria July 1, 1943 — March 10, 2022

Jon Allen Hissner passed away March 10, 2022, at his family home in Astoria, after a long battle with asbestos-related chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was 78 years old.

Jon was born on July 1, 1943, in Eugene, to Ragnhild Oline and Wilbur Francis Hissner.

When he was 9 years old, the family moved back to their home town of Astoria. During his teenage years, Jon worked helping his parents at their family garden center. He played football, basketball and was on the golf team for Astoria High School. He graduated in 1961.

Shortly after graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, and trained and served as a nuclear weapons specialist.

Jon was a shareholder, and worked for several years, at the Astoria Plywood Mill. He also spent many days and nights on the river as a commercial gillnetter, and was quite the adept net mender.

He enjoyed shooting pool and played on many leagues over the years, bringing home his share of trophies. He also spent some time picking mushrooms for commercial use, and was quite proud of his "secret" spots he had found,

and the mushroom seasoning powder he would make from the mushrooms that weren't high enough grade to sell.

Jon was a member of the American Legion for over 50 years. He also belonged to the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Loyal Order of Moose for several years. Over the last few years, he assisted in the annual Christmas party for Coast Rehabilitation Services, held at the Moose Lodge. He spent many hours obtaining donations for the party.

He had a huge smile and a love for telling jokes and stories ... usually followed by his own special laughter and a twinkle in his blue eyes.

Jon is survived by his partner, Trish Walters; son, Jim Hissner, of Astoria; daughter, Kieya/Lori (Bill) Walker, of Portland; cousin, Nancy (David) Tohl, of Rancho Mirage, California; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ragnhild and Wilbur Hissner; uncles, Einar Dahl, Jalmer Dahl and Glenn Hissner; an aunt, Mary Dahl; and a cousin, Bob Dahl.

A celebration of Life is scheduled for April 2 at 1 p.m. at the Astoria Moose Lodge.



Jon Hissner



PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

MONDAY Softball — Astoria at Clatskanie, 5 p.m.; Knappa at St. Paul, 4:30 p.m.

TUESDAY Baseball — St. Helens at Astoria, 4:30 p.m.; Warrenton at Seaside, 3:30 p.m.; Portland Christian at Knappa, 4 p.m. Softball — Seaside at Warrenton, 4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY Baseball — Seaside at Corbett, 4:30 p.m. Softball — North Marion at Astoria, 4:30 p.m.; Corbett at Seaside, 5 p.m.; Perrydale at Knappa, 4:30 p.m.

PREP ROUNDUP

Knappa softball sweeps Heppner

After getting rained out the first day of their road trip to Eastern Oregon, the Knappa softball team scored a doubleheader sweep over Heppner/Ione on Tuesday afternoon, 16-2 and 13-5.

Hannah Dietrichs tossed a no-hitter in the first game, with 11 strikeouts and seven walks.

Dietrichs was also 4-for-4 at the plate with two home runs and nine runs batted in. Rachel Ball also had two hits.

Dietrichs got the win in Game 2, striking out 14 and allowing eight hits with three walks. Patricia Lebo led the offense (3-for-4 with five RBIs).

Tillamook softball blanks Warriors

Tillamook pitcher Tori Pesterfield tossed a complete-game, two-hit shutout Wednesday at CMH Field, leading the Lady Mooks to a 16-0 win over Warrenton in a nonleague softball game.

Tillamook collected 14 hits off two Warrenton pitch-

ers, and built a 6-0 lead after two innings.

Talamantez signs letter of intent with Eastern Oregon

Seaside senior Lawson Talamantez signed a letter of intent last week to play football at Eastern Oregon University.

His parents, Kristin and Joe Talamantez, joined Lawson for the signing, along with Seaside football coach and athletic director Aaron Tanabe.

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Seaside High School Lawson Talamantez, Seaside



Astoria High School

The Astoria Pizazz dance team.

Pizazz dance team finishes third at state

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The Astoria dance team Pizazz finished third out of 11 teams in the 4A/3A/2A/1A finals of the Oregon School Activities Association dance/drill state championships, held March 18 and March 19 at Oregon City High School.

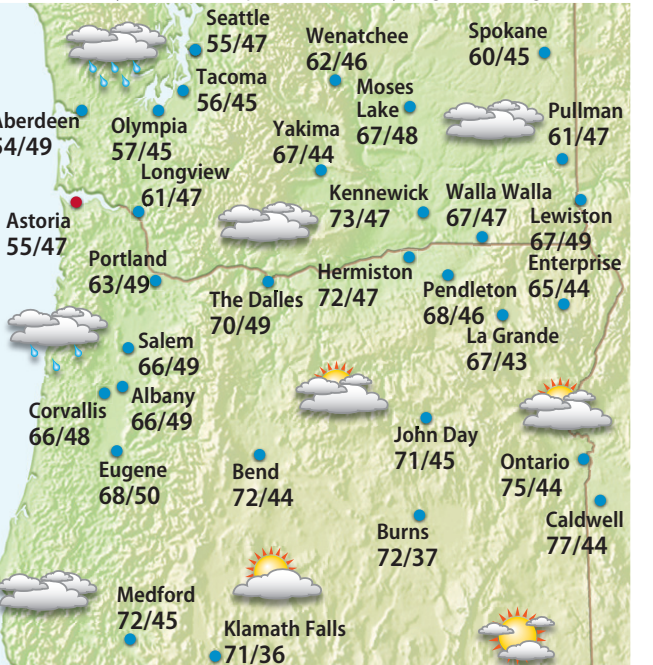
Valley Catholic won the team title with a final score of 18.03, ahead of Stayton (17.22) and Astoria (16.08), with Banks (15.67) fourth, as three of the top four teams were from the Cowapa League.

SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

Weather forecast for Astoria from today to Friday with icons and temperatures.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



ALMANAC

Astoria through Thursday Temperatures High/low, Normal high/low, Record high, Record low, Precipitation.

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Hercules, the Hero, emerging from the NE horizon near midnight.

SUN AND MOON

Table with sunrise and sunset times for today and moon phases (New, First, Full, Last).

TODAY'S TIDES

Table of high and low tide times for Astoria, Cape Disappointment, Hammond, Warrenton, Knappa, and Depoe Bay.

NATIONAL CITIES

Table of today's and Sunday's high and low temperatures for various major cities.