

SPORTS

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Lilli Taylor, Seaside

Sports: Soccer (all-league), basketball (all-league), track

Favorite sports moment: My favorite sports moment has to be every home game at the old Seaside High School, when the girls basketball team would cheer the fight song before going out on the court. It really meant a lot because singing the song as a team brought the feeling of unity and got us in game mode.

Where you see yourself in five years: I hope to be graduated from college, exploring the field of environmental science and going on fun adventures.

Favorite road trips: My favorite road trip was to High Life (Adventures) with my basketball team after my junior season. Hands down that was one of the best adventures ever.

Most influential coach or teacher: It's a tough decision, but I would have to say it was my AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) coach, Frank Luzaich. From fifth to eighth grade he was my first Portland traveling coach, and he is the one that helped me truly fall in love with the game of basketball. He helped me



build my confidence as a player and helped elevate my game and the way I see the court.

Advice for young teammates: Even if there's a practice you just don't want to be at, or feel like you can skip that day, don't. Playing high school sports doesn't last forever. There is a clock on how many times you get to lace up your cleats or step on the court. Never take it for granted or think there is always next season, because if COVID has taught us one thing, it's that nothing is guaranteed.

Moha breaks Warrenton school record in 3,000 meters

The Astorian

Athletes from Clatsop County were setting season records, personal records and school records on Saturday at Banks, where the Braves hosted the annual Rob Franks Invitational.

In between signing autographs for his competition, Astoria's Colton McMaster had a season-best toss in the shot put of 57 feet, 7¾ inches — nearly 15 feet better than second place Daevon Vereen of Banks.

McMaster's winning throw in the discus was 177-6, 45 feet better than the second place mark.

It was a 1-2-3 sweep for Clatsop County in the 3,000 meters, where Warrenton senior Zander Moha erased a 51-year-old school record, winning in 9 minutes, 8.79 seconds over Knappa's Isaiah Rodriguez (9:35.50) and Jewell's Nicholas Nikander (10:06.13).

Moha's time broke the Warrenton record of 9:15.2, held by Bill Watkins since 1971. (Watkins still holds the school 1,500 meter record at 4:08.4).

On the girls side, Astoria's Maddie Sisley contributed four wins in Saturday's meet.

On the track, she teamed with sophomores Harlie Wiedmaier, Maia Long and sister Ashley Sisley to win the 400 relay in 53.54.

Individually, Maddie Sisley won the 100-meter hurdles (17.49), then had winning marks of 17-3¾ and a personal best 35-2 in the long jump and triple jump.

Elsewhere, junior Ella Zilli won the 3,000 in 12:07.70; Wiedmaier had the second-best time (14.16) out of 32 entries in the 100 meters, and third (29.39) of 23 runners in the 200; sophomore Lily Meadows was second

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

Baseball — Astoria at Cascade, 4:30 p.m.; Seaside at Banks, 5 p.m.; Knappa at Vernonia, 4 p.m.
Softball — Banks at Seaside, 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Softball — Valley Catholic at Astoria, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY

Softball — Astoria at Tillamook, 5 p.m.; St. Paul at Knappa, 4:30 p.m.
Track — The Astorian Invitational, at Astoria High School, 2 p.m.

BASEBALL STANDINGS

4A Cowapa League
Banks Braves 3-0
Tillamook Cheesemakers 1-1
Valley Catholic Valiants 1-1
Astoria Fishermen 1-2
Seaside Seagulls 0-2
3A Coastal Range League
Warrenton Warriors 3-1
Taft Tigers 3-2
Rainier Columbians 2-0
Clatskanie Tigers 2-2
Catlin Gabel Eagles 1-2
Willamina Bulldogs 0-4
2A Northwest League
St. Paul Buckaroos 9-0
Knappa Loggers 8-0
Neah-Kah-Nie Pirates 6-0
Vernonia Loggers 0-4
Nestucca Bobcats 0-5
Portland Christian Royals 0-6
Gaston Greyhounds 0-8

SOFTBALL STANDINGS

4A Cowapa League
Astoria Fishermen 3-0
Valley Catholic Valiants 1-0
Seaside Seagulls 0-1
Tillamook Cheesemakers 0-1
Banks Braves 0-2
3A Coastal Range League
Taft Tigers 2-0
Warrenton Warriors 2-1
Rainier Columbians 1-1
Clatskanie Tigers 1-2
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Neah-Kah-Nie Pirates 4-2
Knappa Loggers 3-2
Vernonia Loggers 3-4
Perrydale Pirates 2-3
St. Paul Buckaroos 2-4
Faith Bible Falcons 1-4
Portland Christian Royals 1-5

out of 27 throwers in the shot put (31-9¼); Jenna Russell was third in the discus (personal record, 102-7).

Jewell's Brenna Shaw was second behind Maddie Sisley in the long jump (15-2½), and Warrenton's Julie Dornblueth was second in the triple jump (32-3¼).

Local teams compete on Thursday in The Astorian Invitational at Astoria High School.

PREP ROUNDUP

Warrenton's O'Brien earns awards

Awards season continued this month, and Warrenton athletic director Ian O'Brien cleaned up last weekend, as he received the 2022 National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association State Award of Merit, as well as two state awards for the Oregon Athletic Directors Association 3A Athletic Director of the Year.

O'Brien was presented the athletic administrators association award during the Oregon Athletic Directors Association state conference last week.

The annual award is provided by the athletic administrators association to an athletic administrator from each state for recognition of meritorious dedication to high school and middle school athletics.

Also the assistant principal at Warrenton, O'Brien has been an athletic administrator for nine years and an athletic administrators association member for three years. In 2012, he was awarded the Oregon Athletic Directors Association Rookie of the Year.

After a brief stint at Lakeridge High School, O'Brien returned to Warrenton in 2017.

He was also awarded the 2021 3A Athletic Director of the Year award, and the same award for the 3A/2A/1A Athletic Director of the Year.

O'Brien is also an Oregon Athletic Directors Association representative, has served as a delegate assembly member, and is on the state championship committee.

Warrenton softball tops Tigers, 8-4

Warrenton continues to climb up the Coastal Range League softball standings, with an 8-4 win Saturday afternoon over



Ian O'Brien

Clatskanie.

Warrenton overcame an early 3-1 deficit with three runs in the bottom of the fourth.

Winning pitcher Avery Miethe scattered eight hits, with seven strikeouts and two walks. Clatskanie's Kylie Thomas threw 138 pitches, allowing five hits with four walks.

Knappa baseball takes two, 10-0, 18-2

Knappa scored 28 runs in just nine at-bats on Saturday, in a 10-0, 18-2 doubleheader sweep over Nestucca, in a Northwest League baseball twinbill played at Jesuit High School.

Logger pitcher Drew Miller (14 strikeouts, two walks) threw a no-hitter in Game 1, while the Loggers had five hits and drew eight walks. Tanner Jackson and Logan Morrill each had a triple.

Knappa pounded out 16 hits in the second game. Treven Moreland and Nick Rusinovich had doubles.

Winners of 56 straight league games, Knappa has one game this week against Nestucca (0-5), and three vs. Vernonia (0-4).

Knappa's last loss in league play was five years ago this week at Nestucca.

Morrill is state 2A Player of the Year

The all-state basketball teams were announced last month, and Knappa senior Logan Morrill was voted 2A Player of the Year for the 2021-22 season. Teammate Shane McMahon was named to the second team.

Morrill is the first Knappa player since Brian Jackson to be named as a state Player of the Year. Jackson picked up his award in 1998-99, when there were just four classifications in Oregon.



Logan Morrill

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