

SPORTS

Knappa tops St. Paul in first place showdown

The only team with a chance to catch Knappa in the Northwest League baseball standings was brought back to reality Tuesday afternoon.

The No. 7-ranked, previously unbeaten St. Paul Buckaroos (now 14-1) saw Knappa for the first time this season, and the Loggers brought down the Bucks with ease, 9-0 in a single game at Tapiola Park.

Knappa is now atop the league standings at 13-0, 14-3 overall. The Loggers also extended their league winning streak to 61, although St. Paul is the first team to hold Knappa under 10 runs since April 8.

The Loggers only had five hits and struck out 10 times, but took advantage of seven walks and three St. Paul errors.

Knappa scored four runs in the third inning on three walks, a hit batter and one hit, and tacked on five in the sixth on four hits, including a two-run double by Drew Miller.

Logger pitchers Nick Rusinovich, Jaxon Dietrichs and Miller scattered four hits with 11 strikeouts and one walk.

St. Paul (11-1) will have two more shots at the Loggers, as the Buckaroos were set to host Knappa for a doubleheader Friday.

Neah-Kah-Nie is third at 10-1. The bottom four teams in the league (Portland Christian, Nestucca, Gaston and Vernonia) are a combined 2-34 in league play.

Knappa 16, Nestucca 6

The “Millers” of Knappa built an early 9-2 run, on their way to another easy Northwest League baseball win Monday, a 16-6 decision at Nestucca.

Knappa’s Mark Miller, Jude Miller and Drew Miller had a combined 10 hits, scored nine runs and drove in another nine, as part of a 17-hit attack.

Knappa also drew eight walks and four hit batters, while Logger pitchers Jaxon Dietrichs, Treven Moreland and Logan Morrill scattered seven hits with four strikeouts and four walks.

Tillamook 10, Astoria 0

Tillamook pitcher Parker McKibbin tossed a two-hit shutout with 10 strikeouts and no walks, and the Cheesemakers pulled away for a 10-0 Cowapa League baseball win, Tuesday at Tillamook.

The Cheesemakers led just 1-0 through three innings, but scored three runs each in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings.

Astoria softball sweeps Tillamook

Tillamook traveled north for a Cowapa League softball doubleheader Tuesday at CMH Field, where Astoria scored two wins

over the Lady Mooks, 9-3 and 7-6.

Astoria’s Shelby Bruney belted a home run and pitcher Maddie Wilkin allowed four hits in the opener, with eight strikeouts and two walks.

Mercedes Walter was 3-for-4 with a double.

In Game 2, Astoria avoided a major upset by rallying from a 6-1 deficit, scoring two runs each in the fifth and sixth to send the game to extra innings.

In the bottom of the eighth, Walter reached on a dropped ball-third strike, Tenley Matteucci was walked intentionally, and Wilkin followed with a run-scoring, walkoff single.

Avery Biederman and Matteucci each had a triple.

Valley Catholic 12, Seaside 4

Valley Catholic’s MaryLou Lux was 4-for-4 at the plate with two home runs, as she led the Valiants to a 12-4 win over visiting Seaside in a Cowapa League softball game Monday.

Valley Catholic also had five doubles on the day.

Warrenton 9, Ilwaco 5

The Warrenton softball team took a break from league play with a trip across the boarder Monday, and posted a 9-5 win at Ilwaco.

Emma Smith had two doubles, scored twice and drove in two runs for Warrenton, which scored in six of the seven innings.

Knappa 9, Nestucca 6

Knappa bounced back from a loss to Perrydale the day before with a 9-6 win at Nestucca, in Northwest League softball action Tuesday.

Perrydale 12, Knappa 10

Perrydale rapped out 14 hits in a 12-10 win over visiting Knappa Monday.

The Pirates’ Jenna Tompkins had a single, double and a home run, and drove in four runs.

Rainier, Warrenton softball split games

Rainier and Warrenton split a pair of Coastal Range League softball games last Friday on the Warriors’ home field.

Warrenton won the opener, 14-3, before the Columbians bounced back with an 8-2 victory in Game 2.

The Lady Warriors jumped all over Rainier early in Game 1, building a 5-0 lead through two innings, then tacking on eight in the fourth.

Warrenton had six extra-base hits, including a triple by Avyree Mieth, while Lena Wakefield and Kaylie Poe had three hits apiece. Emma Smith and Jasmin Horton

each drove in three runs.

London O’Brien was the winning pitcher, allowing four hits with three strikeouts and two walks.

Rainier had the big inning in the second game, scoring six in the second inning to take command. Miley Cook threw a complete game for the Columbians, allowing seven hits.

Astoria softball closes in on league title

With a little help from Seaside’s win over Valley Catholic, the Astoria softball team took another step toward locking up the Cowapa League championship with another win over Banks, 7-6, Thursday at CMH Field.

Unbeaten in league play, fourth-ranked Astoria improves to 7-0 in the Cowapa, with the Valiants (4-2) a distant second. Banks falls to 0-6 in league.

Maddie Wilkin pitched a complete game for Astoria, allowing seven hits with 13 strikeouts and three walks. Shelby Bruney was 2-for-3 with a triple, with Fionna Duryea and Wilkin each adding a double.

The game was tied 5-5 after four innings, before the Lady Fish scored two in the fifth.

Gulls 9, Valiants 6

Seaside sophomore Jazel Garcia belted a walk-off grand slam in the bottom of the seventh inning Thursday, helping the Gulls to a 9-6 win over Valley Catholic.

Banks wins Seaside girls golf invite

Banks compiled 167 team points to win the Seaside Invitational girls golf tournament, held Monday at the Gearhart Golf Links.

In a modified Stableford scoring format, medalist Jocelyn Janecek had 55 points to pace the Braves, just ahead of Valley Catholic’s Challin Kim (54). The Valiants finished second in team scoring with 153 points, followed by Astoria (127) and Seaside (104), with Warrenton incomplete.

Astoria’s Ava Davis shot a personal best in stroke play (98) for 45 points to lead the Lady Fishermen, with Caleigh Peterson (38), Lily Reed and Mia Rochon (22 points apiece), Katie Jo Strimple-Fields (21) and Marlee Both (19) rounding out the scores.

Kaylee Snyder had 31 points as Seaside’s top scorer, followed by Alyssa Bergman (27) and Holly Fergus (26).

Seaside boys take part in state golf preview

Defending 3A state champion Oregon Episcopal won a boys golf state preview match, held Wednesday at Quail Valley Golf

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

MONDAY

Baseball — Banks at Astoria, 5 p.m.; Valley Catholic at Seaside, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY

Softball — Astoria at Banks, 5 p.m.; Seaside at Valley Catholic, 5 p.m.; Knappa at Vernonia, 4:30 p.m.
Track — 3A District meet, at Warrenton, TBA

Course.

The Aardvarks posted a four-over par team score of 292, ahead of Banks, the top 4A school with a 323. Defending 4A champion Marist was third (326) followed by Valley Catholic (329).

Individually, Aaron Brown of Banks tore up his home course with a five-under par 67 to earn medalist honors. Alex Tseng of Oregon Episcopal was a stroke back at 68, ahead of his brother Ethan at 70.

Seaside was led by Carson Kawasoe’s 78, for ninth place. Also scoring for the Gulls were Carter Perrigo (105), Carson Bates (114), Ever Sibony and Merrick Habecker (each at 115) and Madden Wunderlich (111).

“Carson (Kawasoe) played much better than his score showed,” said Seaside coach Jim Poetsch. “He hit one in the water on nine and missed a slick downhill putt on six that led to doubles. Otherwise, he was pretty solid.”

“As far as the state tournament, it looks like Banks, Valley and Marist will battle it out,” he said. “And if Cowapa League history holds, Tillamook could be right in the mix for a trophy.”

The Cowapa League championships take place Monday at Astoria Golf & Country Club.

Valiants win Astoria girls golf invite

Some of the top individuals in Oregon 4A girls golf are from the Cowapa League, so it was a strong field for the annual Astoria Invitational, held Thursday at the Astoria Golf & Country Club.

Valley Catholic won the team title with 228 points under a modified Stableford scoring format, paced by medalist and defending state champion Challin Kim with 75 points.

With 61 points from Jocelyn Janecek, Banks was second with 178, edging Astoria (177), which had all five of its varsity golfers scoring a season-best in points.

Caleigh Peterson led the way with 54, followed by Ava Davis (46), Marlee Both (41), Katie Jo Strimple-Fields (36) and Mia Rochon (26).

Seaside, Tillamook, Warrenton and Catlin Gabel all had incomplete teams scores. Competing for the Gulls were Holly Fergus (49 points) and Alyssa Bergman (34).

Girls golf regionals are scheduled for next Thursday and Friday at Quail Valley Golf Course.

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Joseph

Burton Tarabochia August 31, 1927 – April 10, 2022

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

Joseph Burton Tarabochia was born on August 31, 1927, and passed on to the Lord on April 10, 2022, at the age of 94. The eldest child of

Joseph and Winifred Tarabochia, “Junior” grew up in the fishing village of Brookfield, Washington, with his six siblings. During the years of the Great Depression, Joe and his brothers learned the family fishing trade.

At the early age of 14, he had his own fishing boat on the Columbia to help support his family.

Joe’s family moved from Brookfield to Astoria in 1946, where they continued to fish the Columbia River. Joe lived in the fishermen’s bunkhouses in Astoria, and in Woody Island while fishing, and not until much later did he purchase his own family home. In 1947, Joseph met his future wife, Joyce Martin, who preceded him in death on January 7, 2003. Joseph and Joyce were married on October 18, 1948, at St. Mary Catholic Church where they were lifelong members.

As devoted parents, Joe and Joyce had nine children—Joseph, Brenda (Weinschenk), Vince, Burt (who preceded Joseph in death on October 1, 2011), Mary Kaye (Wikstrom), Michael, Mark, Christine (Van Wagner), and Brian. Joe was very proud of his children, and they each brought him joy daily. He loved nothing more than to be

with his kids. He shared many of his passions with them, including fishing, hunting, weather and storm stories, sports (with a special place in his heart for the Washington Huskies and Seattle Mariners!) coffee times, holidays, celebrations, and the sharing of meals.

Joseph continued to show his strength for his family, and his will to live, up to the day he died. After receiving Holy Communion and

praying for Jesus’ strength, Joseph gave himself to the Lord, passing peacefully a few hours later.

Joe had 29 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren. He always welcomed gatherings big and small. He had many friends, and his children’s friends were considered his family too. Joe always had a smile, a memory or a story to share that allowed people to know him well. Quick to hold your hand, he was never a stranger to anyone, and an easy man to love.

Joe was a very hard worker who endured quite a lot to be successful in his career. He was well known to fishermen, highly respected for his knowledge and often sought after for advice. Joe owned only a few different boats through his lengthy career, with some remaining in



the family today. For fishing the Columbia, he bought his first boat, the Seawolf and later purchased the Polara, which is still in use on the river. He also fished the waters of Alaska, where he worked from 1952 until 2011 at the age of 84. After fishing a company sailboat, his personal boats in Alaska were the Chris Kaye and the Tara Marie, named after his girls, his wife, and his iconic last name. He ended his fishing career in Astoria at the age of 88.

The extended Tarabochia families grew up together learning the trade along the banks of Woody Island, where many memories were made. Many continue to fish these same waters as Joe and his brothers did long ago.

Joseph is survived by his brother Mike Tarabochia, sisters Joan Hemeon and Judith Palmer, as well as eight of his children, 29 grandchildren, and 37 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Joyce, son Burton, sister Katherine Sagen, and brothers John and Frank Tarabochia.

Joe will be missed by all.

