



SPORTS

Knappa's Drew Miller, Pitcher of the Year on the Northwest all-league team, and a first team all-state catcher.

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Nine Loggers earn all-league honors

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Just as they have dominated Northwest League baseball on the field over the last 10 years, the Knappa Loggers also dominate the Northwest League's annual all-league team.

It was no different in 2022, as every starter for league champion Knappa earned all-league honors, with senior Drew Miller selected as both the league Player of the Year and Pitcher of the Year. Coach of the Year honors went to Dwayne Nowlin of St. Paul, the 1A school which finished a distant second (14-4) behind the Loggers.

Knappa (18-0 in league play, 21-5 overall) had nine total selections, including six first team and three second team players. The list included four seniors, one junior, three sophomores and one freshman.

Earlier this week, Drew Miller was named as a first team catcher, and Mark Miller as a first team outfielder on the 2A/1A all-state team.

And the Loggers should be locked in as state title contenders for several more years, as junior pitcher Nick Rusinovich and sophomore pitcher Jaxon Dietrichs were both selected second team all-state.



NORTHWEST ALL-LEAGUE TEAM

Player of the Year: Drew Miller, Knappa
Pitcher of the Year: Drew Miller, Knappa
Coach of the Year: Dwayne Nowlin, St. Paul

- First Team**
Drew Miller, Sr., Knappa
 Anthony Allen, So., Neah-Kah-Nie
Jaxon Dietrichs, So., Knappa
 Samson Gentry, Jr., Vernonia
 Sebastian Gill, So., Vernonia
Tanner Jackson, Sr., Knappa
 Eduardo Loza, Jr., Neah-Kah-Nie
 Kirk Mazurowski, Sr., Portland Christian
Jude Miller, Fr., Knappa
Mark Miller, Sr., Knappa
 Deryk Rachele, Sr., Neah-Kah-Nie
 Warren Rose, Jr., St. Paul
Nick Rusinovich, Jr., Knappa
 Dylan Tallent, Sr., Gaston
 Lance Tuck, Sr., St. Paul
- Second Team**
Kutter Ball, So., Knappa
 Hunter Buehrer, Jr., Vernonia
 Jaden Dolan, Sr., Gaston
 Sebastian Hacker, So., Gaston
 Peter Hahn, Jr., Vernonia
 Clancy Koch, Sr., St. Paul
 Shane Lardy, Sr., Vernonia
 Cayden McLaughlin, Sr., Portland Christian
Treven Moreland, So., Knappa
Logan Morrill, Sr., Knappa
 George Pohlschneider, So., St. Paul
 Ralph Pohlschneider, So., St. Paul
 Clay Smith, Fr., St. Paul
 Zaden Wilhelm, Sr., Gaston
 Jacobee Wilkinson, Jr., Neah-Kah-Nie
 Trevor Wolf, So., Vernonia
- Honorable Mention**
 Brandon Chinchilla, Jr., Portland Christian
 Tyler Crawford, Jr., St. Paul
 Gage Erhardt, Fr., Vernonia
 Ethan Hanson, Fr., Neah-Kah-Nie
 Parker Hopkins, Jr., Neah-Kah-Nie
 Spyder Hyde, Sr., Neah-Kah-Nie
 Lucas "Bubba" Johnson, Jr., Portland Christian
 Hunter Lane, Jr., Neah-Kah-Nie
 Brody Schindler, Sr., St. Paul
 Jason Swirtz, Sr., Nestucca
 Skyler Wallace, Sr., Nestucca
- Sportsmanship:** St. Paul



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The solar component of the Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility was completed in March and spans 300 acres.

Facility: 'You need diversity of renewable resources'

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the central point of where all the power goes, and changes into alternating current or AC voltage.

"It does its little magic, it turns it to AC voltage, which that's what our transmission lines carry," she said. "Your AC voltage is going to be the plug on your wall at your home."

This process helps the energy collected become "clean energy" and it in turn creates an easier flow to power homes.

"From our inverter we can go out to the grid or we can go and charge our batteries," she said. "Then at night when we don't have any sun to produce power, we can push power from our batteries through our inverter out to the grid."

'You need flexibility'

Bob Jenks, executive director of the Oregon Citizens Utility Board, said the Wheatridge facility represents a step in the right direction for Oregon's clean electricity efforts. It also removes the dependence on only one source of clean energy.

"You need diversity of renewable resources," he said. "You need flexibility with them and the battery here is providing that flexibility."

Jenks said battery storage is becoming increasingly important in the clean energy transition, as utilities figure out ways to move power from one time of the day to another. Adding batteries to the mix will change when, where and how clean energy is created and stored across the state.

"That comes in real valuable because solar stops producing in late afternoon, early evening — but that's when people get home from work and tend to turn on their air conditioning," Jenks said.

Jenks cautioned that there could be some downsides to the technology, and questioned the ability of batteries to manage the power load and travel long distances. For example, he said PGE's decision to locate the batteries at the facility could mean that by the time the energy makes it to the Willamette Valley, some of its power has been lost.

He also said storage capacity can decline over time as the battery's life capacity depletes. Weather is another variable that can affect how batteries store energy.

"Anyone who owns an electric vehicle knows that in the winter you don't get the same amount of miles as you get in in the summer," he said. "Cold weather has negative effects on the ability to charge and maintain power."

But overall, Jenks said the facility is a smart investment and will likely be good for ratepayers.

"This is a good example of how the technologies are there," he said "And in



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Energy collected by solar panels, after being converted to the appropriate voltage, is able to charge and be stored in batteries located on site.

Oregon, there's the political will to require our utilities to use that technology."

'Tip of the iceberg'

Adam Schultz, the Oregon Department of Energy's electricity and markets policy group lead, said he expects more projects to follow Wheatridge's lead by combining different technologies like wind, solar, hydropower and batteries to generate and store more clean energy. But that is also going to prompt a change in the power system grid.

"If you're going to try to generate enough clean megawatt hours to displace all the fossil fuels on the system, you're going to need to move those megawatt hours around to be available 24/7," he said. "This is sort of what we expect to see in the future."

Schultz said Oregon's electric system was built for transporting power when needed rather than collecting it. He said it doesn't take a lot of storage to begin to have an impact on the power grid, and facilities like Wheatridge will help other utilities think differently about storage and get clean energy on the power grid.

Storage can also save ratepayers money during peak hours, Schultz said. Especially in the summer months when air conditioning units are running blast.

"So that's sort of the game-changer of storage at a very broad scale," he said. "Sort of the tip of the iceberg there of what's coming."

As battery storage becomes more common, Schultz said it's hard to overstate the role it will place in the next 40 years and he expects states like Oregon will take a more streamlined approach to clean energy and share resources with other states.

Gulls top Warriors in summer opener

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Seaside and Warrenton opened the summer junior baseball season Tuesday at Huddleston Field where the Gulls held off the

Warriors, 3-2. All the scoring took place over the fourth and fifth innings, with Seaside scoring two runs in the fifth on a wild pitch and a passed ball. Seaside pitchers Cam-

eron Schulte and Luke Calhoun held Warrenton to just one hit, with a combined 11 strikeouts and six walks. Warrenton's Dawson Little tossed a two-hitter with eight strikeouts and two walks.

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
61 56	64 55	63 52	59 50	60 49	62 51	60 50
P.M. showers; breezy	Occasional rain	Cloudy, a little rain	A shower	Mostly cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy, showers around

ALMANAC

Astoria through Tuesday

Temperatures

High/low 72/47
 Normal high/low 63/50
 Record high 94 in 1903
 Record low 40 in 1933

Precipitation

Tuesday Trace
 Month to date 1.39"
 Normal month to date 0.67"
 Year to date 40.13"
 Normal year to date 35.54"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Giovanni Cassini's birthday (1625).

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 5:24 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 9:05 p.m.
 Moonrise today 3:28 p.m.
 Moonset today 2:43 a.m.

Full Last New First

June 14 June 20 June 28 July 6

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
9:31 a.m.	5.7	3:48 a.m.	1.9	
9:57 p.m.	7.7	3:34 p.m.	1.5	
Cape Disappointment				
9:08 a.m.	5.5	3:14 a.m.	2.1	
9:39 p.m.	7.6	2:52 p.m.	1.7	
Hammond				
9:22 a.m.	5.9	3:30 a.m.	2.1	
10:08 a.m.	6.0	3:13 p.m.	1.7	
Warrenton				
9:26 a.m.	6.1	3:32 a.m.	2.0	
9:52 p.m.	8.0	3:18 p.m.	1.6	
Knappa				
10:08 a.m.	6.0	4:49 a.m.	1.6	
10:34 p.m.	7.9	4:35 p.m.	1.3	
Depoe Bay				
8:23 a.m.	5.4	2:41 a.m.	1.9	
8:52 p.m.	7.6	2:15 p.m.	1.4	

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	86/66/t	85/69/t
Boston	71/58/r	78/60/pc
Chicago	78/60/pc	74/59/c
Dallas	96/79/pc	100/78/pc
Denver	86/57/t	89/62/c
Honolulu	86/73/s	86/73/s
Houston	97/78/s	99/77/pc
Los Angeles	85/64/pc	87/67/s
Miami	89/76/t	87/75/t
New York City	78/60/r	80/64/s
Phoenix	110/85/s	113/88/s
San Francisco	75/60/pc	79/60/s
Wash., DC	84/63/pc	84/65/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	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Seattle	62/56	72/56	Spokane	74/58	
Tacoma	65/55	Moses Lake	82/62	Pullman	73/60
Olympia	62/55	Yakima	78/58	Kennewick	89/70
Longview	69/60	Walla Walla	80/64	Lewiston	81/64
Astoria	61/56	Enterprise	76/52	Hermiston	88/68
Portland	73/62	The Dalles	83/64	Pendleton	82/65
Salem	76/62	La Grande	80/57	John Day	81/55
Corvallis	76/60	Eugene	78/63	Burns	82/51
Bend	80/59	Ontario	88/62	Caldwell	86/61
Medford	87/62	Klamath Falls	80/48		
Baker City	80/55/c	79/54/c	North Bend	68/60/c	65/56/c
Brookings	64/57/c	66/56/c	Roseburg	85/64/c	82/65/c
Ilwaco	60/55/sh	62/53/r	Seaside	63/56/sh	64/56/r
Newberg	74/60/c	70/60/sh	Springfield	81/63/c	75/61/sh
Newport	61/56/sh	60/55/sh	Vancouver	73/62/c	70/60/sh