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

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 total nine selections, including first SIX team and three second team players. The included seniors, four one junior, three sophomores and one

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

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 Rachiele, 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 Moreiland, So., Knappa Logan Morrill, Sr., Knappa George Pohlschneider, So., St. Paul Ralph Pohlschneider, So., St. Paul Clay Smith, Fr., St. Paul

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 Spyder Hyde, Sr., Neah-Kah-Nie Lucas "Bubba" Johnson, Jr., Portland Christian Hunter Lane, Jr., Neah-Kah-Nie

Jason Swirtz, Sr., Nestucca

Sportsmanship: St. Paul

Skyler Wallace, Sr., Nestucca

Gulls top Warriors in summer opener

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Warren-Seaside and ton 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 Cameron 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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Kristyna Wentz-Graff/Oregon Public Broadcasting

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

"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

"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.

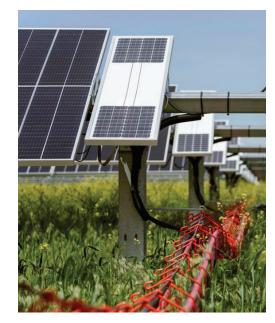
Jenks cautioned that there could be some downsides to the technology, and questioned the ability of batteries to manage the power load and travel long distances. For example, he said PGE's decision to locate the batteries at the facility could mean that by the time the energy makes it to the Willamette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



Kristyna Wentz-Graff/Oregon Public Broadcasting 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 oing 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.

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA TODAY FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY **61** 56 **52** 49 60 50 P.M. showers; Cloudy, a little Cloudy, showers Occasional rain A shower Mostly cloudy Cloudy breezy rain around

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Astoria through Tuesday

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| Year to date 40.1 | 3″ |
| Normal year to date 35.5 | 4" |
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UNDER THE SKY Tonight's Sky: Giovanni Cassini's

birthday (1625).

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

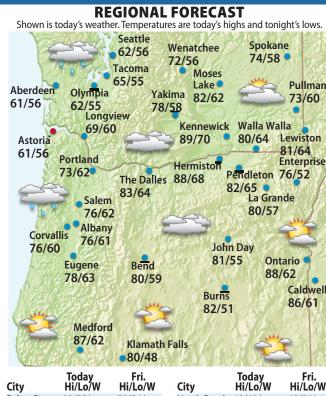
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TODAY'S TIDES Astoria / Port Docks Time High (ft.) Time Low (ft.) 9:31 a.m. 5.7 3:48 a.m. 1.9 9:57 p.m. 7.7 3:34 p.m. 1.5 Cape Disappointment 9:08 a.m. 5.5 3:14 3:14 a.m. 2.1 9:39 p.m. 2:52 p.m. 1.7 7.6 Hammond 9:22 a.m. 5.9 3:30 a.m. 2.1 9:51 p.m. 3:13 p.m. 1.7 Warrenton 3:32 a.m. 2.0 9:26 a.m. 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 5.4 2:41 a.m. 1.9

8:52 p.m. 7.6 2:15 p.m. 1.4

NATIONAL CITIES Today Fri. Hi/Lo/W Hi/Lo/W City 71/58/r 78/60/pc **Boston** Chicago 78/60/pc 74/59/c **Dallas** 96/79/pc 100/78/pc 86/57/t 89/62/c Denver 86/73/s 86/73/s Honolulu 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 75/60/pc San Francisco 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, i-ice.



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 60/55/sh 63/56/sh 64/56/r Ilwaco 62/53/r Seaside Newberg 74/60/c 70/60/sh Springfield 81/63/c 75/61/sh 61/56/sh 60/55/sh Vancouver 73/62/c 70/60/sh Newport