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Area runners finish college seasons

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A pair of runners with ties to the North Coast recently ended their 2019 collegiate seasons.

Seaside's Allison Kilday, wrapping up her college career as a senior at Occidental College in Los Angeles, finished third in the 400-meter hurdles in a time of 62.78 seconds.

Her run helped the Occidental women's team finish third overall in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athlete Conference (SCIAC) championship meet, held April 27-28 in Claremont, California.

Kilday also ran in the May 11 Oxy Invitational, and had the 12th-fastest time in the same event (1:03.11).

Kilday earned All-West region honors in the 400 hurdles, with the top five marks in each event in the SCIAC making the all-region team.

Kaylee Mitchell, who attended Astoria High School but graduated from

Sprague High School, competes as a freshman in track at Seattle Pacific University.

Mitchell qualified for the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the Division II national championship meet, May 23-25 in Kingsville, Texas, but a leg injury forced her to drop out of the final.

In the GNAC championships, May 10-11 at Western Oregon University, Mitchell was seeded second in the conference in the steeplechase, and that's where she finished in the final, placing second in 10:39.74, earning eight team points for SPU.

In the women's 1,500-meter final, Mitchell finished seventh in 4:32.81, a provisional qualifying time.

After her return from nationals, Mitchell posted, "Wouldn't want to end my freshman year of athletics with anyone else. And although this weekend went exactly how I did not want this weekend to go, I couldn't be more grateful for my teammates, my coaches and everything this year has taught me."

Smith earns coaching award

Seaside Signal

Over 360 coaches were honored Saturday, May 18, at the 2019 Oregon Athletic Coaches Association awards banquet.

And the list of honorees included Seaside's Nikita "Nick" Smith, in his fifth year as an assistant coach for the Seaside boys basketball team.

Smith and six others were given special awards in the category of "Assistant Coaches of the Year."

Seaside head coach Bill Westerholm, who has taken the Gulls to the last four state championship games, posted to the Seaside basketball facebook page, "Behind



Jeff Ter Har/For Seaside Signal
Seaside's Nick Smith has served as an assistant coach to Bill Westerholm for the last five years.

every program that has success you will find quality assistants. Our program is lucky to have three (Smith, Jim Poetsch, Charles Neal.)"

Teubner on way to Boise State

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Seaside senior Alex Teubner has accepted a walk-on opportunity to play football for the Boise State Broncos.

Teubner was the Cowapa League's Offensive Player of the Year last season, and was one of four Seaside players on the first team all-state offense after rushing for 2,420 yards and scoring 44 touchdowns in the 2018 season.

Astoria athletic director Howard Rub announced that five Astoria seniors will compete at the college level in 2019-20.

The list includes Ian Hunt, who will play basketball and compete in track at Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington.

Josiah Hirsch plans to play football at Occidental College in Los Angeles, while teammate Henry Samuelson will play football at George Fox University.

Seniors Kes Sandstrom and Nara Van De Grift plan to compete in track at Linfield College.



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Seaside's Alex Teubner, who had an outstanding senior season with the Gulls in 2018, hopes to carry the ball for Boise State in the near future.

Camp 18 hosts Timbers tree christening

By EDWARD STRATTON
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ELSIE — The log has been blessed. Now home goals can (hopefully) commence.

Fans of the Portland Timbers soccer team gathered en masse on Sunday, May 19, outside Camp 18 Restaurant on U.S. Highway 26 to bless a section of Douglas fir, a 2-inch round of which team mascot Timber Joey will lop off each time the team scores a goal.

Jim Serrill — former mascot Timber Jim — had been exciting fans at Providence Park with his chainsaw since the 1970s, until his retirement in 2008. His replacement Joey Webber — known as Timber Joey — took over and felt the tradition needed to continue.

More than a decade ago, Serrill, Webber and a group of fans traveled to Timber Junction, including a side trip to Camp 18 for breakfast, to acquire the first log of the season.

"We actually loaded up the trailer by hand with the first Timbers log in 2009, and helped a guy out who was suffering from diabetes, got his wood split for him," Webber told the crowd Sunday at Camp 18.

The ceremony has grown, with Timbers fans packing a banquet room at Camp 18. Instead of Timber Joey finding, scal-



Edward Stratton/The Astorian
Portland Timbers fans tossed their scarves Sunday over a section of log that will be cut by mascot Timber Joey each time a goal is scored at Providence Park.



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Jim Serrill, former Portland Timbers mascot Timber Jim, unveiled a new team scarf made in honor of two Forest Grove girls run over while playing in a leaf pile in 2013.

ing and delimiting a tree, Clatsop County, this year came from near Grand Ronde.

After gorging on breakfast and presenting a check for more than \$4,200 to Meals on Wheels, Timbers

fans filed out to a gravel lot, where the 10-foot section of Douglas fir sat on a trailer. They draped their wreaths over the top of the log and joined arms.

Patch Perryman, a capo in the Timbers Army fan club, placed his hand on the log and recited the Timbers Toast, an old Irish wedding wish Serrill passed on to the team.

After taking in the moment, a smaller group of fans with children in tow made their way to a field next to the Camp 18 Loggers Memorial, where they planted 2-year-old Douglas fir seedlings donated by Hampton Lumber and packed in by co-owner Jamey Hampton.

La Pine beats Warrenton 8-1 for 3A state baseball title

By GARY HENLEY
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KEIZER — The Warrenton Warriors went all-out to commemorate the 25th anniversary of their 1994 state championship season.

The celebration even included an actual re-enactment of their drive to the state title game.

Unfortunately for the Warriors, the climactic scene did not turn out the same as did in '94.

La Pine scored four runs in the bottom of the second inning, then let pitcher Adam Plant do the rest in Friday night's Class 3A baseball state championship game at Volcanoes Stadium in Keizer, where the Hawks celebrated an 8-1 win over the Warriors.

La Pine's junior right-

hander scattered seven hits, struck out nine and walked just one for a complete-game victory. Plant threw 105 pitches on the 80-degree night in Keizer, outdueling Warrenton pitcher Dalton Knight.

The Warriors' senior left-hander also gave up seven hits, but walked four and hit one batter, while the Warrior defense committed five errors, three in the decisive second inning.

Warrenton coach Lennie Wolfe didn't make excuses for his ball club.

"We just ran out of juice," he said. "In previous games, we were so solid defensively, and whenever we needed the big hit or the big inning offensively, we'd get it. Today we were never able to put the hits together. It just didn't happen."

"A big part of it was Plant," he said. "He was really tough on the hill,

and they were very sound defensively. They made the plays."

And at the plate, the Hawks "came through with men on base."

Like in the second inning, when the Hawks jumped on the scoreboard with four runs.

La Pine loaded the bases with no outs, and after sophomore Isaac Bright was hit by a pitch to force in the first run, Plant delivered a two-run single to shallow right field for a 3-0 lead. Another run scored on Warrenton's third error of the inning.

La Pine tacked on two runs in the bottom of the third, before the Warriors scored their lone run in the fourth.

Jacob Morrow had a leadoff double, then sprinted home moments later on an infield error on a ground ball from Duane Falls.



Colin Murphey/The Astorian
Dalton Knight delivers a pitch to the plate for the Warrenton Warriors.