

Fishermen's routine keeps Gulls at bay

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The Astoria Fishermen know the routine pretty well by now: Build a 10-run lead, sit back and watch whoever happens to be pitching throw a one-hit shutout, pack up after five innings, and head home.

That was the story Wednesday afternoon at Seaside's Broadway Field, in a Clatsop Clash baseball game.

The Fishermen had their 10-0 lead following their fifth at-bat, and Astoria pitcher Taylor Landwehr needed just 62 pitches to finish off the Gulls in Astoria's 10-0 win over Seaside.

Landwehr allowed a fourth inning single by Nick Nelson — the only hit given up by the senior right-hander, who struck out eight with no walks.

At the plate, Astoria's Conor Harber went 2-for-3 and drove in three runs to highlight the 10th-straight win for the No. 1-ranked Fishermen.

Astoria improves to 5-0 in league, and will host the Gulls at 5 p.m. today.

After a scoreless first inning, Astoria's Max Johnson and Ian Erickson both had singles to start the second. Johnson scored on the first of six Seaside errors, and sacrifice bunts by Landwehr and Keifer Lucore brought in Erickson and Jacob Davis.

Base hits by Johnson, Landwehr and Harber — coupled with three Seaside errors — led to four more runs in the third inning.

Playing against a stiff wind, Astoria's Garrett Puckett drove a fifth-inning pitch to the center-field fence for a double to score Davis.

A double down the right field line by Harber brought in two more runs for the 10-0 lead.

The Fishermen have implemented "small ball" into their game this year, much more than in the past.

"We're fast, and we're really good at it," said Astoria coach Dave Gasser. "Especially in wind like this, when the ball isn't going anywhere. I don't know how Garrett hit it that far — he just smashed it."

"But there have been a lot of games that just set themselves up to play short ball," he said. "Our kids bunt so well, and they can run pretty fast. It's just taking advantage of what we have. When it warms up and it's not as windy, we won't do it as much."

Meanwhile, Landwehr is nearly untouchable on the mound. He faced just one batter over the minimum in Wednesday's win.

"He's just throwing consistently well, and Ralph (Steinback, Astoria's pitching coach) just does a terrific job with the pitchers. Every year I've been here, we've had two guys who throw a lot of strikes, let us play, and rarely walk anybody."

"The latest version is these two guys (Landwehr and Max Johnson). And they're not just throwing strikes — they have really good stuff," Gasser said.

"Our strikeout-to-walk ratio has never been better than this. It's something like 8-



Astoria's Ian Erickson takes one on the chin after Seaside's catcher James Benfield is unable to field a throw home that bounces in the dirt. The Fishermen blanked the Seaside Gulls 10-0 Wednesday at Broadway Park.

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to-1, which makes it — to be honest — pretty easy to win games."

Steinback said Landwehr is averaging just 12 pitches per inning.

"It's not unlike Mathias Brause," Gasser said. "A good fastball, a good curveball ... good command of his pitches, and he's unruffable. It's a very fast-paced game and he throws a lot of strikes."

"Matt Brause kind of set the tone for what we want to do, and a lot of guys have worked with Ralph and emulated that."

BOYS GOLF

Fish shoot season low

HILLSBORO — For the second-straight tournament, the Astoria boys golf team shot its lowest score in two years, as the Fishermen took part in the Liberty Invitational Wednesday at Pumpkin Ridge Golf

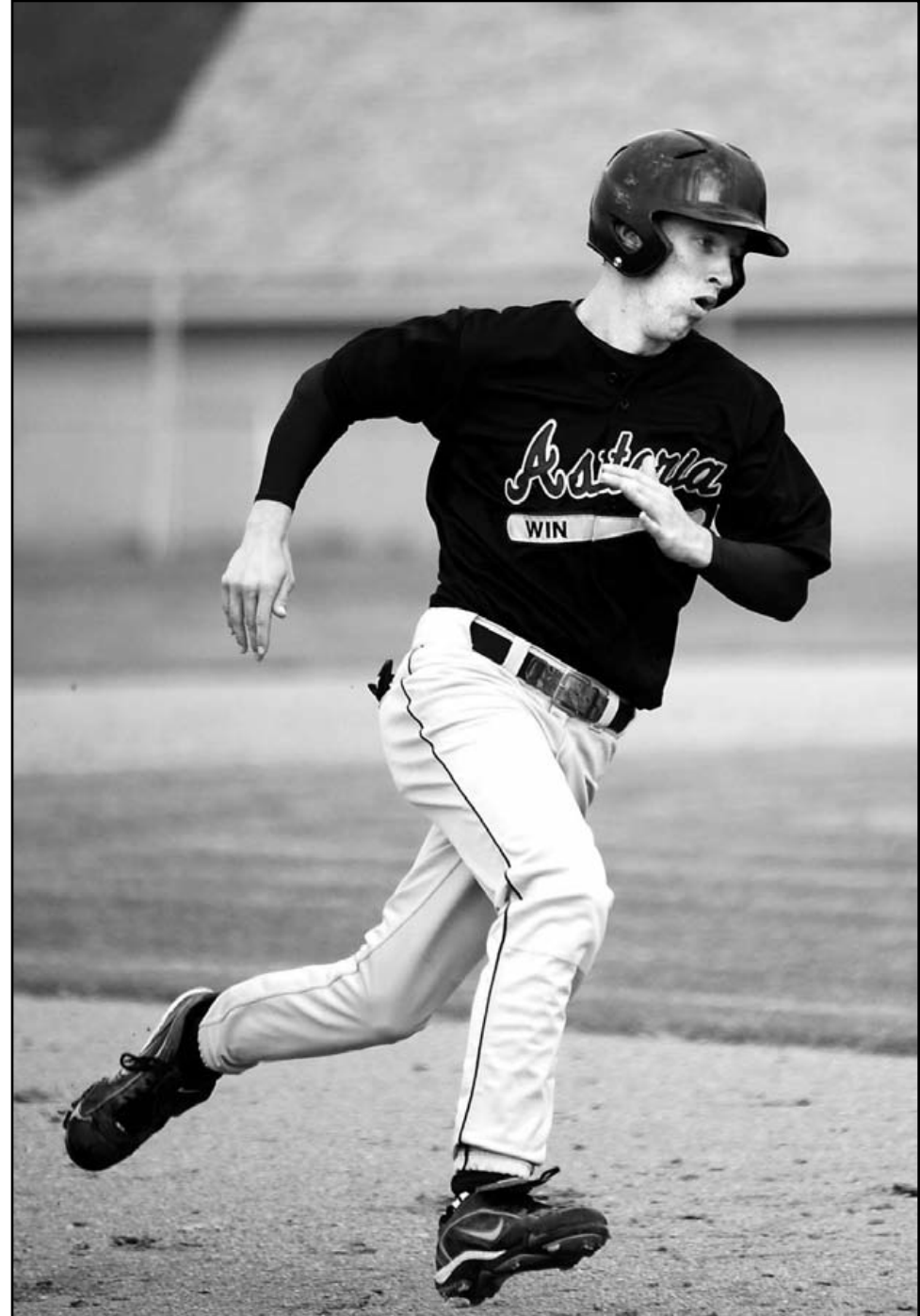
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Competing against a field of all 5A or 6A schools, the Fishermen finished 18th out of 18 schools with a 378 team score.

West Albany won the team title with a 297, and Nigel Lett of Southridge was medalist with a 68.

Astoria's top golfer was freshman David Harrison, who had a personal best 92 (47-45). He was followed by Steven Baxley (46-48-94), Campbell Roscoe (46-48-94), Ronnie Stevens (54-44-98) and Eugene Park (51-60-111).

Team results: West Albany 297, Lincoln 300, Reynolds 300, Southridge 302, Redmond 305, Corvallis 312, Tigard 314, Crescent Valley 315, Sprague 321, Barlow 324, Liberty 332, Newberg 342, Glencoe 344, Century 348, South Salem 350, St. Helens 368, Hillsboro 371, Astoria 378.



ABOVE: Astoria's Jacob Golden helps the Fishermen add to their lead as he rounds third and heads into home plate.

LEFT: Seaside's Ian Hawksford gets a tag down on Astoria's Marc Gallegos as he reaches second base. Gallegos was called out on the steal attempt.

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Sports Scoreboard

CALENDAR

Prep Schedule TODAY

Baseball — Warrenton at Clatskanie, 5 p.m.; Country Christian at Knappa (2), 3 p.m.; Ilwaco at White Salmon (2), 3:30 p.m.; North Beach at Naselle, 4 p.m.
Softball — Tillamook at Astoria, TBA; Ilwaco at White Salmon (2), 3:30 p.m.; North Beach at Naselle, 4 p.m.
Track — Astoria at Yamhill-Carlton, 3:30 p.m.; Banks/Vernonia/Jewell at Seaside, 3:30 p.m.; Ilwaco at Montesano, 3:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Baseball — Warrenton at Clatskanie, 4:30 p.m.; White Salmon at Ilwaco, 4 p.m.
Softball — Scappoose at Astoria (2), 4 p.m.; Seaside at Tillamook (2), 4 p.m.; Warrenton at Clatskanie, 4:30 p.m.; White Salmon at Ilwaco, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY

Baseball — Mark Morris at Astoria, 1 p.m.

BASEBALL

High Schools

Wednesday's Results
Astoria 10, Seaside 0

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Landwehr and Lund; Nelson and Benfield. W: Landwehr. L: Nelson. RBI: Ast, Harber 3, Landwehr 2, Davis, Lucore. 2B: Ast, Puckett, Harber. LOB: Astoria 4, Seaside 1.

MLB

Wednesday's Results
AMERICAN LEAGUE

Kansas City 4, Toronto 3, 10 innings
Boston 8, Texas 7, 12 innings
Minnesota 6, Cleveland 0
Tampa Bay 12, Chicago White Sox 0
Detroit 4, L.A. Angels 3
N.Y. Yankees 3, Oakland 1
Seattle 4, Baltimore 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE

San Diego 5, San Francisco 2
Washington 6, Colorado 4
Milwaukee 8, Pittsburgh 0
Chicago Cubs 9, N.Y. Mets 3
L.A. Dodgers 14, Cincinnati 6

Philadelphia 2, Atlanta 0
Houston 5, Florida 4
St. Louis 9, Arizona 4

BASKETBALL

NBA

Wednesday's Results
Orlando 92, Charlotte 77, Orlando leads series 2-0
San Antonio 102, Dallas 88, series tied 1-1

Today

Cleveland at Chicago, 4 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Portland, 7 p.m.

HOCKEY

NHL

Wednesday's Results
Washington 6, Montreal 3, Washington leads series 3-1
Boston 3, Buffalo 2, 2OT, Boston leads series 3-1
Vancouver 6, Los Angeles 4, series tied 2-2

Satan scores in 2nd OT as Bruins beat Sabres

BOSTON (AP) — Miroslav Satan shot, the horn blared for a second time, and this time there was no doubt.

After being robbed by Olympic MVP Ryan Miller in the first extra period on a shot so certain that the goal horn sounded, Satan scored a power-play goal after 27:41 of overtime on Wednesday night to give the Boston Bruins a 3-2 victory over the Buffalo Sabres and a 3-1 lead in their first-round series.

"It was a tough game and a long game and, you know, finally it's over," said Satan, whose goal with 9 seconds left in a too-many-men-on-the-ice penalty against Buffalo's Drew Stafford helped him forget his earlier miss.

"I beat myself up. I kept thinking about it, but he just made a great save on it. There's not too many goalies who could have stopped it."

The Bruins have won three straight after losing the opener of the

best-of-seven series, and they could advance to the Eastern Conference semifinals with a victory in Buffalo on Friday night.

Miller stopped 36 shots for Buffalo, which earned 100 points and a Northeast Division title in the regular season but now needs to win three in a row to avoid elimination.

"If they can win three, we can win three. But it starts with just winning one, to get ourselves back on track," Miller said, noting that the Sabres have scored first in each of the first four games. "I don't know, for whatever reason we need to protect the lead. Geez, it almost would be better if we got scored on first."

The Bruins rallied from a 2-0 deficit in the third period to force overtime, and it was still 2-2 when in the second OT when Stafford was caught on the ice as a sixth skater and was unable to scramble back to the bench in time. With the power play expiring, Satan got a pass from

Michael Ryder in front of the net and put it past Miller.

"I just jumped on. There's not much to say," Stafford said. "It's just so disappointing. It's just disappointing. But we don't have time to dwell on it. We've got to get ready to play."

Tuukka Rask made 35 saves for Boston, and also assisted on Satan's power play goal.

It was an ironic twist for a city in which "too many men on the ice" has for decades conjured memories of their 1979 Stanley Cup semifinal series against the hated Montreal Canadiens. Leading 4-3 in the final minutes of Game 7, the Bruins were called for a bench minor and Guy Lafleur tied it with just over a minute remaining in regulation.

Montreal won it in overtime and went on to win its 22nd NHL championship, and the Bruins remained in a title drought that is at 37 years and counting.