

Mossyrock baseball wins three straight



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Mossyrock senior Brennan Shriver heads to first base after hitting a single against Toledo on Wednesday in the first game of their doubleheader win.

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The Vikings' baseball team won three games last week beating the Winlock junior varsity and sweeping a doubleheader from the Toledo Indians.

Against Winlock JV, five different pitchers threw an inning apiece for Mossyrock in their 20-6 win.

"Our pitchers did really well," Coach Darren Kolb said. "I threw Gunner (Mulligan) and it was his first time ever pitching in a game. He threw one inning and struck out two."

Duece Kolb was 3 for 4 with four RBIs and four runs. Evan Gootgeld was 2 for 3, and Mulligan, Aiden Weist, Tim Bowes, JC Workman, and Nick Fried all added one hit each.

In game one against Toledo on Wednesday, Fried tossed the Vikings' first complete game of the season in their 4-1 win.

"Nick tossing the complete game was huge," Kolb said. "He only allowed three hits and struck out three. That was the first time he's thrown more than three innings all season. His arm felt good. We tried to be aggressive on the bases and they threw the ball around. That accounted for a couple of runs. Sometimes when we're not hitting the ball really well we have to take some chances."

JC Workman, Duece Kolb, Brennan Shriver and Aiden Weist all had hits in the game.

Mossyrock won the second game 8-6. The Vikings trailed 6-2 going into the sixth inning, but they rallied for six runs for the two-run lead. Toledo went 1-2-3 in the top of the seventh.

"Duece pitched really well for us," Kolb said. "He threw four, Workman pitched two, and Evan came in for the seventh and shut them down."

In the last of the sixth Keegan Kolb singled, and Gootgeld was hit by a pitch. Shriver tripled and Matteo Mendoza, Weist, and Duece Kolb followed with hits.



Mossyrock's Trista Rockwood delivers a single in their first game with Toledo on Wednesday afternoon.



Viking junior shortstop Evan Gootgeld makes a running throw during their win against Toledo.

Fried finished 2 for 2 at the plate. Mossyrock totaled eight hits in the game and Toledo seven.

Mossyrock (3-7 overall, 2-6 league) hosted Toutle Lake (4-9, 4-7) yesterday, plays at Winlock's junior varsity today and will play Kalama (13-2, 8-1) on Friday at Lower Columbia's field in Longview for games at 5 and 6:30.

"I think we're starting to get smarter," Kolb said. "We know Toutle Lake has a good pitcher so hopefully our extra batting practice will help us out. And Kalama is really good. These kids are improving, and the Toledo game was the first time we've come from behind. The seniors have been good about being team leaders. I've been happy with them this season."

Morton/WP fastpitch
The Timberwolves split a pair of league match-ups with Adna and Rainier.

Morton/White Pass took on the league-leading Adna Pirates on Wednesday and pushed them to seven innings in both games.

"By holding Adna to four runs, a top three team in the state, I thought we did a great job," Coach Rob Hazen said. "We battled the whole game and I was proud of their efforts. Pe Ell/Wilapa is the only other team in the district that has taken them to seven innings."

Adna won the first game 4-0 allowing just one hit to the T-Wolves, a third inning single by Hailey Brooks, and they struck out 14 batters.

The Pirates totaled just eight hits off Morton/White Pass sophomore Jaiden Linder scoring once in the third and three in the fifth.

"Jaiden threw strikes and we made some plays," Hazen said. "She pitched a great game. That was an accomplishment for our team. We just didn't have many hits. We had strikeouts, but we put some runners on. We just couldn't get them in. (Adna's Haley) Rainey was dialed in throwing 63 or 64 mph. She throws hard and she's just a sophomore."

Adna took the game two win 11-5.

"We scored four in the first and that was a big boost, but then they scored five in the bottom of the first," Hazen said. "We took them to seven innings again. Our goal was to compete for seven innings and we did. We did a great job. We hit a lot of balls hard in the second game. Jaiden did another good job, but they just started timing her. Hailey ran a lot of balls down in the outfield. She made a lot of nice plays for us."

Morton/White Pass totaled eight hits in the nightcap, and they were paced by Hailey Brooks' 3 of 4 game with two triples and a pair of runs scored. Linder added two hits and an RBI. Hannah Smathers (RBI), Taylor Hazen (double), Kylie Davis and Tayla Pierson all added a hit apiece.

Hosting Rainier at Randle on Monday, the Timberwolves won 13-3 and 11-5 in a light rain.

In the opener Morton/White Pass used 12 hits to score 13 runs in the 10-run win. Sydney Brooks was 3 for 3 with a home run and three runs batted in. Hailey Brooks (two doubles), Smathers (double), Linder (double), and Shelby Karns (who hit her first career home run) all totaled two hits, with Emmalee Hazen hitting a double.

Linder scattered six hits on the mound and struck out a career-best 12.



T-Wolves' sophomore pitcher Jaiden Linder struck out a career-best 12 batters in game one against Rainier.



Mossyrock senior Duece Kolb squares up a fastball during their game against Toledo on Wednesday.



Morton/White Pass eighth-grader Payton Brown tossed a complete game against Rainier on Monday.



Viking sophomore shortstop Gracie May West plays a ball against Toledo in their doubleheader at Mossyrock on Wednesday.

Game two in the rain also went to the home team. Hailey Brooks added three more hits with Emmalee Hazen (double) and Smathers (four RBIs) getting two hits each. Sydney Brooks added an RBI single.

Linder struck out six and allowed four hits over five innings.

The Timberwolves (7-5 overall, 6-5 league) will play at Napavine (4-7, 3-6) on Friday afternoon.

Morton/WP baseball
Morton/White Pass traveled to Adna and hosted Rainier last week for a pair of doubleheaders.

On Wednesday the Pirates won game one 11-0 and game two 16-0.

The Timberwolves were no-hit in game one. They struck out 11 times and drew five walks.

In game two Tye Chhour and Mason Higdon each hit singles in the four-inning loss.

Hosting Rainier on Monday in Randle, the Mountaineers won 10-0 and 16-0 in a pair of one-hitters.

Eathan Smathers hit a single in game one and Dylan Hamre singled in game two.

The Timberwolves (0-14 overall, 0-11 league) play a doubleheader at Napavine (7-7, 5-6) on Friday to wrap up their season.

Mossyrock fastpitch
The Vikings lost three games in the last week as



Morton/White Pass junior Emmalee Hazen heads towards home scoring a run against Rainier on Monday.

they near the end of their league schedule.

Hosting Winlock on Monday (April 15th), the Cardinals outlasted the Vikings 19-16 in ten innings.

"This game was a battle from start to finish," Coach Melanie Hadaller said. "I am proud of how our players never gave up. In the eighth and ninth innings, we had the bases loaded once and two on base the next inning but could not come up with a clutch hit to end the game."

Using the tiebreaker rule starting a runner on second base to begin the 10th inning, Winlock was able to score four times. Mossyrock managed just one in the bottom of the 10th. Each team went to the plate ten times and in just six half innings did a team fail to score at least one run. The Cardinals put up crooked numbers five times and the Vikings four.

Freshman Jolee Hadaller threw all ten innings for Mossyrock striking out five. Eighth-grader Saige Brindle and sophomore Gracie May West were each 3 for 5. West hit a pair of doubles and drove in six, and Brindle tripled and knocked in one. Hadaller (two RBIs) and Trista Rockwood both hit safely twice and Alexandra Rueda (RBI) and Bailey Tofaono (two RBIs) had one hit apiece. The Vikings totaled 12 hits but nearly matched that total with 10 errors. Winlock finished with 14 hits and just three errors.

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