

Seaside boys swim to Cowapa League title

By GARY HENLEY
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ST. HELENS — That's one league title down for the Seaside boys swim team, with one to go.

Seaside won a Cowapa League championship Friday in St. Helens, and now the Gulls will be swimming for a District 1 title later this week.

The Gulls scored 274 points to win Friday's championship, topping Valley Catholic (257), Scappoose (210), Astoria (148), Tillamook (142) and Banks (11).

Valley Catholic won the girls' title with 296 points, edging Tillamook (278). Seaside (173) was fourth, with Astoria (162) fifth.

The Seaside boys won

three of the 11 events, with a handful of second-place finishes for big points in the team standings.

Individual wins included Brad Rzewnicki in the 200-yard freestyle (2 minutes 04.58 seconds), with Astoria's Bryce Nurdling (2:07.15) placing second. Nurdling was also second in the 500-yard freestyle.

Seaside's Dylan Townsend won the 50-yard freestyle in 23.66, edging teammate Sam Beaudoin (24.34); while the foursome of Will Garvin, Rzewnicki, Daemon Fassler and Townsend won the 200-yard medley relay in 1:54.89.

Fassler was second in the 200-yard individual medley; Garvin was the runner-up in the butterfly and backstroke;

and Rzewnicki placed second in the breaststroke.

Luke Liljenwall, Garvin, Beaudoin and Townsend swam a 1:37.66 to win the 200-yard freestyle relay.

On the girls' side, Astoria's Megan Sparks won the 100-yard backstroke in 1:08.07, edging Valley Catholic's Clara Cannon (1:08.47).

Seaside's Alyssa Harkins was second in the 100-yard butterfly (1:07.96), and Harkins later teamed with Tennaya Carr, Katherine Carey and Clarisse Coventry for second in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

The District 1 meet begins Friday and concludes Saturday at the Astoria Aquatic Center.



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Astoria wrestler Sariah Diefenbach defeats Karin Moza from R.A. Long in a meet earlier this season.

Titles for Long, Ranta, Vazquez

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BANKS — Astoria scored two individual championships, with a bunch of third-place finishers over the weekend, in the Cowapa League Wrestling Championships at Banks.

With 311 points, Tillamook edged Scappoose (300.5) for the team title, followed by Banks (297), Astoria (115) and Seaside (54).

State qualifying will take place later this week in the District 1/4A tournament at Tillamook.

Astoria finished fourth out of five teams in the team standings with 64 points, with a pair of individual champions.

At 126 pounds, Tyler Ranta only had to wrestle two matches to win the title — a pin (:55) of Tillamook's Carlos Gomez in the semifinals, and an 8-1 decision over Colton Bush of Scappoose in the final.

A runner-up at 145 pounds in the state tournament last year, Astoria senior Josh Long will be one of the favorites in Portland this season.

He went 3-0 at 145 in the league meet, with decisions over Tillamook's Tyler Garcia (10-2) in the quarterfinals and Damian Young of Banks (9-2) in the semifinals; then scored a 12-6 win over Cody Erhardt of Scappoose in the title bout.

Adding big points for Astoria with third-place finishes were Kenneth Hageman at

120 pounds; Brendan Coberly at 152; Bronson Holthusen at 195; and Josh Raichl at 220.

Gannon Abernathy had Seaside's highest finish, placing third at 126.

While the Cowapa League boys wrestling meet was taking place in Banks, Astoria sent four wrestlers to the Girls State qualifying wrestling tournament in Cottage Grove.

It was the "first time we as a school have gone to an all-girls wrestling tournament," said Astoria assistant wrestling coach Tim Clark. "It was open for all girls throughout

the state of Oregon — classifications didn't matter."

Astoria competitors included Itzel Camacho at 113 pounds, Sariah Diefenbach (120), Sofia Ward (132) and Myra-Shay Vazquez (132).

Vazquez took second place in her weight class and qualifies for the Oregon State High School Wrestling tournament, Feb. 27 and 28, where she will be wrestling other girls alongside the boys.

Vasquez is a senior, and becomes the first Astoria female to qualify for the state tournament.



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Seaside's Will Garvin competes in the 100 butterfly during a swim meet earlier this season. Garvin was a member of the relay team that won the 200-yard medley Friday.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

Girls Basketball — Astoria at Tillamook, 5:30 p.m.; Banks at Seaside, 5:30 p.m.; Warrenton at Rainier, 6 p.m.; City Christian at Knappa, 6 p.m.

Boys Basketball — Astoria at Tillamook, 7:15 p.m.; Banks at Seaside, 7:15 p.m.; Warrenton at Rainier, 7:45 p.m.; City Christian at Knappa, 7:45 p.m.

THURSDAY

Girls Basketball — Clatskanie at Warrenton, 6 p.m.

Boys Basketball — Clatskanie at Warrenton, 7:45 p.m.

FRIDAY

Girls Basketball — Scappoose at Astoria, 5:30 p.m.; Valley Catholic at Seaside, 5:30 p.m.; Knappa at Neah-Kah-Nie, 6 p.m.; Falls City at Jewell, 5:30 p.m.

Boys Basketball — Scappoose at Astoria, 7:15 p.m.; Valley Catho-

lic at Seaside, 7:15 p.m.; Knappa at Neah-Kah-Nie, 7:45 p.m.; Falls City at Jewell, 7:15 p.m.

Swimming — District 1/4A, at Astoria Aquatic Center, 3 p.m.

Wrestling — District 1/4A Regionals, Tillamook, TBA

SATURDAY

Swimming — District 1/4A, at Astoria Aquatic Center, 10 a.m.

Wrestling — District 1/4A Regionals, Tillamook, TBA



Submitted Photo

The Astoria girls wrestling team takes a break from the competition last week. Front, Sofia Ward; in back, left to right: Sariah Diefenbach, Itzel Camacho, Myra-Shay Vazquez.

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