

Astoria first baseman Ryan Palek, right, stretches to get the out on a Seaside runner in Wednesday's baseball game.

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## Clatsop Clash win streak reaches 27 for Fishermen

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SEASIDE — The Astoria Fishermen are coming up on 10 years' worth of Clatsop Clash baseball wins, following Wednesday's 11-0 victory over Seaside at Broadway Field.

Seaside's last win in the Clash came April 13, 2006. Since then, the Fishermen have won 27 in a row against their Clatsop rivals — including two wins in two days this week.

After dropping an 11-1, five-inning decision to the Fishermen Tuesday, the Gulls put up a better challenge in Wednesday's seven-inning contest.

But, ultimately, six Seaside errors and 10 walks were too much to overcome for the Gulls. Astoria scored four runs in the fourth inning, then tacked on four in the seventh to pull away.

Carter Wallace went the distance on the mound for the Fishermen, allowing just three hits with seven strikeouts and no walks.

While the young Gulls were plagued by mental mistakes and some untimely errors, the Fishermen came through with a few timely

in the first inning that scored Kyle Strange with the first run.

Astoria led 3-0 through three innings, then opened the fourth with three straight singles.

Cade O'Brien and Wallace reached on base hits, and both scored on a sharp single up the middle from Samboy Tuimato. An error and a passed ball brought in two more runs.

Behind some fine defensive plays and some catches on the run in center field by Jacob Bassett, the Gulls kept Astoria scoreless in the third, fifth and sixth innings.

More errors finally caught up with Seaside in the seventh, however.

Bronson Holthusen reached on an error to lead off, which was followed by back-to-back singles from O'Brien and Wallace. Courtesy runner Jasyn Gohl scored on an

error, and a single to center by Strange brought in O'Brien and Wallace.

Astoria had 10 hits off two Seaside pitchers, but the Fishermen stranded 11 baserunners.

Zach Quicke had a double and Bassett had a triple in the seventh for the Gulls, who fall to 2-12 overall. Astoria (11-3) improves to 6-0 in league play, with a 10-game win streak head-



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Seaside coach Joel Dierickx, left, greets Jacob Bassett at third base, following a seventh

## Defending state champs tune up for postseason Scoreboard

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BANKS — In a match between the two schools that have won the last 11 Cowapa League boys golf titles, the Seaside Gulls showed that there is no longer a question who owns the league.

The defending state champion Gulls scored a 56-stroke victory over Scappoose Wednesday at Quail Valley Golf Course, as Seaside closes in on another Cowapa League championship.

Seaside junior Aaron Richardson was medalist, shooting a 78, leading Seaside to a 332-388 victory over Scappoose.

"It is nice getting a win in this

matchup," said Seaside coach Jim Poetsch said. "But we need to play better heading into the district and regional tournaments.'

Seaside's Sam Hinton shot 82, Trenten Meyer carded an 84 and Kevin Lacoste and Shane Fritter added a pair of 88s for the Gulls. Nathan Mapes led the Indians

'The winds swirl around this course so the players really need to think their way around the course, and we struggled a bit with that today," Poetsch said. "Aaron had a good round today and is the first player this season to beat Sam. Trenten shot a score we need him to shoot and

could have scored even better if not for a couple lost balls.

"Kevin had some great holes along with some not-so-great ones. Kevin had three putts for eagle today, including when he drove the green on the 325-yard 15th hole. This is the course where we will play districts, regionals and hopefully state so we need to tune up our games a bit in the next few weeks.

The Seaside JV team also remained undefeated, squeaking by Scappoose 401-408. Andrew Kercher of Scappoose was JV medalist with an 85. Calvin Pollard led Seaside with a 96, followed by Jackson Kunde (99), Josef Barbic (100) and Berkley Posalski (106).



PREP SCHEDULE

**TODAY** Girls Golf — Astoria Invitational,

**FRIDAY** 

Baseball - Warrenton at Catlin Gabel, 4:30 p.m.; Nestucca at Knappa (2), 3 p.m.

Softball — Astoria at Tillamook (2), 4 p.m.; Seaside at Banks (2), 4 p.m.; Knappa at Portland Christian,

Boys Golf — Seaside at Crook County Invitational, 10 a.m.

**SATURDAY** 

- Banks Invitational, 10

BASEBALL **HIGH SCHOOLS** 

Astoria 11, Seaside 0 ia 210 400 4—11 10 1 Astoria 000 000 0-0 3 6 Seaside Wallace and Gohl; Walsh, Plampin (5) and Quicke. W: Wallace L: Walsh. RBI: Ast, Tuimato 2, Strange 2, Scott, Wallace, Hageman. 2B: Sea, Quicke. **3B**: Sea, Bassett. **LOB**: Astoria 11, Seaside 4.

## Seaside medalist Aaron Richardson, left, and Sam Hinton talk after Wednesday's round at Quail Valley Golf Course.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) - Known for pounding opponents inside with Marc Gasol and Zach Randolph, the Memphis Grizzlies are showing they can be just as effective outside the paint.

Hey, they can even shoot 3-pointers.

Mike Conley Courtney Lee each scored 18 points, and the Grizzlies beat Portland 97-82 Wednesday night to grab the franchise's first 2-0 lead in a playoff series.

The Grizzlies took full advantage of starting the playoffs at home for only the second time in their short postseason history. They had only won their playoff opener once before, and that was on the road in San Antonio in 2011.

"All we did is just take care of home court, which we were supposed to do,"



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Portland Trail Blazers center Robin Lopez (42) fouls Memphis Grizzlies center Marc Gasol (33), of Spain, in the second half of Game 2 of an NBA basketball Western Conference playoff series Wednesday in Memphis, Tenn. The Grizzlies won 97-82 and lead the series 2-0.

Lee said. "We didn't want those guys to come in here and get one and switch home-court advantage in their favor.'

Gasol had 15 points, and Randolph and Beno Udrih added 10 apiece.

LaMarcus Aldridge led Portland with 24 points and

Grizzlies take 2-0 series lead, beating Trail Blazers 97-82 14 rebounds, and he also had four blocks with two steals. Damian Lillard added 18 points but the Trail Blazers lost their first two playoff games for the first time since 2011, when they fell in six games to Dallas.

Game 3 in this best-ofseven series is Saturday night in Portland, and the Trail Blazers hope to draw on their fans the way the Grizzlies have.

"We got to try to do something there," Lillard

Memphis is known for its bruising inside game with Gasol and Randolph. That duo combined to shoot 9 of 31, not that it mattered with Memphis shooting 50 percent (8 of 16) outside the arc and 42.7 percent overall.

"If they are going to keep giving us that, we're going to keep taking them," Gasol said of the outside shots.

Memphis was 22nd in the NBA shooting 3s this season while Portland ranked eighth. But the Grizzlies shot 50.9 percent against the Trail Blazers sweeping all four games in the season. So the Grizzlies' 3-point accuracy didn't surprise Portland coach Terry Stotts.

"They're good shooters," Stotts said. "They don't look for them a lot. We can't leave them open either."

Portland came into this series with several players banged-up, and the list got longer with center Chris Kaman out after spraining his left ankle Tuesday in practice. Stotts juggled his lineup, starting guard Allen Crabbe for the first time in

the postseason. The Blazers looked like the team that won 51 games during the regular season early. Crabbe hit a 3 in the opening minutes to give the Blazers their first lead in this series, and they jumped out to a 10-2 lead with Aldridge connecting on four of his first five shots.

Yet even with the Grizzlies shooting so poorly that they missed a handful of layups in the quarter, Portland led only 21-19 at the end of the first.

Memphis took control in the second with a 15-2 run, turning Portland's four-point edge to a 34-25 lead on a 3-pointer by Jeff Green. The Grizzlies outscored Portland 31-18 in the quarter and led 50-39 at halftime.

The Grizzlies simply clamped down tighter and led 73-60 at the end of the third after leading by as much as 18 late in the quar-