

Gulls continue to lower links scores

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GEARHART — The day belonged to the Seaside boys golf team. Which was fitting, because, after all, it was their tournament.

Seaside hosted its annual Seaside Invitational Monday at Gearhart Golf Links, and the Gulls finished on top of the 10-team field, with plenty of room to spare.

The OSAA might as well engrave "SEASIDE" on the state championship trophy right now, because the way they're playing, no team is going to beat the Gulls.

Seaside posted a season-low 308 team score in Monday's round, well ahead of second-place Scappoose (346) and Silverton (355).

"They're lighting it up," Astoria coach Dan Foss said of the Gulls. "At the turn they were flirting with a sub-300 round. But even a 308 ... that's college level."

Seaside junior Aaron Richardson shot even-par to take medalist honors, as he carded 35-37 scores for a 72. Silverton's Michael Kuenzi was four strokes back at 76, followed by Seaside senior Kevin LaCoste (39-39—78), and a three-way tie at 79 between Seaside's Shane Fritter and Sam Hinton, and Ilwaco's Ken Sheldon.

"It was a good win for us today," Richardson said. "We got to see a spectacular round out of Kevin, and I'm glad I finally came through and helped out the team today."

Hinton added, "It was only a matter of time before Aaron won a tournament. This is a big step in the right direction for us."

The 308 team score was one of the top all-time scores in Seaside history.

"Today was the second-lowest score, by a single stroke, of any Seaside score that I know of," said Gulls' coach Jim Poetsch. "When you have Trenten (Meyer) finish 14th in a tournament of this size and we don't count his score, you know we played well."

Richardson had birdies on holes No. 4, 6, 8, 16 and 17, while LaCoste — who was playing baseball at this time a year ago — had an eagle on the eighth hole.

"This was a good day for us," Poetsch said. "Hopefully this will be the beginning of a great run towards the post-season."



Astoria's Arthur Clark, center, had a personal best score for the Fishermen in Monday's Seaside Invitational.

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From left, Seaside golfers Shane Fritter, Trenten Meyer, Aaron Richardson and Kevin LaCoste wait their turn on the first tee before Monday's golf tournament.

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Seaside's Aaron Richardson tees off during front-nine action in Monday's golf invitational.

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"Aaron played a great round of golf today and ran away with the individual title," he said. "This was a career-low for him, but is not something he couldn't

repeat with his talent. Kevin came out of the fifth spot and finished third with his career-best score."

Hinton and Fritter "earned a couple more medals and we

ended up with four guys in the 70s for the first time since 2006," Poetsch said.

Astoria had its second-best team score (381), with Arthur Clark tying his personal

best with an 89, while Ron Schumacher and Sydney Morris both shot season-bests 99.

"I like the fire that our guys showed today," Foss said.

"I'd like to thank the parents that showed up to support us. I'm excited for our future."

Other Astoria scorers were Will Keeran (94) and Joey Voeller (100).

Blazers best Memphis to stave off elimination

PORTLAND (AP) — After the final buzzer of their Game 4 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies Monday night, the Portland Trail Blazers all gathered in a huddle at midcourt and raised their clasped hands skyward.

All of them were smiling. Portland had avoided elimination from the playoffs with a 99-92 victory over Memphis.

"I think since the last game when we went 0-3, the big thing we've been talking about is having heart and playing with pride — and just not being swept," said Blazers guard Damian Lillard, who had 32 points. "Everybody's always saying, 'Nobody's ever done it, coming back from 0-3.' We didn't want to focus on that. We wanted to focus on just today, and doing everything we had to do to give ourselves a chance to keep playing."

Memphis led by as many as 10 points in the fourth quarter, but Portland rallied to deny the Grizzlies their first-ever playoff sweep. Lillard united the team in timeouts, then encouraged the hometown fans by gesturing for cheers late in the game.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 18 points and 12 rebounds for Portland, while C.J. McCollum added 18 points — including two clutch layups and a 3-pointer down the stretch. The victory snapped Portland's seven-game losing streak to the Grizzlies, including all four regular-season meetings.

Game 5 is Wednesday in Memphis. The winner of the series goes on to face the Golden State Warriors in the second round.



AP Photo/Don Ryan

Memphis Grizzlies center Marc Gasol, from Spain, left, defends on Portland Trail Blazers center Robin Lopez during the first half of Game 4 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series in Portland, Ore., Monday.

The Grizzlies were playing without starting point guard Mike Conley, who was inadvertently elbowed in the face in the third quarter of Game 3 and underwent surgery on Monday morning. His status for the rest of the playoffs is uncertain.

Marc Gasol led the Grizzlies with 21 points and Courtney Lee added 19.

"When you're up 10 points with 6 minutes in the game to finish, you got to finish," said Zach Randolph, who had 12 points for Memphis. "Especially in these circumstances and what we're playing for. So it's frustrating."

McCollum's layup with 4:50 left knotted it at 82. Gasol's hook shot on the other end denied Portland the lead but McCollum made another layup to tie it again with 2:36 to go.

Gasol made two free throws but Lillard hit a 3-pointer and a free throw to put Portland in front 88-86 with 1:58 left. Randolph's layup tied it again

for the Grizzlies before McCollum's 3-pointer put the Blazers up 91-88.

Lee's layup closed the gap to 92-90 with 19 seconds left. After Lillard's free throws, Gasol dunked, but Lillard and Batum made free throws as time wound down before Aldridge's rebound and layup at the buzzer.

"Well, it was good to get a win, obviously. That's an understatement," Blazers coach Terry Stotts said.

Nick Calathes started for the Grizzlies in Conley's place. It was his first career playoff start and first of the season. He finished with 12 points on four 3-pointers.

Memphis backup guard Beno Udrih, who had 20 points in the opener, hurt his ankle in the first half of Game 2, but returned in the third quarter and finished with 10 points. He warmed up Saturday night but didn't play. He played in Game 4 and had 13 points.

Meyers Leonard hit a 10-foot jumper and added consecutive 3-pointers to put Portland up 35-30 in the first half. Aldridge's layup gave the Blazers a 43-37 and they went on to a 55-48 halftime lead.

Memphis opened the second half with a 10-2 run capped by Lee's 3-pointer to go up 58-57.

Lee's long jumper put Memphis in front 62-57 and Portland went cold, going 0 for 10 from the field until McCollum's layup with 5:32 left.

The Grizzlies outscored the Blazers 27-13 in the third quarter and carried a 75-68 lead into the final period.

Jeff Green's 3-pointer gave the Grizzlies the biggest lead of the game, 80-70, with 8:48 left.

Gasol was blunt about what happened from there:

"We stopped competing. We tried to trade buckets with them and we played a little bit too fast, we did not execute as well as we could have," he said. "They took away the momentum that we built and got away with a win. Got to give them credit."

Tip-ins

Grizzlies: The Grizzlies became the first Western Conference team to have fewer than eight turnovers in three post-season games since the 2007-08 Hornets. They had nine turnovers on Monday. ... The team does not yet know when Conley may be available.

Blazers: It was the first time Portland had led at the half since April 8, a stretch of eight games. ... Blazers reserve C Chris Kaman was listed as probable with a left ankle sprain, but he did not play.

Lady Mooks sink Lady Fish twice

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TILLAMOOK — In a makeup doubleheader postponed from last week, the Tillamook softball team swept past Astoria 9-6 and 11-3 Monday at Tillamook.

Astoria had a combined 21 hits, but left eight runners on base in Game 1, and another 13 in the second game.

The Fishermen also held a 5-2 lead in the opener, before Tillamook scored

six runs in the bottom of the fifth.

Mykka Abrahams had three hits to lead Astoria, while Abi Danen had a single and a double, and Libby DiBartolomeo had two singles.

Rylee DeMander had three singles in the Game 2 loss, with Danen and Kelsey Wullger adding two hits apiece.

Astoria hosts Scappoose at 4 p.m. today, at CMH Field.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

Baseball — Banks at Astoria, 5 p.m.; Scappoose at Seaside, 5 p.m.; Clatskanie at Warrenton, 4:30 p.m.; Knappa at Vernonia, 4:30 p.m.

Softball — Scappoose at Astoria, 4 p.m.; Clatskanie at Warrenton, 4:30 p.m.; Knappa at Vernonia, 4:30 p.m.

Track — Naselle Invitational, TBA
Girls Golf — Astoria at Banks, 1 p.m.

Boys Golf — Seaside at Tillamook, 11 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Baseball — Astoria at Banks, 5 p.m.; Seaside at Scappoose, 5 p.m.

Softball — Valley Catholic at Seaside, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY

Track — Warrenton/Knappa at SW Christian, 3:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Baseball — Astoria at Scappoose, 5 p.m.; Seaside at Valley Catholic, 5 p.m.; Vernonia at Knappa (2), 3 p.m.

Softball — Seaside at Astoria (2), 4 p.m.; Vernonia at Knappa (2), 3 p.m.

SATURDAY

Track — Dick Baker Invitational (at

Gladstone HS), 10 a.m.

BOYS GOLF

HIGH SCHOOLS

Seaside Invitational
Team: Seaside 308, Scappoose 346, Silverton 355, Tillamook 363, North Valley 366, Estacada 370, Ilwaco 376, Astoria 381, Banks 442; The Dalles, inc.

Medalist: Aaron Richardson, Seaside, 72

Seaside (308)

Aaron Richardson 35-37—72
Kevin LaCoste 39-39—78
Shane Fritter 41-38—79
Sam Hinton 38-41—79
Trenten Meyer 45-41—86

Ilwaco (376)

Kenneth Sheldon 39-40—79
Taylor Schisler 44-42—86
Ethan Personius 51-49—100
Ethan Banister 51-60—111
Tenyson Ramsey 60-62—122

Astoria (381)

Arthur Clark 44-45—89
Will Keeran 44-50—94
Sydney Morris 49-50—99
Ron Schumacher 49-50—99
Joey Voeller 39-51—100