

Lady Fishermen reel in a championship

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BANKS — The best athletes in Cowapa League track and field reside right here on the North Coast. And we've got the championship trophy and many, many first-place medals to prove it.

The Astoria girls wrapped up a district team title Friday, while the Fishermen and Seaside will both send a busload of athletes to the state meet later this week, following their performance in the Cowapa League Championships at Banks High School.

In all, North Coast athletes won 19 of the 34 events, with 12 more second-place finishes to qualify for state.

One of the proudest on the field was Astoria coach Garrett Parks, who helped Seaside win a state title as a sprinter with the Gulls in 2001.

"It's fun to see a lot of purple and red up there (on the awards stand)," said Parks, who won his first league title as a coach. "It will be fun to go down to Eugene with (Seaside) coach (Jeff) Kilday, and see our kids go at it again, especially in those relays."

Kilday said, "It was fun. I saw a lot of Astoria and Seaside on top of the podium."

The league champion Astoria girls racked up a whopping 200 points to take a well-earned victory lap. The Seaside girls were a distant second with 109.

Scappoose (186 points) won the boys' league title, with Seaside (133.5) second.

The state meet begins Thursday at Hayward Field in Eugene, with the 4A athletes competing Friday and Saturday. "We're going to go there and have



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Surrounded by her teammates, Astoria's Karla Mandujano holds up the team championship trophy following the league meet at Banks.

a good time, but we want to go down and compete as well," Parks said. "It's our goal to go and do the best we have all season."

Astoria freshman Darian Hageman won four events to pace the Lady Fishermen in the district meet, while the Seaside boys scored four wins on the track on Day 2.

The Astoria girls had additional victories from sophomore Natalie Cummings, junior Halie Korff, freshman Kaylee Mitchell, and one relay team.

The Lady Fish will now turn their attention to Eugene, where they will be a serious contender for a state title.

Hageman is ranked No. 1 in the state in the long jump and triple jump;

Korff is Top 5 in all her events; Mitchell is first in the 800 meters and Cummings is top four in the sprints.

After winning the high jump and long jump on Day 1 of the district meet, Hageman cleared 10-feet to take first in the pole vault, and soared 35 feet, 8 inches to win the triple jump Friday. "I've had this weird thing in triple

jump and long jump, where I wait until the last jump to give it my all," said Hageman, who had her best marks late in the finals. "I don't really mean to, it just happens that way."

"I didn't PR in anything, but I was about where I should be."

Mitchell ran 2 minutes, 21.93 seconds to win the 800, with teammate Kaisa Johnson second in a personal best 2:26.23, qualifying for the trip to state.

Earlier, Mitchell had a victory in the 1,500 meters, cruising to a personal best 4:52.02 (less than two seconds off the school record) over Seaside's Charlotte Blakesley (4:58.93).

Cummings had winning times of 12.61 and 25.83 to win the 100 and 200 meters, respectively.

Cummings and Mitchell began Friday's action by both running a leg on Astoria's winning 400-meter relay team, with Amber Longsdorf and Victoria Kee. The foursome ran a 50.52, with Cummings just clipping Seaside (50.76, fastest Seaside time since 1999) at the tape.

Korff added two victories in the throws, with a toss of 112-7 in the discus and 37-2 in the shot put. She was second in the javelin.

"I don't feel like I pushed myself as hard I could have," Korff said. "I pretty much got what I expected coming in."

Teamwise, "we kicked some butt," she said. "We have a lot of really talented athletes. Everyone who placed first is going to do really well at state."

Parks said, "We came out of the first day with 41 points, so we had a bit of a lead. We were confident coming into today. We had kids in just about every event, ready to get points."

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SCAPPOOSE — Almost one year to the day after Scappoose posted a 10-9 win at Astoria to win the 2014 Cowapa League baseball title, the Astoria Fishermen turned the tables and scored a 10-4 victory at Scappoose Friday, to essentially take back the championship.

Astoria had to defeat Seaside Saturday (which they did, 5-2), to give the Fishermen the Cowapa League's No. 1 seed entering the state playoffs. The Fishermen will host a Sweet 16 game May 27.

Scappoose and Astoria both finish the regular season with 13-2 records, with the Fishermen owning the two games-to-one tie-breaker.

Astoria rallied from an early 2-0 deficit Friday, with four runs in the third inning and four more in the fourth.

In addition to picking up the win on the mound, Astoria's Carter Wallace belted a three-run homer in the third.

Bronson Holthusen added a two-run single in the fourth, to go with an RBI hit from Nick Scott.

Wallace and Fridtjof Fremstad allowed seven hits with five strikeouts, while four Scappoose pitchers gave up 15 hits.

"We were a little tight to begin with," said Astoria coach Dave Gasser. "But the kids didn't show any panic. They just kept doing what they do, and we ended up having hitters all through the lineup. Cade (O'Brien), Ryker Helmersen, Bronson ... they all had some big hits."

"And of course Carter, who's just having one of those years," he said. "It was a good road win for us. We're 6-3 against Scappoose the last three years, and all three of their wins have come at our place. Go figure."

Astoria 5, Seaside 2
Seaside went down swinging, but Astoria was able to close out the Gulls and the league season with a 5-2 win Saturday morning.

The Gulls managed to score a run in the sixth and the seventh, but Astoria starter Kai Brown went the distance on the mound, scattering five hits with seven strikeouts and two walks.

Offensively, league MVP candidate Carter Wallace was 2-for-2 with a triple in a three-run third inning.

Astor Landwehr had an RBI double for the Gulls in the seventh inning.

Seaside was coming off a 13-3 loss at Valley Catholic Friday. The Gulls finish 3-21 overall, 1-14 in league play.

Tigers sweep Warrenton
CLATSKANIE — Clatskanie solidified a perfect 12-0 Lewis & Clark League season with a 12-5, 13-2 sweep over Warrenton Friday.

The Warriors finish third, and will host a playoff with Catlin Gabel 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, with the winner advancing to play Rainier Thursday.

Clatskanie's Trevor Berg had a double and a home run in Game 1, and teammates Micah McLeod and Damien Strowger had homers in Game 2, with Strowger belting a grand slam in the sixth to end the game.

Warrenton's Hunter Michaelson went 2-for-3 in both games, and the Warriors held leads of 4-0 and 2-0 in the first inning of Games 1 and 2. The Tigers scored five runs in the sixth inning of both games.

Loggers sweep Blue Jays
PORTLAND — The Knappa Loggers finished the regular season as Oregon's only unbeaten high school baseball team, with a 5-1, 13-1 sweep at Portland Lutheran Friday.

Knappa completes a 23-0 regular season, and 21-0 for the second straight year in league play.

The Loggers are hoping to schedule a nonleague game this week. Knappa's next official game will be a first round state playoff, May 27.

SOFTBALL
Scappoose wins two
SCAPPOOSE — Scappoose pulled away late in both games

for a pair of six-inning wins over Astoria Friday, 12-2 and 11-1.

Astoria was within 5-2 in the sixth inning of Game 1, before the Indians scored seven in their final at-bat.

Mykka Abrahams had a double in both games for Astoria, which falls to 3-12 in league play, 6-19 overall. Rylee DeMander had two hits in each game.

Gulls prep for playoffs
SEASIDE — The Seaside Lady Gulls tuned up for their first postseason appearance since 1980 with a 13-1, 16-5 doubleheader sweep over Valley Catholic Friday.

The Gulls (9-15 overall) advance to the Regional Play-in round. Seaside scored three runs in the first inning of Game 1 on a wild pitch, a passed ball and an error, and that set the tone for the day.

The Gulls added four runs in the third for a 7-0 lead.

Jetta Ideue had four of Seaside's eight hits, with a triple and four runs scored.

Seaside built a 16-1 lead in the fourth inning of Game 2, and finished with 14 hits.

Allie Bussert had a triple and Bryce Babbitt added a two-run double in a five-run third inning.

Ideue pitched both games, allowing just eight hits on the day. Ideue and Bussert were both 3-for-4 in Game 2.

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