

# Large turnout will help Astoria swim team

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The numbers keep gradually increasing for the Astoria swim program.

The Fishermen may have lost some quality, but they're gaining in quantity, as Amy Emmett's team enters the pool with more swimmers than they've had in a few years.

Astoria had 34 swimmers on the preseason roster, which always helps in the dual meets.

On the downside, Astoria had just two state qualifiers a year ago, and only one returns.

Megan Sparks is back for her senior season, while the Fishermen will be without Bryce Nurdling, who qualified for state last year as a junior.

Team-wise, the Lady Fishermen finished fifth out of nine teams in the District 1/4A meet, while the boys placed sixth.

Sparks won the only individual district championship for the Astoria girls, finishing the 100-yard breaststroke in one minute, 11.79 seconds.

She finished with the 10th-best time (1:09.95) in the preliminaries at state.

Nurdling was the district champion in the 500-yard freestyle (5:36.58), but did not qualify for the finals at state.

Still, the Fish return some talent.

The Astoria girls' 200-yard medley relay squad of a year ago — which finished second behind Valley Catholic in the district meet — returns three-fourths of its team, with Sparks, senior Ashley Schacher and sophomore Megan Schacher.

Ashley Schacher was third in the butterfly in the district meet, and is one of nine seniors on the girls' side, along with Sparks, Laura Axelsen, Daisy Gayral, Victoria Kee, Shoshanna McCleary, Olivia

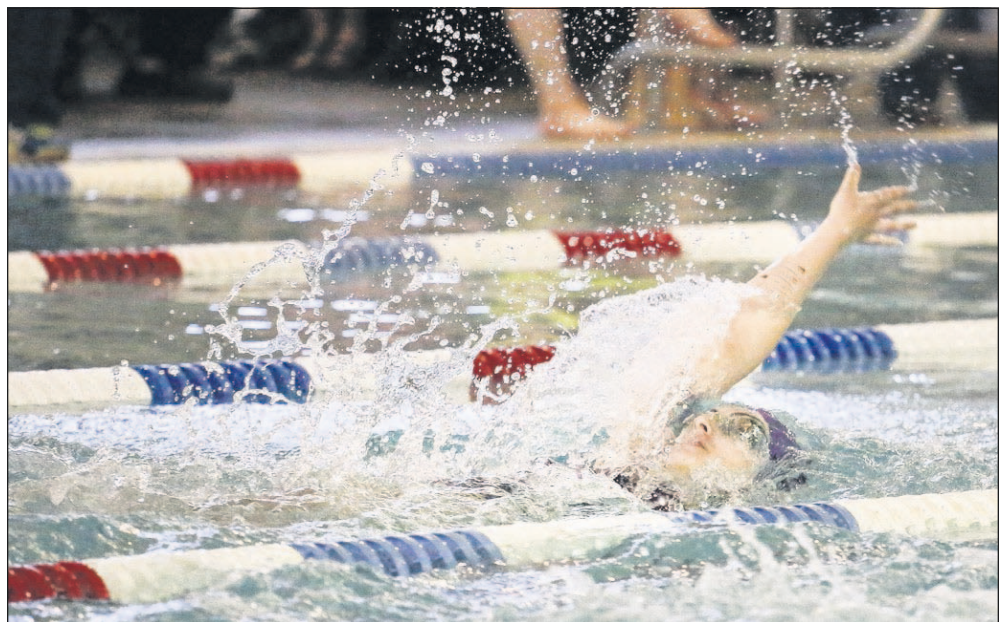


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Jacob Hulti will return to the pool for Astoria this season.

THE SWIMMERS	
<b>Girls</b>	
Taylor Atkins, Jr.	Megan Sparks, Sr.
Laura Axelsen, Sr.	Meghan Welsh, Jr.
Kat Bell, So.	Moira Welsh, So.
Madison Burchfield, Fr.	Kira Worwood, So.
Camille Cottrell, Fr.	<b>Boys</b>
Daisy Gayral, Sr.	Roman Cirkovich, Jr.
Kendal Gustafson, Jr.	Thayne Covert, So.
Victoria Kee, Sr.	Isaac Gray, So.
Shoshanna McCleary, Sr.	Jacob Hulti, Sr.
Olivia Paul, Sr.	Parker Ivanoff, Fr.
Megan Postlewait, So.	David Keeling, Sr.
Morgan Postlewait, Sr.	Jan Kreibich, Sr.
Jenna Rudolph, Jr.	Aleks Matthews, So.
Ashley Schacher, Sr.	Anthony Miller, Jr.
Megan Schacher, So.	Ryan Russel, Sr.
Minji Song, Sr.	Joshua Shipley, Fr.
Lidija Sovulj, Jr.	Elias Simmons, Fr.
	Michael Zavala, Sr.

Paul, Morgan Postlewait and Minji Song. Senior Jacob Hulti and sophomore Thayne Covert are two of the top returners for the Astoria boys.



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Astoria's Megan Sparks competes in the girls 100-yard backstroke. Sparks won the event.

# More wrestlers on the mat for Astoria

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The Joshes are gone, but the turnout was good for the Astoria wrestling program.

At this time a year ago, the Fishermen had 17 wrestlers on the roster — heading into this season, they've got 29 on the mat.

Which can only help, as the team will have to overcome some key graduations last season.

An unfortunate knee injury late in the year ended Josh Long's quest for a state title, while Josh Raichl took fifth at district, followed by a fifth-place finish at state in the 220-pound class.

Head coach Roy Sanchez returns for his second year with the Fishermen, who had two coaches in two years (Jeff Mabry and Ron Alley) prior to his arrival last season.

Sanchez does have some experienced wrestlers on the roster, as Brendan Coberly, Mateo DeVargas and Bronson Holthusen are on board for their senior seasons, while other wrestlers to watch include junior Jared Lucore and sophomores Trey Hageman and Tyler Ranta.

THE WRESTLERS	
Quinten Allen	Matthew Hubbert
Michael Bussard	Juan Jimenez
John Cadonau	Kortney Johnson
Itzel Camacho	Calvin Kaul
Brendan Coberly	Jared Luore
Sam Colson	Jake Lunsford
Mateo DeVargas	Christian Medina
Donny Dieffenbach	Devon Nikkila
Sariah Dieffenbach	Kadin Osborne
Jose Espinoza	Tristen Osborne
Chance Fitzgerald	Andrew Poplin
Kaden Gilbert	Tyler Ranta
Trey Hageman	Alex Tallman
Caleb Hale	Sofi Ward
Bronson Holthusen	

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SCHEDULE

**FRIDAY**  
**Girls Basketball** — Liberty at Seaside, 7:30 p.m.; Waldport vs. Warrenton (at Vernonia HS), 3 p.m.; Clatskanie at Knappa, 6 p.m.; Ilwaco at North Beach, 5:45 p.m.  
**Boys Basketball** — Liberty at Seaside, 7:30 p.m.; Waldport vs. Warrenton (at Vernonia HS), 4:45 p.m.; Clatskanie at Knappa, 7:45 p.m.; Ilwaco at North Beach, 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY**  
**Basketball** — Warrenton at Vernonia Tournament, TBA  
**Boys Basketball** — Naselle at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.  
**Swimming** — Tillamook Invitational, 10 a.m.  
**Wrestling** — Astoria, Warrenton at Estacada Tournament, 10 a.m.; Knappa at Ocosta Tournament, TBA

### BOYS BASKETBALL

**Ilwaco 48, Warrenton 47**  
**WAR (47):** Christian Holt 17, Whitaker 11, Wilson 8, Cochran 5, Little 4, Fischer 2, Alcobendas.  
**ILW (48):** Alex Kaino 16, Tapio 7, Bannister 7, Tynkila 6, Lazaro 5, Mendoza 3, Aguayo 1, Schenk.  
**Warrenton 11 13 149—47**  
**Ilwaco 21 9 910—48**

**Wahkiakum 54, Naselle 40**  
**NAS (40):** Travis Pine 17, Gudmundsen 7, Edwards 4, Scrabeck 4, Dorman 3, Estes 2, Wirkkala 2, Lund 1.  
**WAH (54):** Zach Brown 16, Quigley 13, Moore 10, Ferguson 10, Terpsma 3, Wilson 2.  
**Naselle 6 7 10 17—40**  
**Wahkiakum 15 11 14 14—54**



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Brendan Coberly is one of three seniors on the Astoria wrestling team.



Mateo DeVargas, left, is one of three seniors on the Astoria wrestling team.

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