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Senior Sam Beaudoin qualified for state in four different events last year.

## Kadi takes the helm for Seaside swim team

**By GARY HENLEY** The Daily Astorian

The successful Seaside swim program is under new management, as Mike Kadi takes over for Alex Reed as the Gulls' varsity coach.

And with Kadi now at the helm, you can consider the Gulls in good hands.

Kadi is a member of U.S. Masters Swimming, having competed most recently for the Mountain View Masters club. He is also a USA Swimming certified coach.

Which makes the Seaside swimmers certified challengers in the District 1/4A.

The Seaside boys took second in districts last year, finishing 96 points behind a strong Newport team.

The Cubs are always challenging for the top spot, and they will face an

even tougher fight for this year's title.

Seaside brings back some fast swimmers from a year ago, in which the boys' team finished eighth in the team standings at the state meet.

"Everything's going great," Kadi said after one week of practice. "I'm looking forward to our first meet. I'm also looking to do a round of every single school around here. I coached in Nevada (Incline HS), and I'm getting a feel of what's going on around here. I'd like to see what this area has."

He already knows what the Gulls have, even before he took over.

"I had the pleasure of working with Alex a little," he said. "I started a couple home meets here and got to see the team, and it's good to see those kids back. I think they're receptive of my training. We just try to make it fun and get 'em fast quick.

"If you know swimming, you have

to get them in the water and up to speed really quickly."

On the plus side, "Sam (Beaudoin) is coming back," Kadi said, referring to the senior state qualifier in four different events.

Bradley Rzewnicki is another key swimmer with state experience.

"We also have a real strong girls state relay team, in medley and freestyle," Kadi said. "I'm really stoked about that."

Kadi is retired U.S. Coast Guard, and was stationed in Astoria from 1985-87.

"I was living in Tahoe, and dealing with 40 feet of snow every year gets kind of old," he said. Seaside "is a good place to be.

"When you look at it, the way to a good swimming program is having a swim club," which drove Kadi to create the Seaside Swim Team.

"Astoria has North Coast (Swim Club), and they've got good numbers," he said. "I started Seaside Swim Team back in January, and our numbers are at 30. You have to have numbers to have a healthy program, so



Girls Elizabeth Barnes, Jr. Cadyn Carr, Jr. Clarisse Coventry, Sr.

Alyssa Harkins, So. Kendy Lin, Fr. Morgan Matthews, Sr. Maya McGill, Fr. Kimberly Mella, Fr. Holly Wood, Fr.

Boys Sam Beaudoin, Sr. Isaiah Collins, So. Nicholas Konyha, Fr.

Michael Matthews, Jr. Adam Morse, Jr. Lucas Nagle, So. Bradley Rzewnicki, Jr. Thaddeaus Stapleton, Jr. Alex Tadei, Sr.

# Gulls have a tough battle in District 1/4A wrestling

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Dan Taylor has taken over the head coaching duties for Seaside wrestling, replacing

Trent Rollins. The one thing you need to know about the Gulls — they compete in Special District  $1/4\text{\AA}$  — one of the toughest in

the state, at any level. Any district with Crook County has got to be good. And it's not just Crook County that the Cowapa schools compete with when it comes

to Regionals. Of the 38 scoring teams in the state tournament, Special District 1 had four teams in the top 10, including Crook County (first), Scappoose (fourth), Banks (seventh) and Tillamook (ninth).

The team title was no contest, as Crook County scored a whopping 327 points, with Henley (165.5) second.

The district is much the same this season, with traditional powers Crook County,

Gannon Abernathy Alfonso Alcantar Christopher Avery Raiden Bowles Jacob Brien Brandon Campuzano Travis Fenton

Marcus Gomez

Logan Griffin Jake Herold Donald La Tourette Danyle Lombardi Alex Martinez Gavin Meyer Shane Smith

## **TODAY**

Girls Basketball — Liberty at Seaside, 7:30 p.m.; Waldport at Warrenton, 3 p.m.; Clatskanie at Knappa, 6 p.m.; Ilwaco at North

Boys Basketball — Liberty at Seaside, 7:30 p.m.; Waldport at Warrenton, 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

Estacada, Gladstone, Banks

and Scappoose. Crook County scored 507.5 points to win last year's district title, with Scappoose (235.5) the next closest. Seaside finished 11th out of 11

teams, with just five points. Among the highlights for the Gulls, Jordan Hansard reached the quarterfinals at 138 pounds before falling to Trevor Thiessen of Banks; Raiden Bowles had a consola-



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Seaside's Gannon Abernathy tries to take down Clatskanie's Travis Puckett during last

tion win over Kyle Herinckx of Banks at 170 pounds, and eventually placed seventh with a consolation final vic-

year's Pac Rim tournament.

tory over Fabio Raise of Estacada.

Bowles returns as one of Seaside's scoring hopes this

year, along with regional qualifiers Donald La Tourette (120 pounds last season), and Jacob Brien (285).



