

# Astoria swimmers rack up points

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ST. HELENS — The Astoria swim team scored a pair of second-place team finishes last Friday in the Cowapa League Championships hosted by Scappoose.

The Tillamook girls and Valley Catholic boys swam off with the team titles, as five Cowapa schools tuned up for the District Championships Friday and Saturday at Astoria.

Tillamook scored 329 points for the girls' title, ahead of Astoria (215) and Seaside (206); and the Valley Catholic boys racked up 306 points to top the Fishermen (232), Scappoose (229) and Seaside (182).

The Astoria girls won just one event, as the foursome of Megan Sparks, Kendal Gustafson, Ashley Schacher and Olivia Paul opened the finals with a victory in the 200-yard medley relay, finishing in 2 minutes, 5.74 seconds.

Schacher took second in the 100-yard butterfly, and the Lady Fish had a number of third-place finishes to rack up team points.

The Seaside girls are hoping to score big points at districts, as well as the state meet.

Seaside won two events, which included first-place finishes for sophomore Alyssa Harkins in the 100-yard butterfly (1:07.42) and freshman Maya McGill in the 500-yard freestyle (6:29.75).

The Gulls added second-place showings with Kendy Lin (200-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke), Clarisse Coventry (50- and 100-yard freestyles), and Harkins in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Seaside also placed second in the 200- and 400-yard freestyle relays.

On the boys' side, Astoria freshman Josh Shipley won the 100 backstroke in 1:08.73, and took second in the 200 freestyle. Sophomore teammate Thayne Covert was second in the 200-yard individual medley and Jacob Hulti was second in the 100 freestyle.

Astoria's foursome of Covert, Aleks Matthews, Shipley and Hulti

took second in the 200 medley relay (2:00.81).

Seaside's team of Alex Tadei, Bradley Rzewnicki, Luke Liljenwall and Sam Beaudoin won the 200-yard freestyle relay in 1:41.31.

Beaudoin was second in the 50 freestyle and the butterfly, and helped the Gulls to second in the 400 relay.

**Team Results:**  
Girls-Tillamook 329, Astoria 215, Seaside 206, Valley Catholic 196, Scappoose 164.

Boys-Valley Catholic 306, Astoria 232, Scappoose 229, Seaside 182, Tillamook 102.

District preliminaries begin at 4 p.m. Friday at the Astoria Aquatic Center.

# Ilwaco wrestlers win sub-regionals

The Daily Astorian

ILWACO, Wash. — With 20 wrestlers qualified, the Ilwaco wrestling team is sure to be a favorite this weekend when the Fishermen compete in the Class 2B regionals at Adna, Washington.

Ilwaco cruised to the team title last weekend, in the 15-team sub regionals on their home mat.

The Fishermen finished with 291 points to far outdistance the competition, with four wrestlers winning individual titles.

Riki Thompson (138 pounds), Jack Kaino (152), Daylin Kemmer (160) and Alec Bell (195) all scored championships in their weight classes, while Trenton Cox (106), Joe Lopez (152) and Brandon McMullen (160) all added second-place points.

**Team results:** Ilwaco 291, Ocosta 178, Adna 172, Raymond 123, Rainier 116, South Bend 77, North Beach 74, Napavine 58, Toledo 54, Chief Leschi 36, Winlock 30, Life Christian 22, Tacoma Baptist 14, Onalaska 13, Wahkiakum 6, NW Christian, Willapa Valley.

The 2B regional begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, and the WIAA state tournament is Feb. 19-20 at the Tacoma Dome.

Ilwaco will also send three wrestlers to the girls' regional tournament. Kasey Bageant's championship at 110 pounds led the Lady Fishermen to seventh place at the girls sub-regional in Ilwaco. Bageant will join teammates Hilda Mondragon (second at 145), and Arianna Bell (fourth at 120) at regionals.

# Activists demonstrate against sexual violence at Baylor

Associated Press

WACO, Texas — A candlelight vigil to protest Baylor University's response to campus sexual violence drew scores of demonstrators to the street in front of the university president's home Monday night.

About 100 people participated in the vigil in front of President Kenneth Starr's home. The group then marched to a brief prayer service outside Baylor's Truett Seminary.

The protest comes after ESPN reported earlier this month that three students said the Southern Baptist-affiliated university in Waco failed to act on allegations that they were sexually assaulted by a former football player later convicted in one of those cases.

Policies regarding Baylor's compliance with federal requirements that it address and prevent sexual harassment "are inconsistently followed and, at times, ignored altogether. Perpetrators are repeatedly allowed to go free due to these shortcomings. This makes our campus unsafe," the group said in an online statement Monday.

In a letter Sunday, Starr said university leaders' "hearts break for those whose lives are impacted by execrable acts of sexual violence." He also noted that Philadelphia law firm Pepper Hamilton, which Baylor hired, is conducting an outside review of the university's response to reports of sexual violence.

When the review is complete, "we will determine how best to share the firm's recommendations," Starr said.

Starr also wrote that federal privacy laws and related requirements by the U.S. Department of Education have prevented Baylor from being forthcoming with past reports of sexual violence against students.

Starr's letter came hours after the release of a letter signed by more than 1,300 Baylor alumni, students, faculty, staff and family of students. That letter said: "Baylor students deserve more than mere assurances by administration officials that the university is doing its part. Accordingly, we respectfully insist that the University promptly take action to improve its responses to sexual assault — and publicly state what those will be. This is about more than compliance with the university's regulatory obligations."

Baylor alumna Laura Seay, now assistant professor of government at Colby College in Maine, said Starr's letter is "disappointing" and "doesn't tell us anything we don't already know."

She said the university is hiding behind privacy laws in not addressing the issue candidly.

"I think the pattern is undermining the identity that we're distinctively a Christian university," Seay said of Baylor.



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Waving a Denver Broncos flag, the team's airplane pilot leans out the window of the cockpit Monday as players step off the plane after returning as victors over the Carolina Panthers in Super Bowl 50.

# Party like it's 1999: Denver to celebrate another Super Bowl

Associated Press

DENVER — The Denver Broncos will board fire trucks and roll slowly through the crowd-lined streets of the Mile High City to celebrate winning the Super Bowl.

Hundreds of thousands of people are expected for Tuesday's parade and rally after the Broncos defeated the Carolina Panthers 24-10 in Super Bowl 50.

Officials won't give specific turnout predic-

tions, but the last time Denver won the Super Bowl, the downtown party drew an estimated 375,000 people. A year before that, when the Broncos won the Super Bowl for the first time, about 650,000 people showed up.

Tuesday's celebration starts with a concert in front of the City-County Building overlooking Civic Center park. The parade steps off near Union Station, arriving at the park for the rally.

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**Girls Basketball** — Astoria at Tillamook, 6 p.m.; Seaside at Banks, 7 p.m.; Rainier at Warrenton, 5:30 p.m.; Knappa at Faith Bible, 7 p.m.; Jewell at Falls City, 5:30 p.m.; Central at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.

**Boys Basketball** — Astoria at Tillamook, 7:45 p.m.; Seaside at Banks, 8:45 p.m.; Rainier at Warrenton, 7:30 p.m.; Knappa at Faith Bible, 8:45 p.m.; Jewell at Falls City, 7 p.m.

### FRIDAY

**Girls Basketball** — Scappoose at Astoria, 6 p.m.; Seaside at Valley Catholic, 6 p.m.; Warrenton at Clatskanie, 6 p.m.; St. John Bosco at Jewell, 5:30 p.m.

**Boys Basketball** — Scappoose at Astoria, 7:45 p.m.; Seaside at Valley Catholic, 7:45 p.m.; Warrenton at Clatskanie, 7:45 p.m.; St. John Bosco at Jewell, 7 p.m.

**Swimming** — District 1/4A, at Astoria AC, 4 p.m.

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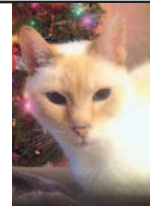
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