

# Fishermen win, climb to No. 6 ranking

By GARY HENLEY  
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The more they win, the higher they climb ... and the closer the Astoria Fishermen get to the "Glory Days."

Astoria head coach Kevin Goin felt like he was back there Friday night at the Brick House.

A packed gym, high intensity with lots on the line against No. 8-ranked Scappoose ... and the No. 6-ranked Fishermen rose to the challenge, scoring a 55-39 victory over the Indians.

It felt like the old days, Goin said.

"I'm walking off the floor, and I have the old guard coming up to me — faces I saw 20, 25, 30 years ago. It's really nice, and makes me homesick.

"It wasn't the same when I first came back," he said of his return to Astoria, over a year ago. "That culture wasn't there that was there years ago. It's starting to come back, and our kids are starting to believe in that culture. Our older kids have figured it out, and our younger kids are starting to come along."

It all resulted in Astoria's third victory over a top-10 team since Jan. 29.

The Fishermen thoroughly whipped, embarrassed and ran the defending state champions right out of the Brick House, avenging a Jan. 26 loss at Scappoose, Astoria's only defeat in the last 11 games.

The Fishermen (7-1 in league) remain ahead of No. 2-ranked Seaside (6-2) in the



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**Astoria players celebrate after a three-point shot by Justin Friiht during the basketball game against Scappoose Friday.**

Cowapa League standings.

The rest of the Cowapa has fallen by the wayside (Scappoose and Valley Catholic are tied for third at 4-4), and the only two teams with winning records will battle Tuesday at Seaside — where the Fishermen can either clinch the league title, or the Gulls can force a tie with one game remaining for each.

Either way, "This will help us," Goin said. "We get the three best teams in the league down the stretch, so hopefully that will help our ranking."

"Obviously (Tuesday's game) is huge for seeding purposes. If we win that one, we're outright champs."

The last time Astoria won a league title? That's a tough one even for Goin, the former Fisherman.

"I can't remember the last

time, if it was dad's 2002 team? I don't know when the last league champ was — it might be all the way back to '98 when we won the title," Goin said. "I'm not sure."

It was actually Chris Hunt's 2005-06 team, which went 9-1 to win the league championship in the last year before the OSAA realignment.

Regardless, a league title "would be really special," Goin said. "Those are hard to come by. Everybody wants a state title or trophy, but those league titles are tough to come by, especially our league."

"I like the way things are going," he added. "I'm sure Bill (Westerholm) and his team will be ready. It's been an emotional season for them, what they've been through. I tip my hat to them."

As for Friday's game, Scappoose jumped out to a 7-0 lead, but the rest of the night belonged to the Fishermen.

Back-to-back scores by Derek Jarrett and a 3-pointer from Justin Friiht gave Astoria the lead for good midway through the second quarter, and Jarrett banked in a trey at the buzzer to end the first half. Sometimes it's better to be good and lucky.

"Those things give you a little momentum, but the bigger thing was coming out in the third quarter and taking care of things," Goin said. "We missed a couple easy ones in the first half, but that happens. It's part of the game and we're never perfect. It's how you respond. We used to hang our heads and get down, now we just fight through that. We have a lot of confidence in what we do."

The Fishermen used free throws (7-of-9) to help take a 35-27 lead after three quarters, and their swarming defense allowed only three Scappoose field goals in the fourth.

"When you can defend people, that makes a big difference," Goin said. "You can weather those quarters when you don't score a ton."

Jarrett's 3-pointer gave Astoria a 44-31 lead with 4:08 left, and a three-point play by Fridtjof Fremstad in the closing seconds made it 53-38.

Jarrett finished with 22 points, and Kyle Strange added 15 for the Fishermen.



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**Seaside's Alyssa Harkins competes in the 100-yard butterfly event at the District 1 Swimming Championship on Saturday. View more photos online at www.dailyastorian.com/sports**

# Harkins and Shipley swim to district titles

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Ashley Schacher and Olivia Paul won the first finals event Saturday, swimming the 200-yard medley relay in 2 minutes, 4.73 seconds. They will be the No. 8 seed at the state meet, the only state qualifying event for the Astoria girls.

Swimmers from Newport and Tillamook scored most of the victories Saturday at the Astoria Aquatic Center, on Day 2 of the District 1/4A swim championships.

Of the 22 total events, the Cubs and Cheesemakers won 15, while the Tillamook girls and Newport boys swam off with the team championships.

Astoria earned a pair of third-place team finishes, as the girls were third behind Tillamook and Newport; and the Astoria boys took third behind Newport and Valley Catholic. The Seaside girls placed fourth, and the boys sixth.

The North Coast will still send its fair share of swimmers to the state meet, Friday and Saturday at Mt. Hood Community College.

Astoria's "Fab Four" relay squad of Megan Sparks, Kendal Gustafson,

Sophomore Alyssa Harkins posted Seaside's lone win, as she took first in the 100-yard butterfly (1:07.44).

The Gulls will send more swimmers to state as wild cards, including the girls' 200 medley relay (the foursome of Kendy Lin, Harkins, Maya McGill and Clarisse Coventry took second); the boys' 200- and 400-yard freestyle relays (Alex Tadei, Brad Rzewnicki, Luke Liljenwall and Sam Beaudoin placed second in both); and the girls' 200-yard freestyle relay (third).

# Lady Fishermen topple Scappoose in 48-28 win

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The Astoria girls basketball team was shooting, scoring and rebounding at will Friday night, as the Lady Fishermen pounded winless Scappoose 48-28 in a Cowapa League contest at the Brick House.

Three-pointers by Chloe Hunt and Rylee DeMander had the Fishermen well in control by halftime, 22-9.

Astoria was 8-for-33 from the field in the first half, while the Indians were just 4-of-9, with 17 turnovers.

Astoria controlled the boards, outrebounding Scappoose 27 to 19, which included numerous offensive rebounds for the Lady Fish.

They didn't need the offensive boards in the second half, as Astoria heated up and hit four 3-pointers in the third period, one each for Taylor Mickle, DeMander, Hunt and Kaylee Mitchell.

Astoria's lead reached 46-23 in the fourth, as Hunt banked in her fourth 3-pointer of the night.

The Lady Fish were 8-of-17 from the 3-point line. Hunt had 18 points and DeMander added

11 for Astoria. Mitchell had seven rebounds.

Astoria (4-4 in league) plays Tuesday at Seaside (5-3).

**Warriors 42, Tigers 37**

CLATSKANIE — The Warrenton girls finished the season in style Friday night, rallying from an 18-4 deficit to beat Clatskanie, 42-37.

Tyla Little scored 11 points to lead the Warriors, who knocked down several 3-pointers in the third quarter, while Little hit key free throws down the stretch.

Claire Bussert added eight points and Landree Miethe had seven for Warrenton, which finishes 8-16 overall.

**Knights 48, Lady Jays 47**

JEWELL — The Jewell girls came up one point short in their season finale Friday, a 48-47 win for St. John Bosco.

Bosco's Emily Crowell and Megan Crowell combined for 29 points, while Aly Littlepage scored 19 for the Lady Jays.

Jewell overcame a 10-2 deficit after one quarter and held leads in the final period.

Littlepage also had 10

rebounds and three steals, and Emma Guillen added 15 points, 10 boards, five blocks and three assists for Jewell, which had just five players.

Gabi Morales had 14 rebounds and eight points for the Jays, 6-16 overall.

**Adna 62, Ilwaco 39**

MONTESANO, Wash. — Adna scored a big upset over Ilwaco Saturday, 62-39, in a Southwest District 2B quarterfinal.

It was the first loss to a 2B team for No. 2-ranked Ilwaco, now 19-3 overall. The Lady Fishermen play Toledo in a loser-out game at 4 p.m. today in Montesano.

Madeline Jacobson led Ilwaco with 12 points, followed by Hannah Ellsworth with 11.

**Boys Basketball**

**Tigers 54, Warriors 29**

CLATSKANIE — Clatskanie's Cooper Starkel scored 14 points and Andrew Norgren added 12, as the Tigers defeated Warrenton 54-29 in a Lewis & Clark League season finale Friday.

The Tigers built a 23-11 half-

time lead, then outscored Warrenton 19-6 in the third.

Anthony Cochran had 10 points to lead the Warriors, who finish 1-15 in league play, 4-20 overall.

**Knights 40, Blue Jays 30**

JEWELL — Trystan Silva scored 11 points with nine rebounds, but it wasn't enough for Jewell Friday night, as St. John Bosco left with a 40-30 win over the Blue Jays.

Ben Stahly added nine points for Jewell, which finishes the season 4-19 overall.



**Seaside's Brad Rzewnicki competes in the 200-yard freestyle event at the District 1 Swimming Championship on Saturday.**

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SCHEDULE

**TODAY**  
Girls Basketball — Gaston at Knappa, 6:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY**  
Girls Basketball — Astoria at Seaside, 6 p.m.  
Boys Basketball — Astoria at Seaside, 7:45 p.m.

**THURSDAY**  
Girls Basketball — Valley Catholic at Astoria, 6 p.m.; Tillamook at Seaside, 6 p.m.

Boys Basketball — Valley Catholic at Astoria, 7:45 p.m.; Tillamook at Seaside, 7:45 p.m.; Knappa at Nestucca, 6:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY**  
Swimming — OSAA State Meet, Mt. Hood CC, TBA  
Wrestling — District 1/4A Regionals, Crook County, 10 a.m.

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### BOYS BASKETBALL

**Astoria 55, Scappoose 39**  
SCP (39): Joey Wagenknecht 12, Lohman 9, Donaldson 6, Davis 6, Kramer 5, Osilin 1.  
AST (55): Derek Jarrett 22, Strange 15, Friiht 8, Fremstad 4, Palek 4, Meisner 2, Englund, Arnsdorf, Gohl, Burchfield, Loughran, Williams, O'Brien.  
Scappoose 12 5 10 12—39  
Astoria 10 12 13 20—55

**Clatskanie 54, Warrenton 29**  
WAR (29): Anthony Cochran 10, Knight 8, Holt 7, Wilson 4, Stein.

**CLA (54):** Cooper Starkel 14, Andrew Norgren 12, McKay 9, McCallister 6, Sewald 4, Luquette 3, Karber 2, Bloodgett 2.  
Warrenton 6 5 6 12—29  
Clatskanie 11 12 19 12—54

**St. John Bosco 40, Jewell 30**  
JWL (30): Trystan Silva 11, Stahly 9,

Hinson 6, Murray 4, Gerken, Ritchie, Munk, Meehan.

St. John 7 14 7 12—40  
Jewell 4 10 9 7—30

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Astoria 48, Scappoose 28**  
SCP (28): Bailey 11, Brodala 8, K.Kopra 5, Mills 3, Esterly 1.

AST (48): Chloe Hunt 18, DeMander 11, Mickle 9, Hemsley 5, Mitchell 4, Dalton 1, Wallace, Rogers, Abrahams, Gimre.

Scappoose 7 2 8 11—28  
Astoria 14 8 19 7—48  
JV: Astoria 30, Scappoose 20

**St. John 48, Jewell 47**  
SJ (48): Emily Crowell 16, M.Crowell 13, Moore 9, Jayawickrama 5, Bartholomew 2, Sindlinger 2, Owen 1.

JWL (47): Aly Littlepage 19, Guillen 15, Morales 8, Kaczinski 5, R.Warmack.

St. John 10 16 11 11—48  
Jewell 2 18 16 11—47

### SWIMMING

**District 1/4A Championships at Astoria Aquatic Center**  
Girls: Tillamook 263, Newport 201, Astoria 162, Seaside 151, Valley Catholic 121, Taft 111, Scappoose 85, Rainier 80, Toledo 16.

(Winners, plus Astoria, Seaside finalists)

200 Medley Relay: 1, Astoria, 2:04.73. 2, Seaside, 2:09.97.  
200 Freestyle: 1, Allison Bachart, New, 2:06.45. 2, Kendy Lin, Sea, 2:11.33.

200 Individual Medley: 1, Allison Wilkes, Til, 2:33.78.  
50 Freestyle: 1, Emily Reibach, Til, 26.68. 3, Clarisse Coventry, Sea, 27.02. 5, Ashley Schacher, Ast, 28.12. 6, Olivia Paul, Ast, 28.31.

100 Butterfly: 1, Alyssa Harkins, Sea, 1:07.44. 2, Ashley Schacher, Ast, 1:10.94.

100 Freestyle: 1, Kara Putman, Til, 57.66. 3, Clarisse Coventry, Sea, 59.45.

500 Freestyle: 1, Elena Ellingson-Cosenza, New, 5:52.53. 3, Maya McGill, Sea, 6:25.74.

200 Freestyle Relay: 1, Newport, 1:47.84. 3, Seaside, 1:53.60. 4, Astoria, 1:56.62.

100 Backstroke: 1, Allison Wilkes, Til, 1:06.82. 2, Kendy Lin, Sea, 1:06.83. 3, Megan Sparks, Ast, 1:08.34.

100 Breaststroke: 1, Kara Putman, Til, 1:11.28. 3, Alyssa Harkins, Sea, 1:21.13. 4, Kendal Gustafson, Ast, 1:23.59.

400 Freestyle Relay: 1, Tillamook, 4:01.09. 6, Astoria, 5:02.99.

Boys: Newport 347, Valley Catholic 185, Astoria 149, Rainier 130, Scappoose 112, Seaside 111, Taft 103, Tillamook 69, Toledo 9.

(Winners, plus Astoria, Seaside finalists)

200 Medley Relay: 1, Newport, 1:51.87. 3, Seaside, 1:54.31. 5, Astoria, 1:59.41.

200 Freestyle: 1, David Spurgeon, VC, 1:54.88. 3, Joshua Shipley, Ast, 1:58.83. 4, Bradley Rzewnicki, Sea, 2:01.95.

200 Individual Medley: 1, Arath Hernandez, New, 2:18.30. 4, Thayne Covert, Ast, 2:33.03.

50 Freestyle: 1, Ryland Pampush, Til, 24.09. 2, Sam Beaudoin, Sea, 24.11. 5, Jacob Hult, Ast, 24.79.

100 Butterfly: 1, David Spurgeon, VC, 57.35.

100 Freestyle: 1, Ryland Pampush, Til, 53.00. 4, Jacob Hult, Ast, 54.63. 5, Luke Liljenwall, Sea, 55.67.

500 Freestyle: 1, Ben Settle, VC, 4:53.59. 5, Thayne Covert, Ast, 5:53.19. 6, Elias Simmons, Ast, 5:58.56.

200 Freestyle Relay: 1, Newport, 1:36.53. 2, Seaside, 1:38.99. 5, Astoria, 1:43.98.

100 Backstroke: 1, Ben Settle, VC, 54.39.

100 Breaststroke: 1, Joshua Shipley, Ast, 1:08.39.  
400 Freestyle Relay: 1, Newport, 3:35.75. 2, Seaside, 3:43.34. 5, Astoria, 4:30.75.

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