

Coaching changes for Gulls, Warriors, Fishermen

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It's the season for new coaching hires, and so far, Astoria, Seaside and Warrenton have all added new coaches for the next school year.

Seaside

At Seaside, two new coaches will start this fall, as Chad Smith replaces Jeff Roberts as the Gulls' varsity football coach; and Josh Garhofer was hired as the varsity girls soccer coach.

Smith was an assistant under Roberts last season, and before that was the head coach for the 2014 season at La Grande. Previously, he served

as the offensive line coach at Madras High School.

La Grande made big strides during Smith's one season at the helm, as he took the Tigers from a 2-6 league record in 2013 to a 5-4 mark in 2014, and a Greater Oregon League championship.

Roberts resigned when he became the new principal at the high school.

He coached the Gulls for

four years, going 5-4 in 2012 and 8-3 in 2013. Seaside was 5-4 in 2014, and finished 1-4 in league last season.

Garhofer is replacing Matt Johnson as the girls' soccer coach, after serving as an assistant last year.

Seaside was 4-8-2 overall last season, 4-6 in league.

Mike Hawes — a longtime assistant in both girls and boys basketball at Seaside — is the

new varsity girls basketball coach at Seaside.

Hawes was chosen to replace Wally Hamer, who recently resigned. In his three years, Hamer led the Lady Gulls to Cowapa League titles in 2013-14 and 2014-15, three straight 20-win seasons, a 26-4 record in league play and state tournament appearances in each of his three years.

Warrenton

The Warriors have hired their third football coach in three years, as Jason Edwards replaces



Mike Hawes

Travis Freeman, who left after succeeding Ian O'Brien.

O'Brien coached from 2012-14, following John Mattilla's run from 1974 to 2011.

Edwards, from Seaside, coached the Warrenton junior varsity last season, and worked

with the varsity offense.

A familiar face will be back on the sidelines for Warrenton volleyball, as Jim Hackwith replaces Jenny Forney-Smith for the 2016 season.

Forney-Smith coached the last two years, after Hackwith coached the Lady War-

riors from 2005-2013. He previously took Warrenton to the state tournament four straight seasons, 2006-09.

Warrenton volleyball has had just three varsity volleyball coaches over the last 31 years (Dianne Dick, 1985-2004), followed by Hackwith and Forney-Smith.

Astoria

Jessie Todd has been hired as the Astoria varsity volleyball coach, replacing Angee Hunt, who has stepped down because of an increased workload outside of coaching.

Hunt coached a total of nine years, leading the Lady Fish to a state championship appearance in 2013.

Martin homers in ninth, as Mariners rally to beat A's

By JIM HOEHN
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SEATTLE — Leonys Martin needed a few looks to figure out Ryan Madson's changeup, and then he solved the offspeed pitch in a big way.

Martin hit a game-ending, two-run homer off the closer in the ninth inning to give the Seattle Mariners a 6-5 comeback victory over the Oakland Athletics on Tuesday night.

"I've faced him a few times and he's never thrown me a changeup," Martin said. "I don't even know what the action on the ball (is). ... I just see the ball and swing and don't get too aggressive."

Seattle trailed 5-2 after seven innings but got a two-run homer from Robinson Cano in the eighth off John Axford.

Madson (2-1) came on in the ninth and got two quick outs before Norichika Aoki punched a double down the left field line.

Martin then drove a 1-2 pitch deep over the wall in right-center for his ninth home run.

"I slowed him down with

four changeups in a row," Madson said. "The last one was pretty much right down the middle. That's the frustrating part, is the location of the last one. I've gone four in a row before, but you make the fourth one the best one. That's not what happened tonight."

Martin, whose previous season high was eight homers in 457 at-bats in 2013 with Texas, showed the black bat afterward with the seams of the ball visible on the barrel.

"As soon as I hit the ball, I knew it was going to be gone," Martin said. "I crushed the ball. I was just trying to put the ball in play."

Oakland erased a 2-1 deficit in the sixth, jumping on the Mariners bullpen to complete a four-run rally capped by Coco Crisp's bases-loaded double off Mike Montgomery.

Montgomery (2-0) wasn't charged with the runs and finished the game with 3 1/3 scoreless innings.

Cano put the Mariners up 1-0 in the first, following a one-out single by Seth Smith with an RBI double to left-center.

Westbrook, Thunder put Warriors on brink of elimination

By CLIFF BRUNT
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OKLAHOMA CITY — Suddenly, these Golden State Warriors who have been compared all season to the Chicago Bulls dynasty of the 1990s are on the brink of elimination.

Russell Westbrook had 36 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists, and the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the Warriors 118-94 on Tuesday night to take a 3-1 lead in the Western Conference Finals. Golden State, which won a league record 73 games in the regular season, lost consecutive games for the first time this season.

The Warriors must win Game 5 on Thursday in Oakland to keep their season alive.

"We all have to bounce back," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said. "The good news is, we go home. Obviously we play well at home. The idea now is to go home and get one win. Do that, and we put some pressure on them and we'll see what happens."

Klay Thompson led Golden State with 26 points, but two-time league MVP Stephen Curry was limited to 19 points on 6-for-20 shooting. Curry's shooting performance was so uncharacteristic that reporters



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Oklahoma City Thunder guard Russell Westbrook (0) celebrates with teammates Andrew Morrow, center, and Enes Kanter, right, following a basket against the Golden State Warriors in Game 4 of the NBA basketball Western Conference finals in Oklahoma City, Tuesday.

asked if he was hurt.

"He's not injured," Kerr said. "He's coming back from the knee, but he's not injured. He just had a lousy night. It happens, even to the best players in the world."

The Warriors lost consecutive playoff games by at least 20 points for the first time since Games 2 and 3 of the 1972 Western Conference semi-

nals against the Milwaukee Bucks. Golden State's Draymond Green, who was fined for kicking Steven Adams in the groin in Game 3, finished with six points, 11 rebounds and six turnovers.

Meanwhile, Oklahoma City got a boost from an unlikely source. Andre Roberson, a player the Warriors have ignored at times during the series, scored

a career-high 17 points and grabbed 12 rebounds.

Kevin Durant added 26 points and 11 rebounds and Serge Ibaka added 17 points and seven rebounds.

As for Westbrook, it was his first triple-double of the playoffs after posting 18 in the regular season. It was his fifth career playoff triple-double.

"I play every game like it's my last, regardless of who's in front of me," he said. "That's my job, and my job is to worry about my team, and that's all I do."

The Thunder know they have to close. Nine teams have rallied from 3-1 deficits to win.

"I think we're in a good place, but like I said, this game is over," Westbrook said. "We've got to move on to the next game. Every game is different."

The Thunder led 30-26 at the end of the first quarter, then gained control in the second. In the most unlikely of connections, Adams threw a bullet pass to Roberson near the basket for a dunk that gave the Thunder a 56-43 lead with just over four minutes left in the first half.

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