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SPORTS



Seaside boys second at state meet

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EUGENE — The Seaside boys' cross country team came up short in their bid for a second-straight state championship — but the Gulls finished a strong second, and the day still belonged to the Cowapa League Saturday, at the OSAA state meet in Eugene.

The Tillamook girls and the Valley Catholic boys were the team champions in the Class 4A portion of the meet, held at Lane Community

And after finishing second to Seaside in the Cowapa League district meet the previous week, the Valley Catholic boys managed to slip past the Gulls in the team standings at state.

The Valiants' top five runners finished in the top 26 overall, enough for Valley Catholic to finish with 58 team points, to Seaside's 79.

Phoenix was a distant third, with 121.

Individually, senior Michael Brown of North Bend took first place, covering the 5,000-meter course in 16 minutes, 13 seconds. Seaside senior Bradley Rzewnicki — the defending individual champion — placed fourth

Seaside teammate Jackson Januik was 14th (16:57), followed by Hunter Thompson (15th, 17:08). Rafi Sibony was 31st (17:26) and Colton Carter was Seaside's fifth runner (45th, 17:53).

After placing fourth in the district meet, Astoria's lone entrant — senior Lucas Caruana — finished fifth overall in 16:41.

Caruana got out to a quick start with the lead pack, which included John Kavulich from Scappoose and Rzewnicki.

He held on to fifth position after the first mile, pushed the middle mile and attacked the hills, breaking away from the second pack and running alone for most of the third mile.

Caruana finished with a 5,000 personal best by 19 seconds, while the Cowapa League had four runners among the top 10 finishers. Celie Mans of Siuslaw was the

girls' individual champion (18:55), while Tillamook's top five runners finished in the top 36, as the Lady Mooks finished with 71 points, ahead of La Grande (76).



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Seaside's Bradley Rzewnicki, center, runs with athletes in the lead pack Saturday, including Robby Vos of Phoenix, left, and John Kavulich of Scappoose. All three would finish in the top five, with Astoria's Lucas Caruana (not pictured), at the 4A state cross country meet.

FISHERMEN UNSTOPPABLE



Fridtjof Fremstad runs down the field as the Fishermen faced off against Gladstone in the first round of playoffs on Friday at CMH Field in Astoria. Astoria won 48-14 and hosts Cottage Grove Friday in a state guarterfinal at CMH Field.

Astoria cruises to state quarterfinals

By GARY HENLEY The Daily Astorian

From 1-4 league seasons in 2013 and '14, to the state quarterfinals in 2016 ... Astoria football has indeed come a long way in a short period of time. And now the Fighting Fishermen on the verge of something much bigger.

Astoria kicked off the 2016 post-season Friday night with an impressive 48-14 win over Gladstone at CMH Field, in a first-round game of the Class 4A state playoffs.

And now the No. 3-seed Fishermen predicted by some around the state to win their first state title since 2008 — are just three wins away from their magic goal.

With Cascade's 40-21 win over Mazama Friday, the Fishermen are now the highest-seeded team in their half of the bracket.

Astoria will host Cottage Grove Friday in a state quarterfinal at CMH Field.

Astoria racked up 476 yards in total offense against Gladstone, and with the exception of a big play by the Gladiators and a late turnover on special teams, the Fishermen defense was a force, allowing just nine first downs.

Meanwhile, Astoria had 307 yards offense in the first half alone, and finished with 22 first downs.

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St. Paul wins wild one over Knappa

By GARY HENLEY The Daily Astorian

The Knappa Loggers came up 7 seconds, 8 points and 9 yards short Saturday afternoon, in a Class 2A state playoff.

A late defensive stand by St. Paul helped the Buckaroos hold on for a 32-24 win over the No. 8 seed

It was the closest game — by far in the first round of the Class 2A football playoffs.

Knappa finishes the season 5-5 overall, while St. Paul (6-3) will play at Regis later this week.

Saturday's contest was played at CMH Field in Astoria, where the Loggers were undefeated and looking to recapture some of the momentum they had in 2014, when Knappa

advanced to the state semifinals. The Loggers won back-to-back playoff games at CMH that year, defeating Culver and Oakland. And Knappa looked right at home to start Saturday's game.

Knappa took the opening kickoff and drove 85 yards in just seven plays, with Andrew Goozee highlighting the drive with a 45-yard run, then capping the march with a 2-yard

touchdown run. The next two scores belonged to



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Knappa Loggers' Kaleb Miller attempts avoiding a tackle as Knappa faces off against St. Paul on Saturday at CMH Field in Astoria.

St. Paul, which found the end zone on a pair of long runs (32 yards by Justin Herberger, and a 49-yard sprint by Fernando Dela Cerda).

Knappa quarterback Kaleb Miller tossed a 27-yard strike to Braeden Eltagonde for the tying touchdown with 5:28 left in the first half, but a late turnover led to a Buckaroo touchdown just before halftime.

After a scoreless third quarter, St. Paul extended the lead to 32-16,

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when Holden Smith tossed a 10-yard

79-yard drive. The Loggers answered with a 72-yard march of their own.

TD pass to Campbell Smith with 7:45

left in the fourth, capping a 13-play,

Miller on a fourth down play, Miller hit Ethan Rubus from 12 yards out for a touchdown with 4:24 remaining.

Keyed by a 24-yard scramble by

Knappa's defense forced a threeand-out for St. Paul, and the Loggers set up for one final drive, starting at their own 20 with 3:03 left.

Miller — Knappa's senior transfer from Pleasant Hill — was 7-for-7 on the drive, which included a 28-yard pass to Mitch Geisler on a firstand-27, following a holding penalty.

But on a pass from Miller to Goozee to the 9-yard line, Miller was hit after the throw and forced from the game with a leg injury.

Freshman Eli Takalo took over, and the St. Paul defense managed to force three straight incompletions in the final 29 seconds, and the Loggers turned the ball over on downs with seven seconds left.

Miller completed his last nine passes, and finished 18-of-30 for 196 yards, with completions to eight different receivers.

Timber Engblom caught five for 44 yards, and Mason Hoover had four catches on the final drive, for 38

Goozee rushed for 131 yards on 26 carries, while Dela Cerda finished with 181 yards on 24 attempts for St.

SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL

Astoria 48, Gladstone 14 Gladstone 0 7 0 7—14 7 21 13 7-48

First Quarter Ast: Fridtjof Fremstad 35 run (Andrew Schauermann kick) 1:30

Second Quarter Ast: Fremstad 7 run (Schauermann

kick) 9:10 Ast: Ryan Palek 72 pass from Fremstad (Schauermann kick) 6:54

Gla: Briggs Tatum 60 pass from Hudson Meyer (Josiah Wachlin kick) 6:39 Ast: Fremstad 9 run (Schauermann

Third Quarter Ast: Olaf Englund 58 pass from Frem-

stad (Schauermann kick) 9:51 Ast: Fremstad 8 run (kick blocked) **Fourth Quarter**

Ast: Fremstad 14 run (Schauermann

kick) 9:01 Gla: Quinn Carl 1 run (Wachlin kick) 5:12 **Team Statistics**

GHS **AHS** Total offense 476

First downs Rushes-vards 31-134 Comp-Att-Int 16-21-1 Passing yards 342 4-40 **Penalties**

Gladstone Statistics

Fumbles-lost

Rushing: Carl 17-79, Boyd 7-24, Farris 10-17, Meyer 4-(-3), Alvarado 1-0. Passing: Meyer 5-11-77-0. Receiving: Tatom 2-66, Conner 1-8, Boyd 1-8, Hill 1-0. Astoria Statistics

Rushing: Fremstad 10-104, Ranta 12-54, Tuimato 4-9, Lyngstad 2-5, Wallace 2-(-10), Matteuci 1-(-28). Passing: Fremstad 16-20-342-1, Wallace 0-1-0-0.

Receiving: Englund 8-190, Palek 4-109, O'Brien 2-12, Tuimato 1-17, J.Olson 1-14. St. Paul 32, Knappa 24

8 16 0 8-32 St. Paul 8 8 0 8-24 Knappa **First Quarter** Kna: Andrew Goozee 6 run (A.Goozee

run) 9:28 SP: Justin Herberger 32 run (Adal Izquierdo from Holden Smith) 3:22

Second Quarter SP: Fernando Dela Cerda 49 run (Izquierdo run) 8:03

Kna: Braeden Eltagonde 27 pass from Kaleb Miller (Miller run) 5:28 SP: Dela Cerda 1 run (Herberger run)

Fourth Quarter SP: Campbell Smith 10 pass from

H.Smith (Herberger run) 7:45

Kna: Ethan Rubus 12 pass from Miller (A.Goozee run) 4:24 **Team Statistics**

St. Paul Statistics		
-umbles-lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties	2-10	5-40
Passing yards	43	196
Comp-Att-Int	4-9-1	18-30-1
Rushes-yards	41-260	40-167
First downs	15	20
Total offense	303	363

Rushing: Dela Cerda 24-181, Her-

berger 11-59, Vargas 1-17, Izquierdo 4-11, C.Smith 1-(-8). Passing: H.Smith 4-9-43-1. Receiving: Vargas 1-15, C.Smith 1-10, Izquierdo 1-9, Herberger

Knappa Statistics Rushing: A.Goozee 26-131, Miller

9-27, Engblom 1-7, Geisler 4-2. Passing: Miller 18-30-196-1, Takalo 0-3-0-0. Receiving: Engblom 5-44, Hoover 5-38, Geisler 2-36, Eltagonde 2-35, A.Goozee 2-12, Green 1-19, Rubus 1-12.

Class 4A Playoffs

North Bend 69, La Grande 13 Banks 27, Marshfield 20 Estacada 26, Sisters 6 Ontario 42, Scappoose 21 Astoria 48. Gladstone 14 Cottage Grove 35, North Valley 17 South Umpqua 28, Baker 0 Cascade 40, Mazama 21

Class 2A Playoffs

Regis 42, Monroe 20 St. Paul 32, Knappa 24 Grant Union 30, Reedsport 12 Heppner 55, Gold Beach 20 Kennedy 61, Gaston 14 Toledo 54. Union 14 Santiam 35, Lost River 20 Stanfield 49, Central Linn 14