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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 College.

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 in 16:22.

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



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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 quarterfinal at CMH Field.

Astoria cruises to state quarterfinals

By GARY HENLEY
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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 Fisher-

men 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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SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL

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

First Quarter

Ast: Fridtjof Fremstad 35 run (Andrew Schauer mann kick) 1:30

Second Quarter

Ast: Fremstad 7 run (Schauer mann kick) 9:10

Ast: Ryan Palek 72 pass from Fremstad (Schauer mann kick) 6:54

Gla: Briggs Tatum 60 pass from Hudson Meyer (Josiah Wachlin kick) 6:39

Ast: Fremstad 9 run (Schauer mann kick) :40

Third Quarter

Ast: Olaf Englund 58 pass from Fremstad (Schauer mann kick) 9:51

Ast: Fremstad 8 run (kick blocked) 2:26

Fourth Quarter

Ast: Fremstad 14 run (Schauer mann kick) 9:01

Gla: Quinn Carl 1 run (Wachlin kick) 5:12

Team Statistics

	GHS	AHS
Total offense	194	476
First downs	9	22
Rushes-yards	39-117	31-134
Comp-Att-Int	5-11-0	16-21-1
Passing yards	77	342
Penalties	4-40	7-60
Fumbles-lost	3-1	3-1

Gladstone Statistics

Rushing: Carl 17-79, Boyd 7-24, Farris 10-17, Meyer 4-(-3), Alvarado 1-0. **Passing:** Meyer 5-11-77-0. **Receiving:** Tatum 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

St. Paul	8	16	0	8-32
Knappa	8	8	0	8-24

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) :53

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

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

St. Paul Statistics

Rushing: Dela Cerda 24-181, Herberger 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 1-9.

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



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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 TD pass to Campbell Smith with 7:45 left in the fourth, capping a 13-play, 79-yard drive.

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