



Freshman Luke Nelson takes part in a preseason practice for the Gulls.

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# Young Gulls battle in tough district

Seaside builds wrestling program

By GARY HENLEY  
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There will be lots of youth on the mat this season in the Seaside wrestling room.

Second-year coach Dan Taylor had a solid turnout, with 19 the second week of practice ... but of those 19, 11 are freshman and five are sophomores, as the Gulls continue to build their high school program.

Seaside performed well in local tournaments and invitations, but the Gulls found themselves outmatched (as did most teams) in the Special District 1 4A regional tournament.

Crook County dominated the meet, while the Gulls managed just 32 points to finish 11th out of 11 teams.

As young as the Gulls are, they're hoping to climb the ladder this year, with returning placers from past Cowapa League meets.

Junior Donald LaTourette qualified for regionals two years ago at 120 pounds, and will be competing at either 126 or 132 this year; while the team's only senior — Shane Smith — placed third at 120 in last year's Cowapa League meet.

Others with varsity experience include sophomore Alfonso Alcantar, while sophomore Gio Ramirez is coming off an all-league football season.



Freshman Alex Luna goes through the drills during a preseason Seaside wrestling practice.

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Jake Black is one of 11 freshmen on Seaside's wrestling roster.

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## THE WRESTLERS

- |                        |                          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Alfonso Alcantar, So.  | Alex Luna, Fr.           |
| Jake Black, Fr.        | Nick Mace, Fr.           |
| Alan Brockmann, Fr.    | Luke Nelson, Fr.         |
| Levi Card, Fr.         | Giovanni Ortega, So.     |
| Duncan Fenison, So.    | Ethan Phillips, Fr.      |
| Andrew Gastelum, Fr.   | Gio Ramirez, So.         |
| Will Kautz, Jr.        | Shane Smith, Sr.         |
| Cyrus Knox, So.        | Tyler Tackitt, Fr.       |
| Zachary Kuzakin, Fr.   | David Toyooka, Fr.       |
| Donald LaTourette, Jr. | <b>Coach:</b> Dan Taylor |



Photos by Joshua Besse/The Daily Astorian  
Seaside's Keady Lin competes in the 200-yard freestyle event at the District 1 swimming championship.

# Gulls return with state swimmers, new coach

Third coach in three years

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The Seaside swim team made the most of their numbers last season. With their second coach in two years, the Gulls still had one district champion and sent eight swimmers to the state meet.

And now the Gulls are back for more, and hoping to do it again with their third coach in three years.

Shane Spell replaces Mike Kadi as the Seaside coach, a year after Kadi replaced Alex Reed.

Some of the names of the past have graduated (Beaudoin, Coventry, Tadei, etc.), but Spell brings back some of last year's talent, along with a few promising newcomers as the Gulls get set to jump in the pool and a new season.

## THE DISTRICT

Swimmers from Newport and Tillamook scored most of the victories in last year's District 1/4A 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.

The Seaside girls placed fourth, and the boys sixth.

Alyssa Harkins posted

## THE SWIMMERS

- Girls**  
Cady Carr, Sr.  
Keady Lin, So.  
Maya McGill, So.  
Kimberly Mella, So.  
Riley Mitchell, Fr.  
Lisette Santiago, Fr.  
Kara Spell, Fr.  
Summer Spell, Sr.

- Boys**  
Dawson Blanchard, Jr.  
Isaiah Collins, Jr.  
Wesley Corliss, So.  
Will Garvin, Sr.  
James Kennedy, Sr.  
Nick Konyha, So.  
Luke Liljenwall, Sr.  
Lucas Nagle, Jr.  
Bradley Rzewnicki, Sr.

**Coach:** Shane Spell

Seaside's lone district win, as she took first in the 100-yard butterfly.

The Gulls sent more swimmers to state as wild cards, including the girls' 200 medley relay (the four-some of Keady 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).

Lin and McGill are back for the girls, while Liljenwall and Rzewnicki return for the Seaside boys, along with seniors Will Garvin and James Kennedy.



Seaside's Brad Rzewnicki competes in the 200-yard freestyle event at the District 1 swimming championship.

# Carter is co-Player of the Year; Birge GK of the Year

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The Seaside boys soccer team came up short of a second straight Cowapa League title this fall, but the Gulls were still rewarded for another fine season on the field.

For the second year in a row, Seaside junior Colton Carter was named the league's Player of the Year, sharing the award this season with Tillamook senior Seth Ramage.

And the North Coast's fine tradition of outstanding goalkeepers continued, as Astoria senior Kyle Birge was selected as the Cowapa League's Goalkeeper of the Year.

Tillamook's Brian Reynolds

was named Coach of the Year, after leading the Cheesemakers to a league title.

In all, the Gulls landed seven players on the all-league squad, to Tillamook's eight.

## BOYS SOCCER

**Players of the Year:** Colton Carter, Seaside; Seth Ramage, Tillamook

**Goalkeeper of the Year:** Kyle Birge, Astoria

**Coach of the Year:** Brian Reynolds, Tillamook

### First Team

- Colton Carter, Jr., Seaside  
Seth Ramage, Sr., Tillamook  
Rafael Alcantar, Sr., Astoria  
Kevin Bachman, Sr., Scappoose  
Tyler Cooper, Sr., Scappoose  
Garrett Gilbert, Jr., Valley Catholic  
Jose Gonzalez, Jr., Astoria

- Cristian Hernandez, Sr., Tillamook  
Jorge Herrejon, Sr., Astoria  
J.J. Hugo, Jr., Scappoose  
Jackson Januik, Sr., Seaside  
Oscar Lozano, So., Tillamook  
Ryland Pampush, Sr., Tillamook  
Irving Peon, So., Seaside  
Cameron Reeves, Sr., Tillamook  
Hunter Thompson, Sr., Seaside  
Rylan Torres, Jr., Valley Catholic  
Oscar Valencia, So., Tillamook  
Caden Verzino, Jr., Scappoose  
Brent Walsh, Sr., Seaside  
**GK:** Kyle Birge, Sr., Astoria  
**Honorable Mention**  
Paul Donant, Sr., Tillamook  
Cody Early, Jr., Astoria  
Luis Herrejon, Sr., Astoria  
Binh Luu, Sr., Valley Catholic  
Lorenzo Mazzolari, Sr., Tillamook  
Noah Olson, Sr., Valley Catholic  
Rafi Sibony, Jr., Seaside  
Jimmy Vanek, Sr., Scappoose  
Mason Wadlington, Sr., Scappoose  
Dylan Wallis, Sr., Seaside



Gary Henley/The Daily Astorian  
Seaside junior soccer player Colton Carter shared the Cowapa's Player of the Year award with Tillamook senior Seth Ramage.



Gary Henley/The Daily Astorian  
Astoria's Kyle Birge joins a long list of goalkeepers previously honored by the Cowapa League as Goalkeeper of the Year.

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