

Swimming Fishermen restocking the pool

Rebuilding year for Astoria

By GARY HENLEY
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With most of their athletes new to competitive swimming, the 2016-17 season will be “very much a rebuilding year” for Astoria swimming, according to coach Amy Emmett.

“More than half the team is new to competitive swimming,” she said.

The Fishermen have a number of returning swimmers and experienced talent, but they also have an equal number of swimmers with no experience at all.

Which makes for a lot of question marks as Astoria swimming enters a new season.

A preseason roster of 34 swimmers included only three freshmen, but 17 of the 34 have no prior competitive swimming experience.

The Fishermen scored well in the District 1 tournament a year ago.

Out of nine competing teams, the Astoria girls’ and boys’ teams both finished third in their respective team standings.

Their biggest name is back for the boys, as Joshua Shipley returns for his sophomore season.

Shipley made the biggest splash for Astoria in the district meet in February, winning the 100-yard breaststroke as a freshman, ahead of Rainier junior Jin Young Kim and two swimmers from Newport.

In addition to finishing third in the district 200-yard freestyle, Shipley went on to finish eighth in the breaststroke preliminaries at the state meet.

Astoria’s other high-

THE SWIMMERS

Girls

Claire Albright, Jr.
Taylor Atkins, Sr.
Madison Burchfield, So.
Shannon Christie, Sr.
Haley Clark, Fr.
Camille Cottrell, So.
Kendal Gustafson, Sr.
Raija Jaakola, Sr.
Cody Lachica, So.
Lily Long
Chloe Magranahan, Jr.
Gabby Marincovich-Mallares, Jr.
Megan Postlewait, Jr.
Megan Schacher, Jr.
Zahava Thornton, So.
Jenna Travers, So.
Sadie Wooldridge, Jr.
Kira Worwood, Jr.
Carla Zulli, Jr.

Boys

Cole Beeson, Jr.
Riley Cameron, Fr.
Thayne Covert, Jr.
Ryder Dopp, So.
Jose Gonzalez, Jr.
Parker Ivanoff, So.
Aleks Matthews, Jr.
Anthony Miller, Sr.
Ben Miller, Sr.
Jose Romero, So.
Joshua Shipley, So.
Elias Simmons, So.
Ethan Sparks, So.
Drew Tapio, Jr.
Carter Tucker, Jr.

light from the district meet included a first-place finish for the girls’ 200-yard medley relay.

Unfortunately, three-fourths of that foursome (Olivia Paul, Ashley Schacher, Megan Sparks) has graduated, with senior Kendal Gustafson the lone returner.

Junior Thayne Covert is back for the boys, after placing fourth at districts in the 200-yard individual medley; while Shannon Christie — younger sister of school record-holder Taylor Christie — returns for her senior season after a year away from Astoria.

Gilbert, Hageman return for Astoria wrestling team

Fishermen excited about new season

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Considering that they compete in one of the toughest districts at the Class 4A level, a sixth-place finish (out of 11 teams) wasn’t that bad for the Astoria wrestling program.

The Fishermen are set for another year in the Special District 1 4A Region, where Astoria competes with the likes of Crook County, Tillamook, Banks and Scappoose.

Getting past the Cowapa League powers is tough enough, while Crook County will be gunning for its fourth straight state title at the 4A level.

All in all, not a bad performance for the Fishermen in 2015-16, as they qualified four wrestlers for the state tournament.

“We’re excited about this season,” said Astoria coach Roy Sanchez. “We have two state tournament qualifiers returning — Trey Hageman and Kaden Gilbert — who wrestled at 138 and 182 last year, respectively.”

“Trey wrestled tough against the No. 3 seed, taking him down before eventually losing that and the following match. He’s coming off a great season in football, and we expect him to qualify and place at state this year as a junior. Trey will wrestle at either 138 or 145 this year.”

Gilbert is “returning from a successful season in which he was a match away from placing at the state tournament as



Photos by Danny Miller/The Daily Astorian
Trey Hageman, left, and Kaden Gilbert practice in November at Astoria High School.



The Astoria High School wrestling team practices in November.

a freshman at 182,” Sanchez said. “His martial arts experience confuses, frustrates and usually beats his wrestling opponents. More time on the mat will only help Kaden improve.”

Elsewhere, “Juan Jimenez returns at 106 as a junior. After earning the No. 1 seed at the regional tournament, Juan wrestled back for the chance

to win a true-fourth qualifying spot, but was a locking-hands penalty away from winning that last match.”

Other returners are seniors Jared Lucore and Sofia Ward; juniors Jeff Stutznegger and Tyler Ranta; and sophomores Matthew Hubbert, Sadie Ward and Ian Johnson.

Crook County will likely be the favorite again, once

THE WRESTLERS

Riley Ashton, Fr.
Dylan Dietrich, Fr.
Will Eddy, Fr.
Kaden Gilbert, So.
Trey Hageman, Jr.
Matthew Hubbert, So.
Juan Jimenez, Jr.
Ian Johnson, So.
Cannon Kraft, Fr.
Jared Lucore, Sr.
Tyler Ranta, Jr.
Marcus Rasmussen, Fr.
Skyler Smith, Fr.
Dalton Somers, Fr.
Jeff Stutznegger, Jr.
Juan Tinico, Fr.
Sadie Ward, So.
Sofia Ward, Sr.
Coach: Roy Sanchez

regional action begins. The Cowboys won last year’s District 1 title with 477 points, followed by Tillamook (248), Banks (217.5), Scappoose (183.5), Estacada (115.5) and Astoria (106).

Columbians net 18 starters on all-league team

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League champion Rainier swept most of the awards on the Lewis & Clark All-League football team released Thursday.

Rainier senior Steele Ware was named Offensive Player of the Year; senior Job Karber was selected Defensive Player of the Year; and Rainier’s Mike King was Coach of the Year.

The Columbians had nine starters on offense named all-league, and nine more starters on defense.

Warrenton freshman Gabe Breitmeyer was selected as the first-team punter.



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Warrenton running back Devon Bowser, No. 38, was selected as a second team offensive lineman on the Lewis & Clark All-League football team.

FOOTBALL
Lewis & Clark All-League Offensive Player of the Year: Steele Ware, Rainier
Defensive Player of the Year: Job Karber, Rainier
Coach of the Year: Mike King, Rainier
First Team Offense
QB: Steele Ware, Sr., Rainier
RB: Kees Tjaarda, So., Clatskanie
RB: Chaune Reddix, So., PC
RB: Joey Tripp, So., Rainier
WR: Dawson Carr, Jr., Rainier
WR: Gunnar Brooks, Sr., Rainier
TE: Levi Dalzell, Sr., PC
OL: Caleb Warren, Sr., Clatskanie
OL: Cody Nelson, Sr., Rainier
OL: Easton Crape, Fr., Rainier
OL: Chris James, Jr., Rainier
K: Brandon Kicks, Sr., Clatskanie
First Team Defense
DL: Tony Simmons, Sr., Clatskanie
DL: Cody Nelson, Sr., Rainier
DL: Job Karber, Sr., Rainier
DL: Easton Crape, Fr., Rainier
LB: Dawson Howard, Sr., Clatskanie
LB: Ryan Schmunk, Sr., Rainier

LB: Joey Tripp, So., Rainier
LB: Austin Eversole, Sr., Rainier
DB: Travis Puckett, Sr., Clatskanie
DB: Gunnar Brooks, Sr., Rainier
DB: Dawson Carr, Jr., Rainier
P: Gabe Breitmeyer, Fr., Warrenton
Second Team Offense
QB: Hunter Endersen, Sr., PC
WR: Chad Clark, Sr., PC
WR: Robert Wagner, Sr., PC
WR: Ian Griffith, Sr., Clatskanie

TE: Ryan Schmunk, Sr., Rainier
OL: Brenden Hicks, Sr., Clatskanie
OL: Devon Bowser, Sr., Warrenton
OL: Kaleb Osbourne, Jr., PC
Second Team Defense
DL: Isaac Points, Sr., Clatskanie
DL: Devon Bowser, Sr., Warrenton
DL: Kaleb Osbourne, Jr., PC
DL: Levi Dalzell, Sr., PC
LB: James Helman, Fr., Clatskanie
LB: Logan Fischer, Jr., Warrenton

LB: Johnny Weber, Jr., PC
LB: Aidan Perry, Jr., PC
DB: Steele Ware, Sr., Rainier
DB: Chad Clark, Sr., PC
DB: Giovanni Martinez, So., Warrenton
Honorable Mention Offense
WR: Ray Alcobendas, Sr., Warrenton
Honorable Mention Defense
DB: Ray Alcobendas, Sr., Warrenton



Alma Bolanos of Warrenton, right, scores a takedown against Knappa's Meranda Godwin in one of Wednesday's matches.
Kathy Morgan
For the Daily Astorian

Knappa Loggers host 'mix-and-match' meet

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KNAPPA — The Knappa gym was filled with wrestlers Wednesday night as the Loggers hosted an eight-team “mix-and-match” meet to open the season.

No team scores were kept for the meet, which included 97 wrestlers and 87 matches.

In addition to the Loggers, teams included Astoria, Clatskanie, Corbett, Ilwaco, Nestucca, Seaside and Warrenton.

Highlighting the night for the host team was Knappa’s David Patterson, who was 3-0 at 220 pounds. Three other Loggers — Luke Goozee, Spencer Fulton and Andrew Goozee — were all 2-0.

Astoria’s Tyler Ranta had a win over Seaside’s Gio Ramirez, while Warrenton’s Alma Bolanos scored a victory over Knappa’s Meranda Godwin.

Patterson had a pin over Seaside freshman Luke Nelson for one of his wins.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE	
TODAY	4 p.m.: Clatskanie vs Astoria (Girls)
Girls Basketball — Seaside at Gladstone, 7 p.m.; Waldport at Warrenton, 6 p.m.; St. Stephen's Academy at Jewell, 6 p.m.; Ocosta at Ilwaco, 5:45 p.m.	5:30: Clatskanie vs Astoria (Boys)
Boys Basketball — Gladstone at Seaside, 7:30 p.m.; Waldport at Warrenton, 8 p.m.; St. Stephen's Academy at Jewell, 7:45 p.m.; Ocosta at Ilwaco, 7:30 p.m.	7:00: Toledo vs Knappa (Girls)
Knappa Tip-Off Classic Friday's Schedule (Times are approximate)	8:30: Toledo vs Knappa (Boys)
	Saturday's Schedule
	10 a.m.: Ilwaco vs Knappa (Girls JV)
	11:30: Astoria vs Knappa (Boys JV2)
	1 p.m.: Clatskanie vs Knappa (Boys JV)
	Varsity Games
	2:30: Clatskanie vs Toledo (Boys)
	4:00: Clatskanie vs Toledo (Girls)
	5:30: Astoria vs Knappa (Girls)
	7:00: Astoria vs Knappa (Boys)

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