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Astoria hosts a four-way dual meet

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The Astoria wrestling team hosted a four-way dual meet with a trio of Washington schools Wednesday at the Brick House, as Ilwaco, Mark Morris and R.A. Long made the trip across the river to take part.

Less than a week after winning the team title at the Warrenton Tournament, Ilwaco scored two more victories Wednesday, defeating Mark Morris (46-30) and R.A. Long (56-22).

Ilwaco had five wrestlers finish 2-0 on the night: Allen Chetwood (138 pounds), Jack Odneal (145), Daylin Kemmer (170), Brandon McMullen (182) and Alec Bell (220).

Astoria's Kaden Gilbert won both of his matches at 195, to highlight the home team's performance.



Damian Mulinix/For EO Media Group
 Ilwaco's Joe Thompson tries to get untangled from his Mark Morris opponent Wednesday night in Astoria.



Photos by Danny Miller/The Daily Astorian
 Lady Fish Rylee Demander looks to take a shot while Cottage Grove's Keara Murphy defends during the Seaside Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament on Thursday at Seaside High School.

Lady Fishermen rally for win

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SEASIDE — Cottage Grove and Astoria combined to miss 26 free throws Thursday afternoon, in the first game of the annual Seaside Holiday Classic.

While most of Astoria's misses were in the first half (5-for-15), the Lions missed their last six in the fourth quarter, including an 0-for-4 effort in the final 1:51 — and that helped the Lady Fishermen rally for an exciting 45-38 victory in the non-league girls basketball matchup.

Astoria trailed for most of the contest, which included a 9-0 lead for the Lions in the opening minutes.

But the Fishermen gradually took advantage of Cottage Grove's turnovers (35), as well as Astoria's huge advantage in shots taken.

The Lady Fish launched 54 shots from the field, making 16, while Cottage Grove finished 13-for-27.

Astoria saved its best for last. Trailing 32-26 in the first minute



Astoria's Anna Gimre fights for ball control with Cottage Grove's Ema Gardner during the Seaside Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament Thursday at Seaside High School.

of the fourth quarter, Alexis Wallace connected on a 3-pointer to spark a 7-0 run to give the Fishermen their first lead.

The Lions answered with a 6-0 run of their own, but Cottage Grove wilted under Astoria's defensive pressure, which resulted in 10 turnovers by the Lions in the final minutes.

Astoria had baskets in transition from Anna Gimre and Rylee Demander off a steal, while Brook-

lyn Hankwitz and Sam Hemsley hit four straight free throws, and Hemsley finished it off with a 3-pointer in the final seconds.

Hemsley and Demander led Astoria with 12 points apiece. The Lions were 12-for-25 at the free throw line, to Astoria's 10-for-23.

The Fishermen return to action today at Seaside (3:15 p.m. vs. South Whidbey), then finish the tournament Saturday (2:15 p.m. vs. Elma).

Fishermen boys top Lions in latest showdown

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SEASIDE — The Cottage Grove Lions and Astoria Fishermen have gone head-to-head in some pretty big games over the last year.

State playoff games in both boys basketball and football over the last nine months has resulted in a split for the two schools, with the Lions ending Astoria's football season just over a month ago with a 25-21 win over the Fishermen at CMH Field.

But the Fishermen hoopsters — featuring many of the same athletes — gained a little revenge Thursday afternoon, as they scored a 52-43 win over Cottage Grove in a first round boys' game of the Seaside Holiday Classic.

"I think they were, a little bit,"

Astoria coach Kevin Goins said, when asked if his players were more fired up than usual. "We played them in the tournament last year, and they beat us in football."

It was Goins' team that defeated Cottage Grove 56-46 in last year's consolation final at the state basketball tournament.

"I was real happy with our effort," he said. "We had good ball movement and played real well defensively. Jackson Arnsdorf was down with the flu, but Jasyin Gohl did a great job of stepping up, and K.J. (Karsten Johnson) filled in nicely for Jackson."

Astoria jumped out to a 13-3 lead and never looked back, as the Fishermen maintained a 10- to 12-point lead for much of the game.

The Lions pulled to within 48-43 with 48 seconds left in regulation, before Olaf Englund made two free throws, and Fridtjof Fremstad scored on a drive to the hoop to help Astoria to its fourth win of the season.

Englund scored 10 points in the second half and finished with 16, while Fremstad tossed in 14 points and Gohl scored 10 of his 12 points in the first half.

"It was nice to see some of the young guys stepping up and contributing," Goins said. "K.J., Josh Olson, Alex Burchfield ... we played a good game against a good team. Cottage Grove is back with their two best players from last year — (Kory) Parent and (Blake) Sentman. We lost our focus there a little at the end, but I was real happy with the win."

Gulls drop 97 points on Eagles

By GARY HENLEY
 The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — For the record, a nine-day layoff definitely did NOT have a negative effect on the Seaside boys basketball team.

After sitting around all day Thursday — after not playing a game since Dec. 6 — the Gulls came out on fire in a first-round game of the Seaside Holiday Classic, and ended up scorching Elma, 97-40.

If anything, the Gulls are the most exciting team in Oregon 4A boys basketball, as they were on a pace to score 128 points after one quarter.

Long range 3-point bombs from Attikin Babb, Hunter Thompson, Jackson Januik, Chase Januik and Payton Westerholm highlighted a 32-9 first quarter.

With more triples from Chase Januik and Thompson in the second, Seaside's lead reached 66-20 by halftime.

Seaside did not slow down in the third, as Chase and Jackson Januik combined for five points in the opening seconds of the period, followed by a highlight reel of scores from Chase Januik, the sophomore who finished with a game-high 32 points.

Thompson added 25 for Seaside, which plays either Madras or Sisters tonight at 8:30 p.m. (as of Thursday night, it was unknown which team would be participating Friday).

For Seaside, "I was worried, because we'd only practiced three times this week, and they were fairly lackluster practices," said Seaside coach Bill Westerholm. "But we were ready to go defensively, and that was about as good a first half as I've seen."

"All I did was ask the kids to come out with some energy, and they did."

The 97 points tied a school record for a Westerholm-coached team. On Jan. 4, 2005, the Gulls lost a 99-97 overtime game at Taft. The previous mark for most points in a regulation, four-quarter game was Jan. 2, 2004, when Seaside defeated Waldport, 94-33.

Gull girls fly past Eagles

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SEASIDE — An 11-0 start was all Seaside needed Thursday night, in a first-round girls game of the Seaside Holiday Classic.

The Gulls led from start to finish in a 70-48 romp over Elma, in Seaside's first game since Dec. 6.

Just about every player on the Seaside roster contributed in the first quarter. Baskets from Sydney Villegas, Bryre Babbitt, Maddi Utti, Annaka Garhofer, Emy Kiser and Anesha Smart had the Lady Gulls in front 20-7 after one period.

Utti had 13 points by halftime, finished with 21, and narrowly missed a quadruple-double.

Villegas added 18 points for Seaside, which is scheduled to play Cottage Grove at 6:30 p.m. today. The Gulls wrap up the tournament Saturday at 4:15 p.m. against South Whidbey.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

Girls Basketball — Astoria JV2 at Jewell, 5 p.m.; Life Christian at Ilwaco, 5:45 p.m.

Boys Basketball — Life Christian at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Girls Basketball — Jefferson at Warrenton, Noon

Boys Basketball — Jefferson at Warrenton, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling — Warrenton at Nestucca Tournament, 9 a.m.; Knappa at Wahkiakum Meet, TBA

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Astoria 45, Cottage Grove 38
CG (38): Reilly Kelly 11, Ema Gardner 11, Murphy 9, Pardee 3, Child 2, Blomquist 2, Weybright, Albrecht.

AST (45): Sam Hemsley 12, Rylee Demander 12, Hankwitz 8, Wallace 5, Dalton 4, Cummings 2, Gimre 2, Rogers.

C.Grove 11 9 10 8—38
Astoria 4 4 11 11 19—45

Field goals: Cottage Grove 13-27; Astoria 16-54. **3-Point goals:** Cottage Grove 0-2; Astoria 3-14 (Hemsley 2, Wallace). **Free throws:** Cottage Grove 12-25; Astoria 10-23. **Fouls:** Cottage Grove 20, Astoria 20. **Turnovers:** Cottage Grove 35, Astoria 19.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Astoria 52, Cottage Grove 43
CG (43): Blake Sentman 12, Parent 11, Grover 8, Porter 4, Ellingworth 4, Alonzo 2, Husko 2, Bellamy.

AST (52): Olaf Englund 16, Fremstad 14, Gohl 12, Palek 6, O'Brien 2, Johnson 2, Burchfield, Sharp, Olson.

C.Grove 10 8 11 14—43
Astoria 18 12 12 10—52

Field goals: Cottage Grove 16-41; Astoria 23-42. **3-Point goals:** Cottage Grove 3-15 (Grover 2, Sentman); Astoria 2-7 (Gohl 2). **Free throws:** Cottage Grove 8-10; Astoria 4-6. **Fouls:** Cottage Grove 10, Astoria 13. **Turnovers:** Cottage Grove 15, Astoria 15.

Seaside 97, Elma 40

ELM (40): Trace Thompson 15, Av.Brown 10, A.J.Brown 7, Schneider 6, Volland 2.

SEA (97): Chase Januik 32, H.Thompson 25, J.Januik 9, Hoekstre 6, Westerholm 6, D.Thompson 5, Babb 4, Carter 4, Hague 2, Landwehr 2, Johnson 2.

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Seaside 32 28 29 8—97

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