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Fishermen earn all-state football honors



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Astoria's first team all-state offensive lineman, Keldon Littell, No. 69, blocks for Astoria's second team all-state quarterback, Fridtjof Fremstad, No. 14, in a game against Seaside.

The Daily Astorian

Seven Astoria players were included on this year's Class 4A all-state football squad, announced recently by The Oregonian.

Senior offensive lineman Keldon Littell and senior receiver Ryan Palek were the only selections to the first team, which was dominated by North Bend.

The state champion Bulldogs had players at nine positions on the first team, including Offensive Player of the Year Daniel Ferenczi.

Defensive Player of the Year was Cota Wakem of Cascade, and Cottage Grove's Gary Roberts earned Coach of the Year honors.

Astoria earned another eight spots on the second team or honorable mention, including second team quarterback/defensive back Fridtjof Fremstad and kicker Andrew Schauer-

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mann. The Fishermen had four players on the second team defense. All-state selections:

4A ALL-STATE

Offensive Player of the Year: Daniel Ferenczi, North Bend

Defensive Player of the Year: Cota Wakem, Cascade

Coach of the Year: Gary Roberts, Cottage Grove

First Team Offense

QB: Blake Sentman, Sr., Cottage Grove

RB: Daniel Ferenczi, Sr., North Bend

RB: Quinn Carl, Sr., Gladstone

WR: **Ryan Palek, Sr., Astoria**

WR: Giovanni Byers, Jr., North Bend

WR: Kory Parent, Sr., Cottage Grove

TE: Tyler Head, Sr., Sisters

C: Max Freeman, Sr., North Bend

C: Dominic Federico, Sr., Cascade

OL: Cody Teal, Sr., Cascade

OL: Austin Miller, Sr., North Bend

OL: Rich Rigney, Sr., North Bend

OL: **Keldon Littell, Sr., Astoria**

K: Brigham Baker, Sr., North Bend

First Team Defense

DL: Jackson Simmons, So., Gladstone

DL: Max Freeman, Sr., North Bend

DL: Jerry Daniels, Jr., Stayton

DL: Zach Schneider, Sr., North Bend

LB: Cota Wakem, Sr., Cascade

LB: Milo Applebee, Sr., Banks

LB: Cody Gray, Sr., South Umpqua

LB: Jacob Gurney, Sr., Sisters

LB: Josh Hammers, Sr., Mazama

DB: Brody Lucero, Sr., North Bend

DB: Michael Biddington, Sr., Cascade

DB: Kory Parent, Sr., Cottage Grove

DB: Sam Blankenship, Sr., Estacada

P: Tanner Scanlan, Sr., North Marion

(ASTORIA SELECTIONS)

Second Team Offense

QB: Fridtjof Fremstad, Sr.

K: Andrew Schauer-

Second Team Defense

DL: Keldon Littell, Sr.

LB: Samboy Tuimato, Sr.

DB: Fridtjof Fremstad, Sr.

DB: Ryan Palek, Sr.

Honorable Mention

WR: Olaf Englund, Sr.

OL: Isaac Villa, Sr.



Daily Astorian/File Photo
Astoria's Ryan Palek capped his senior season with a selection to the first team all-state offense, and second team all-state defense.

Athletes of the Week

(FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 12-17)



**MADDI
 UTTI**
 Senior



**JACKSON
 JANUIK**
 Senior

Photos by Danny Miller/The Daily Astorian

For the second year in a row, Utti was named the girls' Most Valuable Player of the Seaside Holiday Classic. The Lady Gulls' senior scored 21 points in a first-round win over Elma; had 22 points, 10 steals, nine assists and seven rebounds in a victory over Cottage Grove on Day 2; then helped the Gulls win another Classic title with 22 points, eight boards, five steals and five assists in a 51-32 win over South Whidbey in the championship game.

Also for the second year in a row, the Gulls' senior was selected as the MVP of the Holiday Classic. After watching his brother Chase score 32 on Day 1 against Elma, Jackson led Seaside with 24 in a win over Madras, then was one of four players to score in double figures (15) in Saturday's championship win over Newport.

Januik is also now the Seaside boys basketball leader in career points, breaking the previous mark of 976 held by Matt Clark. After Saturday's win, Januik had 1,000 career points.

Manuel leads Oregon State past Kent State

Associated Press

CORVALLIS — Oregon State coach Wayne Tinkle said that he challenged his team at halftime to come out of the locker room and play with some toughness.

"We just basically said, 'Let's man up and get after it,'" Tinkle said.

Kendal Manuel had 17 points with four 3-pointers on Wednesday night as Oregon State broke open a close game in the second half to beat Kent State 69-50.

The game was back-and-forth for much of the second half, but the Beavers went on an 18-0 run, capped by a vicious Drew Eubanks dunk, to take a 60-42 lead with 4:27 remaining.

JaQuori McLaughlin had 14 points and eight assists and Eubanks added 13 points, six rebounds and four blocks for the Beavers (4-9), who snapped a five-game losing streak.

"This was really big for us and we're just going to keep building and building on it," Manuel said.

Jimmy Hall had 14 points and a career-high 19 rebounds and Deon Edwin had 12 points for the Golden Flashes (7-5).

Kent State outrebounded Oregon State 49-39, including a 34-10 advantage in offensive boards, but the Golden Flashes only shot 27.6 percent from the field.

Seaside boys hold off Pirates

The Daily Astorian

COOS BAY — The Seaside Gulls did not score their usual 80-plus points Wednesday night — or even 60-plus — but the Gulls showed that they can still win on an off night, as they escaped Marshfield with a 56-46 win over the Pirates in a nonleague boys basketball game in Coos Bay.

Seaside was held to a season-low in points, and even trailed 32-29 late in the third quarter, following a

layup and score by Marshfield's Scott Clough, who finished with a game-high 26 points.

But Jackson Januik's score at the buzzer to end the third period gave the Gulls a 33-32 lead, and Seaside would not trail again.

Hunter Thompson connected on a 3-pointer early in the fourth, Chase Januik scored on a drive to the hoop, and Duncan Thompson's bank shot had the Gulls in front with five minutes left, 42-37.

Still, the Pirates closed to within 45-44, before Seaside was able to close it out at the free throw line, where the Gulls were 10-for-12 in the fourth quarter. Three Marshfield starters fouled eventually fouled out.

Chase Januik led Seaside with 18 points, followed by Jackson Januik with 16.

Seaside improves to 7-0, and will return home to close out 2016 with a nonleague game against St. Helens next Wednesday.

Pirates top Gull girls in overtime

The Daily Astorian

COOS BAY — Marshfield trailed 13-2 just minutes into the game, but the Pirates managed to overcome the big first half deficit to score a 56-51 overtime victory over Seaside Wednesday afternoon, in a back-and-forth nonleague girls basketball game.

Tess Garrett's basket with six seconds left in regulation tied the game at 48-48, and the Pirates outscored the Gulls 8-3 in the extra quarter to snap Seaside's five-game win streak.

Maddi Utti and Sydney Villegas scored eight points apiece in the first half, as the Gulls left the floor with a

28-24 lead at the break.

The Pirates opened the third quarter on a 10-0 run, highlighted by 3-pointers from Brandi Thompson and sophomore Ravyn Miranda.

But a career game for Seaside's Bryre Babbitt kept the Gulls in it throughout the second half, as the junior scored three consecutive buckets towards the end of the third period to bring Seaside to within 39-38, and her layup with 45 seconds left in regulation gave the Gulls a 45-44 lead.

Marshfield answered with a score at the 31-second mark to retake the lead, but the Gulls took it right back when Villegas scored and was fouled with 24 seconds remaining, giving

Seaside a 48-46 advantage.

Garrett scored the equalizer with six seconds left in the fourth quarter, and the Pirates' sophomore made 5-of-8 free throws in overtime to help Marshfield clinch the win.

Babbitt led Seaside with 16 points, followed by Utti with 12. Villegas fouled out early in the overtime period with 11 points, while Jetta Ideue added seven points.

Sophomore Hailey Browning scored 21 points and Garrett finished with 19 for Marshfield.

The Pirates came into the game ranked seventh in the latest 4A coaches poll, just ahead of the No. 8-ranked Gulls.

Barnes scores 28 as Mavericks hold off Blazers, 96-95

Associated Press

PORTLAND — Wesley Matthews spent enough time with Damian Lillard in Portland to know exactly what he was going to do in the waning seconds Wednesday night.

"Dame to get the ball and Dame to shoot it," Matthews said.

The former Trail Blazers guard pressured Lillard into missing a potential game-winning 3-pointer at the buzzer, and the Dallas Mavericks held off a furious Portland rally for a

96-95 victory.

"Obviously, I've been his teammate so I know the kind of clutch gene he has," said Matthews, who played in Portland from 2010-15. "We ended up getting the stop that we needed."

Oregon RB Freeman, LT Crosby to return

Associated Press

Oregon running back Royce Freeman says he'll return to the Ducks for his senior year.

Freeman, who was hampered by injuries this season, announced his decision through the school Wednesday. Left tackle Tyrell Crosby, sidelined for the season's last nine games with a foot injury, went on social media to say he would also return for his senior season.

Freeman was the Ducks' leading rusher this season with 945 yards in 11 games. He has rushed for 4,146 yards over three seasons with the Ducks, second only to LaMichael James (5,082 yards) on Oregon's career rushing list.

"After consulting with my family and giving this considerable thought, I feel this is the best decision for me in regards to my future on and off the field," said Freeman, a crime, law and society major. "My education was one of the most important reasons I chose to come to Oregon and that priority hasn't changed."

Freeman was widely considered a candidate for the Heisman Trophy going into the season, but he was injured three weeks into the season at Nebraska and missed Oregon's game against Colorado the next week.

Oregon finished 4-8 overall and at the bottom of the Pac-12 North standings at 2-7 — snapping a run of nine straight winning seasons in conference play.

Following a loss to rival Oregon State in the final game of the season, Freeman said he had not made up his mind.

UP NEXT: BEAVERS

Oregon State hosts undefeated No. 23 Southern California next Wednesday for the Pac-12 opener for both teams.