

# SPORTS

**CONTACT US**  
**Gary Henley** | Sports Reporter  
 ghenley@dailyastorian.com

**FOLLOW US**  
 facebook.com/  
**DailyAstorianSports**

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SCHEDULE

#### TODAY

**Girls Basketball** — Astoria at Stayton, 5:30 p.m.; Seaside at North Marion, 5:30 p.m.; De La Salle at Warrenton, 7:45 p.m.; Chief Leschi at Ilwaco, 7:15 p.m.

**Boys Basketball** — Astoria at Stayton, 7:15 p.m.; Seaside at North Marion, 7:30 p.m.; De La Salle at Warrenton, 6 p.m.; Chief Leschi at Ilwaco, 5:45 p.m.

**Wrestling** — Knappa at Oregon Classic, Redmond, TBA

#### SATURDAY

**Girls Basketball** — Nestucca at Knappa, 4 p.m.

**Boys Basketball** — Nestucca at Knappa, 6 p.m.

**Wrestling** — Knappa at Oregon Classic, Redmond, TBA

### BOYS BASKETBALL

#### Seaside 83, Newport 67

**NEW (67):** Kye Blaser 21, Beaudry 17, Fisher 10, Boys 6, C.Blaser 4, Plechaty 4, Jo.Gonzales 3, Yanez-Carr 2.

**SEA (83):** Chase Januik 21, J.Januik 17, Babb 12, H.Thompson 10, D.Thompson 8, Westerholm 6, Hoekstre 4, Hague 3, Johnson 2, Sibony, Landwehr.

**Newport 17 14 19 17—67**  
**Seaside 22 20 27 14—83**

### SWIMMING

**Girls:** Seaside 80, Astoria 78

**200 Medley Relay:** 1, Seaside (Lin, Carr, McGill, Spell), 2:22.82. 2, Astoria, 2:23.50.

**200 Freestyle:** 1, Maya McGill, Sea, 2:31.56. 2, Summer Spell, Sea, 2:46.65. 3, Carla Zulli, 3:05.16.

**200 Individual Medley:** 1, Kendy Lin, Sea, 2:37.53. 2, Megan Schacher, Ast, 3:01.42. 3, Megan Postlewait, Ast, 4:02.71.

**50 Freestyle:** 1, Kimberly Mella, Sea, 34.39. 2, Kira Worwood, Ast, 36.46. 3, Kara Spell, Sea, 39.95.

**100 Butterfly:** 1, Megan Schacher, Ast, 1:19.61. 2, Maya McGill, Sea, 1:19.94.

**100 Freestyle:** 1, Kendal Gustafson, Ast, 1:05.66. 2, Cady Carr, Sea, 1:16.76. 3, Kimberly Mella, Sea, 1:18.37.

**500 Freestyle:** 1, Summer Spell, Sea, 7:13.15. 2, Carla Zulli, Ast, 8:11.05. 3, Kira Worwood, Ast, 8:28.99.

**200 Freestyle Relay:** 1, Astoria (Travers, Albright, Atkins, Worwood), 2:26.76. 2, Seaside, 2:42.90.

**100 Backstroke:** 1, Kendy Lin, Sea, 1:09.10. 2, Taylor Atkins, Ast, 1:30.79. 3, Claire Albright, Ast, 1:40.46.

**100 Breaststroke:** 1, Kendal Gustafson, Ast, 1:23.0. 2, Cady Carr, Sea, 1:34.13. 3, Kara Spell, Sea, 1:47.35.

**400 Freestyle Relay:** 1, Seaside (Lin, Carr, Spell, McGill), 4:39.42. 2, Astoria, 4:51.97.

**Boys:** Astoria 86, Seaside 75

**200 Medley Relay:** 1, Seaside (Liljenwall, Rzewnicki, Garvin, Kennedy), 1:59.20. 2, Astoria, 1:59.97.

**200 Freestyle:** 1, Elias Simmons, Ast, 2:17.55. 2, Aleks Matthews, Ast, 2:27.03. 3, Wesley Corliss, Sea, 2:32.11.

**200 Individual Medley:** 1, Brad Rzewnicki, Sea, 2:26.65. 2, Thayne Covert, Ast, 2:31.41. 3, Riley Cameron, Ast, 2:36.33.

**50 Freestyle:** 1, Luke Liljenwall, Sea, 25.33. 2, James Kennedy, Sea, 27.72. 3, Ryder Dopp, Ast, 28.30.

**100 Butterfly:** 1, Joshua Shipley, Ast, 59.10. 2, Will Garvin, Sea, 1:00.70.

**100 Freestyle:** 1, Luke Liljenwall, Sea, 56.58. 2, Ryder Dopp, Ast, 1:02.30. 3, Cole Beeson, Ast, 1:04.09.

**500 Freestyle:** 1, Thayne Covert, Ast, 5:55.17. 2, Elias Simmons, Ast, 6:12.88. 3, Isaiah Collins, Sea, 7:10.75.

**200 Freestyle Relay:** 1, Seaside (Garvin, Kennedy, Rzewnicki, Liljenwall), 1:43.46. 2, Astoria, 1:51.87.

**100 Backstroke:** 1, Will Garvin, Sea, 1:04.76. 2, Riley Cameron, Ast, 1:12.64. 3, Isaiah Collins, Sea, 1:17.18.

**100 Breaststroke:** 1, Joshua Shipley, Ast, 1:08.81. 2, Brad Rzewnicki, Sea, 1:16.52. 3, Aleks Matthews, Ast, 1:21.19.

**400 Freestyle Relay:** 1, Astoria (Cameron, Simmons, Covert, Shipley), 3:57.15. 2, Astoria B, 4:26.33.



Photos by Damian Mulinix/For The Daily Astorian

Astoria's Cole Beeson and Seaside's Luke Liljenwall shake hands after finishing their heat of the boys 100 yard freestyle.

## Clatsop teams tune-up for districts

### Astoria, Seaside split annual dual

By **GARY HENLEY**  
*The Daily Astorian*

**T**he Clatsop Splash was a split Thursday afternoon at the Astoria Aquatic Center.

Tuning up for the stretch run of the season, the Seaside and Astoria swim teams met for the final time before districts, Feb. 10-11 at Astoria.

And the Cowapa rivals split the team scores in their annual dual meet.

Seaside held off the Lady Fishermen in the final event to edge Astoria in the team score, 80-78; while the Astoria boys used their depth to post an 86-75 win over the Gulls.

Seaside won six of the 11 events on the boys' side, which included two wins for Luke Liljenwall, who timed a 25.33 seconds in the 50-yard freestyle, and 56.58 in the 100-yard freestyle. He also swam a leg on the winning 200-yard medley relay (along with Brad Rzewnicki, Will Garvin and James Kennedy), which nipped Astoria at the wall in 1:59.20, to Astoria's 1:59.97; and Seaside's same four won the 200-yard freestyle in 1:43.46.

Joshua Shipley had the big day for Astoria, with wins in the 100-yard butterfly (59.10)

and the 100-yard breaststroke (1:08.81), and the foursome of Riley Q. Cameron, Elias Simmons, Thayne Covert and Shipley won the final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay, in 3:57.15 to clinch the team victory.

Simmons (200-yard freestyle) and Covert (500-yard freestyle) also recorded individual wins.

In the girls' meet, Seaside's Kendy Lin, Cady Carr, Maya McGill and Summer Spell opened with a win in the 200 medley relay, and followed with wins for McGill (200 freestyle), Lin (200 individual medley and the backstroke), Spell (500 freestyle) and Kimberly Mella (50 freestyle).

The Lady Fishermen picked up wins from Megan Schacher (butterfly) and Kendal Gustafson (100 freestyle and the breaststroke), while Jenna Travers, Claire Albright, Taylor Atkins and Kira Worwood teamed up to win the 200 freestyle relay.

The team title was up for grabs heading into the 400 freestyle relay, in which the Gulls built a sizable lead after two legs, before Schacher put Astoria in front heading into the final leg.

And McGill was able to regain the lead for the Gulls, who finished in 4:39.42, to Astoria's 4:51.97.



Astoria's Cody Lachica rises from the water after finishing her heat in the girls 100 yard freestyle Thursday.



Seaside's Will Garvin, center, and the other competitors in the boys 100 backstroke, dive in during their heat Thursday.

## Gulls back in groove after 15-day layoff

*The Daily Astorian*

**SEASIDE** — After more than a two-week layoff, the No. 1-ranked Seaside boys basketball team was back on the floor Thursday for a makeup game against Newport at the Gulls' Nest.

The Cubs managed to keep it a little closer than the previous meeting, but the Gulls improved their season record to 9-0 overall with an 83-67 win.

Seaside defeated Newport in the Holiday Classic tournament Dec. 17, 87-54.

"At times, we looked like the team we were before the break, but at other times we looked like a team that hasn't played in 15 days," said Seaside coach Bill Westerholm. "I think that's the longest break we've ever had. We were just out of sync offensively a lot of the time."

Chase Januik scored 21 points and Jackson Januik added 17 for the Gulls, who were able to build a 69-50 lead through three quarters.

The Cubs made eight of their 11 3-pointers in the second half, while Attikin Babb (12 points) and Hunter Thompson (10) also scored in double figures for Seaside.

The Gulls — who were originally scheduled to host Cascade Thursday — play at North Marion tonight.



The Daily Astorian

The Gulls are 9-0 on the season.

## Understanding the pass game was big in Wagner's evolution

By **TIM BOOTH**  
*Associated Press*

**RENTON, Wash.** — Listing all the ways Seattle linebacker Bobby Wagner believes he's a better player than four years ago when the Seahawks last came across the Atlanta Falcons in the postseason would be lengthy.

At the top of the list would be his improvement as a pass defender.

"There's a lot of routes that I probably did not see when I was a rookie," Wagner said this week. "I have more knowledge of the game than I did back then."

Ask around and you'll get raves from teammates, opponents and observers about the linebacker Wagner has become heading into Saturday's NFC playoff game at Atlanta. He led the NFL in tackles during the regular season, was voted to the All-Pro team for the second time in his career, and in the playoff opener against Detroit last week had another 10 tackles to lead Seattle.

Wagner's always been a stout run defender and an excellent tackler. He's been steady playing behind

### UP NEXT: SEAHAWKS

• Seattle Seahawks (10-5-1)  
 at Atlanta Falcons (11-5)  
 • Saturday, 1:35 p.m. TV: FOX

a Seattle line that does its job keeping offensive linemen from getting to the second level. But Wagner agrees that his understanding of the passing game is the big reason he's making enough tackles to lead the NFL. And why he's grown from being a question mark when he was drafted in the second round in 2012 to one of the premier linebackers in the NFL, a Defensive Player of the Year contender.

"I feel like my route recognition is a lot better; it's not where I want it to be, but it's a lot better," Wagner said. "It has allowed me to get more tackles because my breaks are cleaner because I know where the routes are coming or I know where to expect the ball to be thrown. It's something I really worked on."

**NOTES:** Seattle coach Pete Carroll said DT Tony McDaniell (concussion) and FB Marcel Reese (foot) will both play against the Falcons.



Bobby Wagner