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## Area swimmers tune up for districts

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ST. HELENS — Scappoose was the host team for the Cowapa League swim championships Saturday, as the Cowapa schools tuned up for the more-important district meet later this week.

The Tillamook girls and the Scappoose boys won the team titles, while the Astoria girls placed third and the Seaside boys took second in the team standings.

The top two finishers in each event earned All-League recognition.

Brad Rzewnicki highlighted Seaside's day, as the senior won two individual events and took part on two winning relays.

Rzewnicki won the 200-yard individual medley in 2 minutes, 24.27 seconds, and later won the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:14.00.

He teamed with Nick Konya, Will Garvin and Luke Liljenwall to help the Gulls take first in the 200-yard medley relay (1:57.84), and the foursome of Garvin, Wesley Corliss, Rzewnicki and Liljenwall won the 200-yard freestyle relay (1:42.63).

Other Seaside victories came from Garvin (100-yard butterfly, 1:00.23, and the 100-yard backstroke, 1:02.45); and Kendy Lin, swimming her first 200-yard freestyle in 2:15.40. Lin was also second in the backstroke.

Also gaining all-league status were Astoria's Shannon Christie, second in both the 50-yard freestyle (27.56) and 100-yard freestyle (1:01.56); Thayne Covert, second in the 200 individual medley (2:27.07) and the 500-yard freestyle (5:42.94, an 11-second drop); and Riley Cameron was second in the backstroke (1:10.87).

Astoria's Kendal Gustafson, Megan Schacher, Carla Zulli and Christie placed second in the 200 freestyle relay; and the foursome of Cameron, Ryder Dopp, Elias Simmons and Covert took second in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

For Seaside, Maya McGill dropped six seconds on her time (6:21.04) for second in the 500 freestyle; and Liljenwall took second in the 50- and 100-freestyle events.

As always, Astoria will be the host for the district meet, Friday and Saturday at the Astoria Aquatic Center.



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Astoria's Trey Hageman, top, defeated Zeke Coon of Tillamook twice to take third at 152 pounds at the league championship meet.

## Astoria 4th at Cowapa

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SEASIDE — The five wrestling teams from the Cowapa League met Saturday in Seaside for the one-day league championship meet, in preparation for the upcoming Regional meet, Friday and Saturday at Scappoose.

Tillamook won the team title with 451 points, far ahead of the rest of the field, which included Scappoose (281), Banks (267.5), Astoria (87.5) and Seaside (57).

Individually, Astoria had one champion and a pair of third-place finishers.

Astoria sophomore Kaden Gilbert placed first at 182 pounds.

Gilbert opened with a 1-minute, 16-second pin over Zach Dexheimer of Banks, followed by another fall (1:35) over Tieson O'Hagen of Tillamook in the semifinals.

In the championship bout, Gilbert won by technical fall (13-13, 1.5 4:00, 15-0) over Zach Knight of Scappoose.

At 145 pounds, Tyler Ranta had a quarterfinal win over Stephen Hanson of Scappoose (pin, 46 seconds); and after a loss in the semifinals, Ranta scored a fall over Tillamook's Jesus Torres (1:26) in the consolation semifinals; then won by fall (58 seconds) over Mitchell Herinckx of Banks in the third-place match.

Fisherman Trey Hageman placed third at 152.

After a quarterfinal win over Tillamook's



Donald LaTourette of Seaside, top, was eventually pinned by Brydon Merrow-Hansen of Scappoose. Tillamook won the team title with 451 points.

Zeke Coon (11-3 major decision), Hageman lost in the semifinals, but bounced back with a consolation fall over Seaside's Zachary Kuzakin (45 seconds) and a 40-second pin over Coon in the third-place match.

Andrew Gastelum and Luke Nelson had third-place finishes for the Gulls.

Gastelum won twice on the mat in consolation at 113 pounds, a 4:13 pin over Dame-trius Hannon of Banks, and a 13-3 major decision over Blake Johnston of Scappoose in the

third-place match.

At 220, the Gulls' Luke Nelson won by fall (4:40) over Astoria's Jeff Stutznegger in the third- and fourth-place match.

Earlier, Nelson scored a pin over Astoria's Skyler Smith (5:32) in the quarterfinals, and after a loss in the semifinals, Nelson rebounded with another pin (4:55) over Quincy Cleveland of Scappoose.

Seaside teammate Shane Smith took fourth at 132.

## Lady Warriors wrestle at state level

The Daily Astorian

SPRINGFIELD — The Warrenton wrestling team had six athletes competing in the OWA (Oregon Wrestling Association) Girls Wrestling State Championships, held last Friday and Saturday at Thurston High School in Springfield.

It was announced as Oregon's largest-ever girls wrestling tournament.

The Warriors took six wrestlers and finished 35th out of 60 teams, from 1A to 6A.

"It was an awesome experience for our team, all of whom just completed their first year of wrestling," said Warrenton coach Corey Conant. "We didn't know what to expect coming into it, but we scored a bunch of wins and left feeling fired up for next year. Our coaching staff is super proud of the

work that the girls put into our first year as a program."

At 108 pounds, junior Ivy McCargish battled injuries this season and two experienced wrestlers at the state meet.

"She went out with a bang, scoring several takedowns and raising some eyebrows across the gym," Conant said.

At 128, junior Alma Bolanos drew the eventual third-place wrestler and hung tough before being pinned at 1:26. She lost a 10-8 decision, despite a comeback from an early deficit.

Also at 128, Warrenton's lone senior, Asia Lambert, pinned two wrestlers before being knocked out of the tournament by the eventual sixth-place finisher.

"Asia served as a leader on our very young team," Conant said. "She will be missed."

At 140 pounds, freshman Isabella Carr

went 1-2 and "impressed with her tenacity and grit," Conant said.

In the 172-pound weight class, Noel O'Bryan battled to the edge of placement before losing a close overtime match.

In the 172-plus bracket, Jade Freniere suffered a tough loss to the eventual fifth-place finisher before receiving a bye and stringing together two impressive wins.

She was forced to injury-default in her final match, just missing qualification for the second day.

"It was an amazing learning experience to see how our program can compete with the rest of the state," Conant said. "This is a very hard sport and our girls' team finished strong. The sport has grown every year and we will be looking forward to making our mark in the years to come."

## SCOREBOARD

**PREP SCHEDULE**
**TODAY**

**Girls Basketball** — Portland Christian at Warrenton, 6 p.m.; Oregon School for the Deaf at Jewell, 5:30 p.m.; Onalaska at Ilwaco, 5:30 p.m.

**Boys Basketball** — Portland Christian at Warrenton, 7:45 p.m.; Oregon School for the Deaf at Jewell, 7:15 p.m.; Winlock at Ilwaco, 7:15 p.m.

Seaside at Astoria and Knappa games are canceled for today.

**THURSDAY**

**Girls Basketball** — Warrenton at De La Salle, 6 p.m.; Jewell at Livingstone Adventist, 5:30 p.m.

**Boys Basketball** — Warrenton at De La Salle, 7:45 p.m.; Life Christian at Knappa, 7 p.m.; Jewell at Livingstone Adventist, 7 p.m.

## 49ers hire Shanahan as new head coach

By JOSH DUBOWA  
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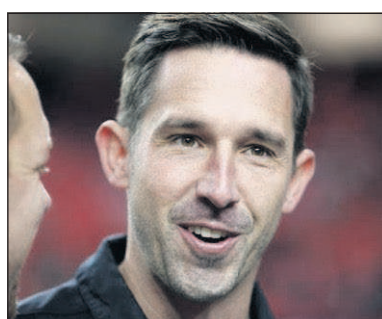
SANTA CLARA, Calif. — The San Francisco 49ers officially hired Atlanta offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan as their new head coach on Monday, more than a month after firing Chip Kelly after just one season.

The 49ers settled on Shanahan a couple weeks ago but had to wait until after the Falcons played in the Super Bowl to sign him to a contract. Shanahan will be formally introduced at a news conference later this week.

Shanahan is the son of two-time Super Bowl winning head coach Mike Shanahan, who also won a title as offensive coordinator in San Francisco in 1994. The younger Shanahan served as a ball boy then but now will be tasked along with new

general manager John Lynch with rebuilding a team that just matched the worst record in franchise history with a 2-14 mark, leading to the dismissal of Kelly and general manager Trent Baalke.

"As a young man, I had the unique benefit of being exposed to the storied history of the San Francisco 49ers firsthand," Shanahan said in a statement. "From that exposure, I developed great respect for those who created a world-class, championship standard. As this team begins the task of re-establishing that standard, I could not ask for a better partner than John Lynch. He is a man who certainly has personal knowledge of what championship organizations look like. John and I look forward to establishing a strong culture that will serve as our foundation for constructing this team."



AP Photo/John Bazemore

**The 49ers have officially hired Falcons offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan as their head coach more than a month after firing Chip Kelly after just one season.**

Shanahan won the AP award as the top assistant coach in the NFL this season when he helped the Falcons post a league-high 33.8 points per

game in the regular season and return to the Super Bowl for the second time in franchise history.

That ended in disappointment after Atlanta blew a 28-3 lead to New England and lost 34-28 in overtime. Shanahan came under criticism for his play-calling in the fourth quarter.

He called a deep drop back on a third-and-1 that led to a sack and fumble that sparked the Patriots comeback and then with Atlanta in field-goal range to make it a two-possession game late, Shanahan again passed up on the opportunity to run, leading to a sack and a holding penalty.

Those were rare blots on an otherwise stellar season as a play-caller that led Lynch to call him the "catch" of the head coaching cycle. San Francisco was the last of six teams to hire a coach this offseason.

## Audience of 111.3M watches Super Bowl

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Fox drew an audience of 111.3 million viewers for the first Super Bowl to go into overtime, a smaller audience than the game has had in the last two years but still ranking among the biggest for a television program in the United States.

The top Super Bowl audience — and the biggest for any American TV show — was the 114.4 million viewers who saw the New England Patriots beat the Seattle Seahawks in 2015, according to the Nielsen company. The audience was 117.5 million for Lady Gaga's halftime performance, Nielsen said. Last year's Denver-Carolina game reached 111.9 million.