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Seaside's Jackson Januik shoots in the first half against Seaside Thursday.



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Astoria's Olaf Englund goes up for a shot against Seaside on Thursday at Astoria High School.

Gulls finally get a win at the Brick House

By **GARY HENLEY**
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The Seaside boys basketball team can generally win on any court, any day of the week, day or night.

But the undefeated, No. 1-ranked Gulls actually faced a challenge last night at Astoria — winning on a court where they hadn't won since 2014.

Seaside took care of that little matter with a 73-53 victory over the Fishermen Wednesday at the Brick House, where the Gulls did just enough to stay one step ahead of Astoria, from start to finish.

The Gulls were 0-for-2 on their last two trips to Astoria, as the Fishermen won last year's game 63-57, and took down the Gulls 42-33 the year before that.

"This was a BIG win for us," said Seaside coach Bill Westerholm, with an emphasis on "big."

"They know," Westerholm said of his players, and their 0-for-2 record at Astoria. "This is a tough place to play. There's so much history here, and when Seaside comes in, the kids get a little bit more excited."

In the end, two players had 20-plus points for the Gulls, as Seaside continues its march to Hillsboro, where the Gulls will be playing just over a month from now.

Payton Westerholm had two 3-pointers in the opening minute, sparking a 20-point night for the sophomore. Seaside's other Super Soph, Chase Januik, led with 23 points.

"Astoria's game plan was to stop our three shooters," coach Wester-

holm said. "Chase still ended up with 23, and they didn't guard Payton, and he made them pay in that first part of the game."

Astoria coach Kevin Goin commented, "We wanted Payton and (Attikin) Babb to beat us, and Payton hit some shots early on," he said.

"I thought we played well, but our issue — as it has been all year — we just don't score well enough at times, because we don't take our time or capitalize on our opportunities. We want to score early on a break, or late on a possession. And we struggled at times."

The Fishermen did manage to keep pace, for a while.

Jackson Arnsdorf opened with a

3-pointer, and Ole Englund's three-point play had the teams tied at 10-10.

But two more long range bombs from Westerholm to start the second period, and another trey from Januik gave the Gulls a 35-23 halftime lead.

Both teams spent time at the free throw line in the second half. Astoria finished 10-of-18 for the night, to Seaside's 19-for-26.

Babb scored 11 points, while Jackson Januik had just one field goal (a 3-pointer in the first quarter) and six free throws for nine points.

Englund led Astoria with 16, followed by Karsten Johnson and Ryan Palek with 11 apiece. Johnson had a pair of 3-pointers early in the fourth, as

the Fishermen pulled to within 64-52 midway through the period.

The Gulls still had four of their five starters on the floor with 1:10 left in the game — which is usually not the case for Seaside, now 17-0, 7-0 in league. Astoria falls to 1-6.

"Our kids played hard and did some really good things," Goin said. "We just can't score with (the Gulls), and that's just the reality. We had some mental errors, gave up too many offensive rebounds, didn't do some of the little things, and that's the difference right there, between winning games and not winning games."

Still, "We've got Tillamook and Scappoose left, and if we win those two, we'll be fourth, and that's a home playoff game. If we split, we're probably fifth, unless something goofy happens. We want to hope for no ties (in the standings)."

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Seaside's Utti scores 31 in Clatsop Clash win

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Ranked fourth in the latest coaches poll and fifth in the OSAA rankings, the Seaside Lady Gulls continue to rack up the wins.

Seaside jumped out to an 18-0 lead, Maddi Utti had her second 30-point night in eight days, and the Gulls defeated Astoria 63-35 Wednesday in a Cowapa League girls basketball game at the Brick House.

Utti was Seaside's all-everything in the win, as the senior is making a strong case for 4A state Player of the Year.

She finished with 31 points, 11 steals, 10 rebounds and six assists.

The Gulls "had some barren stretches," said coach Mike Hawes, "but enough good stretches to kind of keep and hold the lead."

Utti "filled the stat sheet with a triple double," he said. "But again I loved Emy Kiser's lift off the bench (eight points) and Anesha Smart's finding ways to contribute."

Sydney Villegas had nine points for the Gulls, who play at Valley Catholic Friday.

After falling behind 18-0, Astoria reeled off seven straight points, and stayed within striking distance.

Alexis Wallace had two 3-pointers and Sam Hemsley added a third, as the Lady Fish narrowed the margin to 34-22 in the third quarter.

"I felt like we got a little complacent after we jumped out to the 18-0 lead and Astoria kept making some runs, but we kept the pressure up and that allowed us some run-outs and baskets," Hawes said.

Free throws helped, as Seaside finished 18-of-32 at the line, to Astoria's 8-of-16. Utti was 12-for-16. Wallace led Astoria with 12 points.



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Seaside's Jetta Ideue prepares makes a play against Seaside on Wednesday at Astoria High School. Seaside defeated Astoria 63-35.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

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.

FRIDAY

Girls Basketball — Astoria at Tillamook, 6 p.m.; Seaside at Valley Catholic, 6 p.m.

Boys Basketball — Astoria at Tillamook, 7:30 p.m.; Seaside at Valley Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

Swimming — District 1/4A, at Astoria AC, 1 p.m.

Wrestling — 4A Regionals, at Scap-

poose, TBA

BOYS BASKETBALL

Seaside 73, Astoria 53

SEA (73): Chase Januik 23, Westerholm 20, Babb 11, J.Januik 9, H.Thompson 4, D.Thompson 2, Hoekstre 2, Carter 2, Hague, Sibony, Landwehr, Johnson.

AST (53): Ole Englund 16, Johnson 11, Palek 11, Arnsdorf 4, Olson 4, Wallace 2, Gohl 2, Fremstad, Hunt, O'Brien, Sharp.

Seaside 21 14 24 14—73

Astoria 15 8 16 14—53

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Seaside 63, Astoria 35

SEA (63): Maddi Utti 31, Villegas 9, Kiser 8, Smart 5, Bodner 3, Hoekstre 3, Babbitt 2, Falleur 2, Ideue, Garhofer, Huddleston, Turner.

AST (35): Alexis Wallace 12, Hankwitz 5, O'Brien 5, Norris 5, Hemsley 3, Gimre 2, Jackson 2, Cummings 1, DeMander.

Seaside 16 14 15 18—63

Astoria 0 12 17 6—35