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Valiants defeat No. 1-ranked Seagulls

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BEAVERTON — The last of the state's unbeaten teams went down to defeat Friday night at Valley Catholic.

In a potential state championship matchup, the Valiants knocked off the previously undefeated, No. 1-ranked Seaside Gulls, 68-50, in a Cowapa League boys basketball showdown.

Sporting a 17-0 record entering the game, the Gulls were unable to make their usual big scoring run, while the bigger, taller Valiants had their way for much of the game.

Six-foot-3 senior Daniel Hardy scored 18 points, Jack Grassberger (6-5) had 13, with Colin Haggerty (6-3) and Andrew Plambeck (6-4) tossing in 10 points apiece for the Valiants.

It was a huge victory for Valley Catholic, the only team with a chance at catching the Gulls in the league standings.

And catch them they did, as the Valiants pulled into a first-place tie atop the Cowapa League. Both teams are now 7-1 in league play, with two games remaining.

A pair of early 3-pointers from

Chase Januik had Seaside in front, 10-8, but the Valiants answered with four 3-pointers the remainder of the first half, with inside points from Hardy, who had 12 of his 18 in the first half.

The Gulls trimmed a 15-point half-time deficit down to nine (36-27) in the opening minute of the third quarter, on 3-pointers by Jackson Januik

and Hunter Thompson.

But the Valiants were able to squash any comeback hopes for the Gulls with a 9-0 run midway through the fourth quarter, highlighted by a dunk by Hardy off a fast break.

Thompson and Payton Westerholm both fouled out for Seaside, while Jackson Januik finished with a team-high 19 points for the Gulls.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Tillamook tops Astoria

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TILLAMOOK — A fast start by the Tillamook boys basketball team resulted in a 76-36 victory over Astoria Friday, in a Cowapa League game at Tillamook.

Tillamook's Chuck Wagner scored eight points in the first quarter, which ended with the Cheesemakers holding a 29-9 lead.

Astoria is gradually returning to full strength, as Fridtjof Fremstad was playing in his second game, and Kyle Strange saw his first action of the year, following an injury in football, suffered at Tillamook.

Ian Collett led the Cheesemakers with 15 points.

The Fishermen return to action Tuesday, when Astoria hosts Banks.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

Girls Basketball — Livingstone Adventist at Jewell, 5:30 p.m.

Boys Basketball — Livingstone Adventist at Jewell, 7 p.m.; Toutle Lake vs. Ilwaco (at Tumwater), 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Girls Basketball — Banks at Astoria, 6 p.m.; Tillamook at Seaside, 6 p.m.; Oregon School for the Deaf at Jewell, 5:30 p.m.; Wahkiakum vs. Ilwaco (at Tumwater), 6:30 p.m.

Boys Basketball — Banks at Astoria, 7:30 p.m.; Tillamook at Seaside, 7:30 p.m.; Knappa at Life Christian, 6:30 p.m.; Oregon School for the Deaf at Jewell, 7 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Valley Catholic 68, Seaside 50
SEA (50): Jackson Januik 19, H.Thompson 9, D.Thompson 6, C. Januik 6, Westerholm 4, Babb 4, Hoekstre 2, Landwehr 1, Sibony.
VC (68): Daniel Hardy 18, Grassberger 13, Haggerty 10, Plambeck 10, Katin 6, Braun 5, Welsh 4, Robbins 2.
Seaside 12 9 15 14—50
Valley C. 15 21 9 23—68

Knappa 63, Nestucca 44
KNA (63): Dale Takalo 22, Weirup 17, E.Takalo 8, J.Miller 6, Vanderburg 3, Eltagonde 2, Engblom 2, Ramvick 1.
NES (44): Adrian Morgan 17, Zeller 8, Strober 5, Darrington 5, Hurliman 3, An.Morgan 2, Link 2, Steele 2.
Knappa 18 14 17 14—63
Nestucca 13 9 4 18—44

Falls City 60, Jewell 37
FC (60): Jeremy Labrado 16, Young 14, Varney 14, Simmons 8, Burgess 6.
JWL (37): Carson Littlepage 10, R.Kane 8, N.Kane 8, Stahly 4, Hinson 4, Godwin 3, Lilley, Meehan.
Falls City 22 8 13 17—60
Jewell 10 5 16 6—37

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Astoria 60, Tillamook 42
AST (60): Brooklyn Hankwitz 11, Wallace 10, Hemsley 9, Cummings 9, Norris 7, DeMander 6, Gimre 6, O'Brien 2, Jackson.
Astoria 12 18 13 17—60

Seaside 47, Valley Catholic 45
SEA (47): Maddi Utti 20, Villegas 10, Kiser 5, Bodner 4, Hoekstre 4, Ideue 2, Babbitt 2, Smart, Garhofer.
VC (45): Noelle Mannen 14, Nguyen 12, Moore 9, Flemmer 8, Duyck 2.
Seaside 19 15 4 9—47
Valley C. 12 12 13 8—45

Nestucca 46, Knappa 31
KNA (31): Madelynn Weaver 9, Devin Vandergriff 9, Kaitlyn Landwehr 9, Strain 2, Miller 1, Vanderburg 1, Carlson, Inman.
NES (46): Jaykayla Jackson 9, Dakota Logan 9, Chatelain 6, Okuna-Pena 6, Johnson 5, Leslie 5, McKillip 2, Houck 2, Moreno-Gutierrez 2, Kirkpatrick 1.
Knappa 6 7 5 13—31
Nestucca 6 17 13 10—46

Jewell 35, Falls City 16
FC (16): Gracie Tadlock 8, Burgess 3, Houghtaling 3, Zioloa 2.
JWL (35): Gabi Morales 11, Littlepage 6, Guillen 4, Kaczanski 4, Hollenbach 4, Wammack 2, Olvera 2, Norman 2.
Falls City 0 10 3 3—16
Jewell 12 8 4 11—35



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Seaside's Brad Rzewnicki swims in the 200-yard IM during District swim preliminaries on Friday in Astoria.

Garvin gets a win in the pool for Gulls

By GARY HENLEY
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The Seaside boys had one individual champion and a couple of state-qualifying relay teams, helping the Gulls to a second-place finish in the team standings of the District swim championships, held Saturday at the Astoria Aquatic Center.

The Tillamook girls and the Newport boys scored impressive team championships, with the Cubs racking up 437 points ahead of second-place Seaside (155.5 points) on the boys' side.

Tillamook compiled 318 points to win the girls' title, followed by Newport (245), Taft (168) and Astoria (125).

The Fishermen had no automatic qualifiers, but they will still send athletes to state via wild card qualifying times determined Sunday.



Astoria's Drew Tapio prepares to race in the boys 200 freestyle race during District swim preliminaries on Friday in Astoria. More photos online at DailyAstorian.com

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Cowboys lasso district wrestling title

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SCAPPOOSE — Crook County won its third straight Special District 1/4A Regional wrestling tournament, held Friday and Saturday at Scappoose.

The Cowboys racked up 429.5 points to top the field of 11 teams. Tillamook was a distant second with 363 points, followed by Banks (229), Scappoose (179.5), Molalla (148), Estacada (139), Gladstone (111.5), Madras (66), Astoria (44), Corbett (42) and Seaside (19).

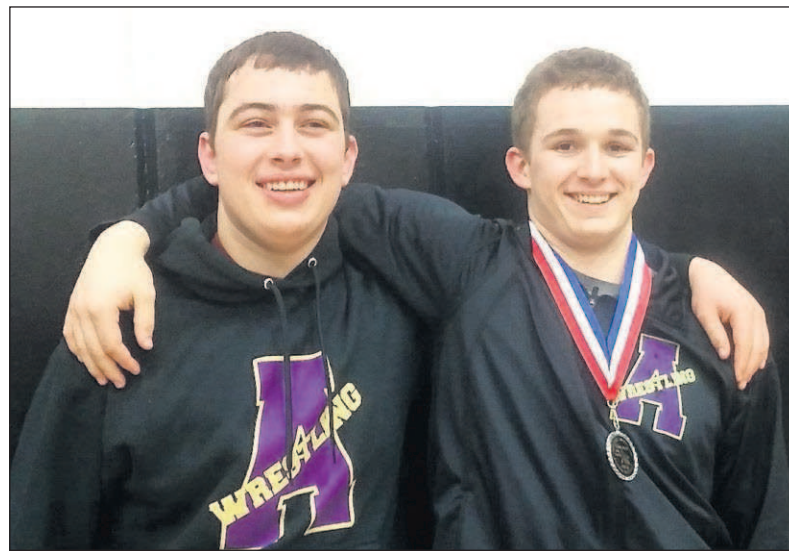
The top four wrestlers in each weight class qualified for the state tournament, Feb. 24-25 in Portland.

Astoria will send one wrestler to state, as Kaden Gilbert placed second at 182 pounds.

Gilbert opened with a fall over Tillamook's Dylan Landolt in 1 minute, 29 seconds; and followed with a pin over Zach Dexheimer of Banks (56 seconds) and an 8-4 decision over Crook County's Jaxson Rhoden.

In the championship bout, Brendon Dreyer of Banks scored a major decision (12-4) over Gilbert.

Astoria's Jeff Stutznegger was sixth at 220.



Submitted Photo

Astoria wrestling's two placers: Jeff Stutznegger, left, and Kaden Gilbert, following the District 1/4A regional tournament.

Seaside had two placers — Andrew Gastelum was sixth at 113 pounds, and Luke Nelson placed eighth at 220.

After opening with a first-round loss, Gastelum rebounded with three straight wins in consolation, scoring a fall over Peyton Healey of Scappoose (1:24); another pin over Molal-

la's Alec Lowry (3:36); and a 7-3 decision against Blake Johnston of Scappoose.

Jesse Gore of Crook County pinned Gastelum (:23) in a consolation semifinal, which sent Gastelum on to the fifth-place match, where he was pinned (1:34) by Sam Connelly of Tillamook.

Lady Jays get seventh straight win

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JEWELL — Gabi Morales scored 11 points, to go with nine rebounds and four steals to help the Jewell girls basketball team to a 35-16 win over Falls City Friday, in a Casco League contest.

Lily Kaczanski added nine rebounds and five steals, and Haley Norman finished with six rebounds, six steals and three assists for the Lady Jays.

Winners of seven in a row, Jewell outscored the Mountaineers 12-0 in the first quarter, on its way to an insurmountable 20-10 halftime lead.

The Jays outscored Falls City 15-6 in the second half.

Jewell hosts makeup games vs. Livingstone Adventist today and Oregon School for the Deaf Tuesday, then will play a tie-breaker game vs. Perrydale Wednesday for third place, for an eventual shot at the league's No. 1 seed.