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Coaches of the Week

(FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 6-11)



MIKE HAWES
 Seaside



BILL WESTERHOLM
 Seaside

Hawes took over the Seaside varsity basketball program following the retirement of Wally Hamer in the off-season, and promptly led the Lady Gulls to their best finish ever.

Seaside was 20-5 overall (the Gulls' fifth straight 20-win season), and shared the Cowapa League title with Banks at 9-1.

In the post-season, Seaside won a play-in game against Junction City (57-33), won a Sweet 16 game at Molalla (38-31), then defeated No. 1-ranked and previously unbeaten Cascade in a first-round game at the state tournament, 47-42.

Eventual state champion Sutherlin beat Seaside in the semifinals, 57-44, before the Gulls bounced back with a 53-40 win over Marshfield in the third-place game, for Seaside's highest-placing ever.

Hawes was co-Coach of the Year in the Cowapa League, with Brendan Begley of Banks.

In his 19th year as the Gulls' coach, Westerholm led Seaside to its fourth appearance in the state tournament in six years, and the first state basketball championship in school history.

The Gulls began the season with 17 straight wins, with Seaside topping the 80-point mark seven times.

After a regular season loss at Valley Catholic Feb. 10, the Gulls closed out the league season with two wins to share the league title with the Valiants at 9-1.

Seaside defeated Cascade 68-49 in a Sweet 16 game, then advanced to the state tournament won three more, knocking off Gladstone (46-43), North Bend (67-55) and Valley Catholic (71-63) in the state championship game.

Westerholm was co-Coach of the Year in the Cowapa League, with Valley Catholic's Joel Sobotka.

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Locals shine in Lower-Columbia All-Star games

The Daily Astorian

LONGVIEW, Wash. — The recently-finished OSAA state tournament — three games in three days — had no effect on a few Seaside players, in the annual Lower Columbia region All-Star basketball series.

Two all-star games took place in Myklebust Gymnasium Tuesday, on the campus of Lower Columbia College.

The games showcase the top seniors from the Lower Columbia region, from Longview-Kelso, Wash., to the coast.

In the girls' game, won by the 'White' team, 107-63, over the 'Red' team, Seaside's Maddi Utti led the Reds with 17 points and 10 rebounds.

The White team was coached by

Ilwaco, Wash., coach Ned Bittner, while the Reds were coached by Wahkiakum's Rob Garrett and assisted by Kaitlin Lewis, the Seaside graduate and current LCC player.

Also playing for the Red team were Astoria's Rylee DeMander and Alexis Wallace, and Warrenton's Landree Miethe (who will play softball at LCC next year).

In the boys' game, the White team defeated the Reds, 115-81.

Fresh off leading Seaside to a state title, Jackson Januik scored 14 points for the White team, with seven rebounds and four assists.

Januik's all-star teammates included Seaside teammate Attikin Babb (10 points, four rebounds, three assists) and Ilwaco's Zac Tapio.



Submitted Photo

From left to right, Landree Miethe, Alexis Wallace, Rylee DeMander and Maddi Utti all competed for the Red team in Tuesday night's all-star game at Lower Columbia College.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Huskies top Fishermen on the diamond

The Daily Astorian

Astoria hosted the first local baseball game of the year Wednesday, as the Fishermen and North Marion played on the slick, artificial surface at CMH Field, in a nonleague season-opener.

And the Huskies avenged an 8-2 loss to the Fishermen last year, as they managed to escape Astoria with the win, scoring a 14-9 victory over the Fishermen.

Astoria had 12 hits, which included doubles for Ole Englund and Jasyyn Gohl, and a triple by Kyle Strange.

North Marion scored seven runs in the second inning to help build an 11-1 run through three innings.

The Fishermen answered with five runs in the fourth and two in the sixth to pull within 11-8, before the Huskies tacked on three runs in the top of the seventh.

Poyer's deal with Bills worth \$13 million

The Daily Astorian

ESPN is reporting the details of the contract signed by Jordan Poyer last week.

The Astoria High School Class of 2009 graduate signed a free agent deal with the Buffalo Bills, following four years in Cleveland.

ESPN staff writer Mike Rodak reported that Poyer signed a four-year deal with the Bills worth \$13 million, with \$6 million guaranteed.

He will have cap numbers of \$2.475 million (2017), \$3.375 million (2018), \$3.575 million (2019) and \$3.575 million (2020).

A starting safety with the Browns last season before a season-ending injury, Poyer will earn base salaries of \$1.5 million (2017), \$2.25 million (2018), \$2.45 million (2019) and \$2.45 million (2020).



Joshua Bessex/The Daily Astorian
Jordan Poyer lets out a laugh as he takes the field to start a game against the Seahawks at CenturyLink Field in Seattle in 2015.

USC, UC Davis move on from First Four

Southern Cal

Bennie Boatwright scored a career-high 24 points as Southern Cal rallied from a 17-point deficit in the second half to beat Providence 75-71 in a First Four game Wednesday night.

The comeback victory was revenge for the Trojans, who lost to Providence by one point in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament last year. They move on to play 6th-seeded SMU at Tulsa, Oklahoma, on Friday.

US Davis

Chima Moneke had 18 points and 12 rebounds as UC Davis won in its first NCAA Tournament appearance, beating North Carolina Central 67-63 in a First Four game on Wednesday night.

The 16th-seeded Aggies rallied in the second half and held off North Carolina Central down the stretch to earn a trip to Tulsa to play No. 1 seed Kansas on Friday.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

— Gladstone at Astoria (at CMH Field), 5:15 p.m.; Knappa at Kennedy, 4:30 p.m.

Softball — Gladstone at Astoria (at CMH Field), 3 p.m.

FRIDAY

Baseball — Sandy at Astoria, 4:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Baseball — Blanchet Catholic at Warrenton, 3 p.m.

Lillard's 36 spoil Aldridge's return as Blazers top Spurs

By RAUL DOMINGUEZ
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — The Portland Trail Blazers did not have a team meeting or scream at one another after suffering their "worst loss" of the season.

The compacted NBA schedule makes it necessary to forget quickly. Portland understood that and it led to their "best win of the year" just 24 hours after a blowout loss.

Damian Lillard scored 36 points and the Trail Blazers defeated the San Antonio Spurs 110-106 on Wednesday night, spoiling LaMarcus Aldridge's return from a health scare.

C.J. McCollum added 26 points for Portland, which was coming off a 23-point loss in New Orleans on Tuesday.

"That had to be probably our best win of the year," Blazers coach Terry Stotts said. "To beat a team like San Antonio on the road. Not only that, but how we won. I thought it was one of our better games as far as staying focused throughout the game."

Portland needed that focus in an emotional game for San Antonio.

Aldridge returned after missing two games with a minor heart arrhythmia. He was cleared Wednesday morning and does not have any playing restrictions.

"I feel good," Aldridge said. "It felt good to be back out there. We didn't get a win, so that's kind of tough to deal with. (But) happy to be



AP Photo/Eric Gay

Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard (0) drives around San Antonio Spurs guard Danny Green (14) during the second half of an NBA basketball game on Wednesday in San Antonio.

UP NEXT: TRAIL BLAZERS

- Portland Trail Blazers (30-37) at Atlanta Hawks (37-30)
- Saturday, 3 p.m. TV: FSSE, CSNW

out there with the teammates, just be playing again."

Kawhi Leonard had 34 points to lead San Antonio (52-15), which had won 11 of 12 entering the game but fell one game behind Golden State for the league's best record.

Aldridge had 19 points and seven

rebounds, including nine points in the final quarter.

"I felt like my rhythm was good early and then I think my touch was off around the rim. That kind of bothered me," Aldridge said. "I definitely played better at the end. It's the first game back. I'll get better."