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Seaside's Rafi Sibony, center, and Hunter Thompson, right, are both trying to chase down big seasons for the Gulls' track team.

## Seaside tracksters have state championship fever

By GARY HENLEY  
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### SEASIDE TRACK

Adamari Anguiano  
Chris Avery  
Alexander Barnett  
Elizabeth Barnes  
Chloe Bartel  
Derrick Bennett  
Cori Biamont  
Jake Black  
Hannah Bolanos  
Alex Campuzano  
Levi Card  
Mathew Carpenter  
Cady Carr  
Taylor Carson  
Andrea Castro  
Parker Conrad

Maren Contier  
Wesley Corliss  
Angela Flores-Reyes  
Will Garvin  
Chance Giguire  
Kalie Harper  
Angel Hernandez  
Sam Henderson  
Gretchen Hoekstre  
Anna Huddleston  
Kara Ipson  
Chase Januik  
Jackson Januik  
Josie Jones  
James Kennedy  
Garrett Kiser

Audrey Kunde  
Christian Landaker  
Donald LaTourrette  
Kirstin Lent  
Joanna Luengas  
Edith Mendez-Garcia  
Juneau Meyer  
Simon Miller  
Luke Nelson  
Luis Olivo  
Tyler Ordway  
Giovanni Ortega  
Lola Paser  
Zeynep Payzanoglu  
Ethan Phillips  
Mark Phipps

Jennifer Ramirez  
Ana Rojas  
Bradley Rzewnicki  
Isabella Samuelson  
Stella Samuelson  
Rafi Sibony  
Dalton Smith  
Josie Smith  
Holly Snook  
Summer Spell  
Hunter Thompson  
Lily Thompson  
Alex Tuebner  
Trinity Turner  
Hikari Wajima  
Katie Zagata

With a roster full of state champions (some in track, some in basketball), the Seaside track team is ready to run in 2017. And jump, and throw, and hurdle, etc.

With a few athletes fresh off a victorious state title in boys basketball, the Gulls have that winning attitude.

Chase Januik, Jackson Januik, Rafi Sibony and Hunter Thompson are basking in the glow of their state championship win on the hardcourt — and all four will be running for individual medals this spring on the track.

For a few Gulls, they have already tasted success at the state track level.

Senior Jackson Januik will be gunning for his third straight individual state championship in the 800 meters — an event that belongs to the Gulls over the last four years (with state titles by Brett Willyard in 2013, and Januik in '15 and '16).

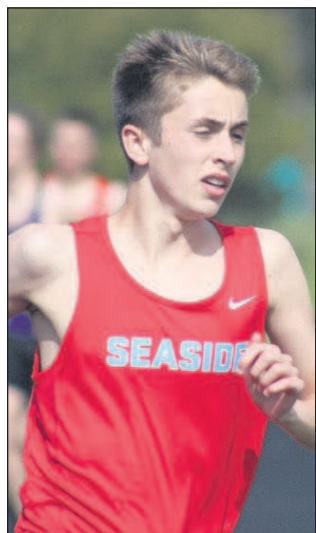
Elsewhere, the foursome of Januik, Thompson, Will Garvin and Juneau Meyer all return after combining for a seventh-place finish in the 1,600-meter relay in last year's state meet.

Garvin is the defending district champion in the 110-meter hurdles and 300-meter hurdles; and Thompson was a state qualifier in the 1,500 meters.

Meyer is always a con-



LEFT: Elizabeth Barnes specializes in the middle distances for the Seaside girls' track team. MIDDLE: Juneau Meyer will be one of the top sprinters in the Cowapa League in 2017. RIGHT: Bradley Rzewnicki is looking to follow up a great cross-country season with a big spring on the track. More photos online at [DailyAstorian.com/sports](http://DailyAstorian.com/sports)



tender in the sprints, while Chase Januik and Bradley Rzewnicki should be running with the lead pack in their respective events.

Phoenix Johnson is a senior transfer from Clatskanie, who ran everything from the 100

to the 1,500 meters last year with the Tigers, in addition to competing in the high jump, long jump and triple jump.

The Seaside girls will have their own list of challengers at both the league and state levels.

Elizabeth Barnes is a talented sprinter and jumper who can score big points; Gretchen Hoekstre has lots of potential in the throws; and Josie Smith and Katie Zagata hope to have big seasons in the middle distances.

## Gulls hoping to compete in tough Cowapa

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### SEASIDE SOFTBALL

The 0-15 records are a thing of the past for Seaside softball. The Lady Gulls can now officially consider themselves as a "player" in the Cowapa League.

They're still working on climbing over .500 in the league standings, but with a three-year starter at pitcher, some experienced returners and a large freshmen class ... Seaside softball could become a regular challenger in the Cowapa.

The Gulls will do it this year with a new coach, as Korie Blacker takes over for Jon Hotchkiss, with Lorna Brandt serving as the junior varsity coach.

Blacker, who is from Virginia but has been in the area for six years, is Seaside's third head coach in four years.

"I had an opportunity to return to coaching, so I'm excited about it," said Blacker, who also went to high school on the East Coast. "I taught school in Virginia for five years and coached there."

She finished her master's in counseling, and moved to the North Coast.

Blacker will have a young varsity team at Seaside in 2017.

In addition, "it's my first year, so I don't know too much about our league. I'll be learning as we go."

### THE COWAPA

She will quickly find out that the Cowapa League is one of the toughest conferences at the 4A level.

The top two spots are generally reserved for Banks and Scappoose. Astoria, Seaside, Tillamook and Valley Catholic are on their own, and will have to fight it out for third and fourth, which should include RPI rankings that will be good enough for spots in the state playoffs.

**Coach:** Korie Blacker, 1st year 2016: 9-15 (4-11 league)

**Key Losses:** Paige Ideue, Brittany West, Whitney Westerholm

**Key Returners:** Jetta Ideue, Jr.

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The Gulls will know right away where they stand, as they open the league season at home vs. Banks April 11.

### THE LADY GULLS

Returner Mica Paranal (second or third base) is one of two seniors on the roster, along with Lucy Bodner, who is listed on the preseason roster as a possible starter at first, second or third.

The key returner is still just a junior, as Jetta Ideue is back for her third season as the Seaside starter in the circle.

Other juniors who saw time with the varsity last season are Alyssa Goin (center field), GeriAnn Klaffke (shortstop/third base), Sequoia Shand (1B/2B/SS) and Viola Soprano (OF/P). Pitcher/outfielder Celeste Kerr is an incoming junior.

The rest are sophomores (Jessica Angulo-Joli, Brianna Hill, Vanessa Hughes, Jenna Logan, Kimberly Mella) and freshmen (Sierra Bailey, Ruby Davis, Candis Kerr, Emma Meyer, Sidney Owsley, Hailey Smith and Anastasia Tarvin).



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Jetta Ideue has turned her attention to softball, her third sport at Seaside.



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Caroline Kotson is back for another season of golf for the Lady Gulls.

## New coach for Lady Gulls' golf

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The Seaside girls golf program is under new management, as Mike Verhulst takes over as head coach for the Lady Gulls.

And the good news for Verhulst — the Gulls have a good mix of returners and new golfers. A good turnout is half the battle in 4A girls golf, as Seaside finished the district tour-

namment with just four golfers, the minimum number to qualify in team-scoring.

Of the 12 schools that took part in last year's district championships, only seven had complete teams.

Seaside finished sixth among the scoring teams, and the Gulls have three of their four golfers returning.

Caroline Kotson and Diana Tinoco are seniors, while Maddy Brown is back for her

sophomore season.

In addition to the returners, Seaside has four freshmen in the lineup: Xcaret Bello, Tianna Chen, Emma Harvey and Caitlin Hillman.

"Caroline, Diana and Maddy were varsity members last year," Verhulst said. "I'm very excited to have a full squad and a few JV players this year. It is great to see interest building with the younger ladies."

Kotson "looks to be one of the strongest golfers in the league," he said. "I look forward to seeing how the season goes for the girls."

Kotson was Seaside's top golfer in both the Cowapa League meet and the district championships.

The District 1/4A champion in 2016 was Crook County, which went on to a second-place team finish at state.

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