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Now SHS principal, coach back on sidelines



Daily Astorian File
 Jeff Roberts took the Gulls to the state playoffs in 2013.

Roberts to lead Gulls as interim football coach

By R.J. MARX
 The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — If the coach on the sidelines for the Gulls this fall looks familiar, he should be. When Jeff Roberts accepted the job of Seaside High School principal last year, he also gave up coaching the Seagulls varsity football team. Chad Smith, an assistant under Roberts, filled the role in the fall.

At Tuesday's Seaside School District meeting, Roberts was named

interim varsity head football coach for the Seagulls, replacing Smith, who is leaving the district for a teaching position in Douglas.

That puts Roberts back in the game as both principal and coach, at least on a short-term basis. "I anticipate seeing the season through," Roberts said.

To fill the varsity head coach job on a permanent basis, the challenge is to find a candidate who can both fill a needed teaching position and skillfully coach a competitive 4A football team.

"I do believe we will bring somebody on staff in the next month that is a suitable replacement — with some tutelage — at the end of the year," Roberts said.

While assistant principal, Rob-

erts led the Gulls for 4 1/2 years. In 2013, the team finished 8-3, qualified for the state playoffs and won the first home playoff game in 20 years, Roberts said.

Will coaching duties clash with his duties as principal?

"I understand the dilemma that this presents," Roberts said. "I understand my primary role and I can assure you that this will not impact the way I currently run the high school or the way I will run the high school in the future. This is not a long-term fix."

The Gulls finished the 2016 season at 2-6, with an 0-5 record within the Cowapa League.

"We will be all right," Roberts said. "Last year we were really young and that was a real challenge. Those kids got a lot of valuable time last

year. They've matured, worked their tails off and got better in the offseason. I'm looking forward to a successful year."

A graduate of Linfield College, Roberts received his master's degree in teaching at Pacific University. He began his teaching career at Centennial High School in Portland and later taught at Sherwood High School.

Roberts, wife Nissa, and daughter McKenna live in Gearhart.

"I have 100 percent confidence in Mr. Roberts' ability to do both jobs in an excellent way," Superintendent Sheila Roley said after the meeting. "He has a very supportive staff, he's very hard-working, knows what he's doing and he's supercommitted to our kids and our community. I have full confidence in his ability to do it."

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Mickelson, longtime caddie 'Bones' Mackay to part ways

Associated Press

Together for 25 years and more than 600 golf tournaments, Phil Mickelson and caddie Jim "Bones" Mackay are moving on.

In a surprising email just two days after the U.S. Open that Mickelson didn't play, they said the decision to part ways was mutual and not based on any one incident.

"We just feel it's the right time for a change," Mickelson said.

They were apart the last time they were together. Mickelson was home in California to attend his daughter's high school graduation, while Mackay was at Erin Hills in Wisconsin taking notes and scouting the course just in case a weather delay would have allowed Mickelson to make his tee time.

"Player-caddie relationships don't often last that long," Mackay said. "I will always be grateful that I was around to witness so much of Phil's career."

They were together for 45 victories worldwide, including five majors.

WNBA brings back All-Star 3-point contest

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The WNBA is bringing back its 3-point contest to the All-Star Game.

For the first time since the 2009 All-Star Game, the league will have a 3-point shootout during halftime of the game on July 22 in Seattle.

"The 3-point contest is something we've had before and I've participated in," Sue Bird of the Seattle Storm said. "It's fun and great for the fans and players. Everyone enjoys it."

The event will showcase six players, who will be determined at a later date. The winner will receive a \$10,000 donation to the charity of her choice.



What offseason?

A week after Finals, NBA is in overdrive

A person familiar with the situation says the Charlotte Hornets have reached an agreement to acquire Dwight Howard from the Atlanta Hawks.

AP Photo/Matt Slocum

By TIM REYNOLDS
 Associated Press

Dwight Howard and Brook Lopez are on the move. Dwyane Wade is opting in. Pau Gasol is opting out. The Los Angeles Lakers provided the clearest indication yet that Lonzo Ball is their guy.

The NBA offseason is already in overdrive. A dizzying series of moves came on Tuesday. Howard got traded by the Atlanta Hawks to the Charlotte Hornets, who acquired the eight-time All-Star center for a package that included Miles Plumlee and Marco Belinelli.

And Lopez — another center — is leaving Brooklyn and headed to the Lakers, part of a deal that has D'Angelo Russell and Timofey Mozgov going to the Nets.

That leaves the Lakers with a clear need at point guard, a problem they will likely rectify on Thursday when they presumably will take Ball with the No. 2 pick in the NBA Draft. It was a big move for the Lakers in another way; Mozgov is still owed \$48 million over the next three seasons, while Lopez's contract will expire after next season.

Howard will be playing for his third team in three seasons following a disappointing homecoming in Atlanta. He signed a three-year, \$70.5 million deal with Atlanta and then sat out the fourth quarter in two of six playoff games

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in the Hawks' first-round loss to Washington. "Let the madness begin," Portland guard CJ McCollum said. "Draft week is always the most interesting time of the year."

Madness is right.

Barely a week after the Golden State Warriors won their second NBA championship in three years, the rest of the league is maneuvering like mad.

Along with the trades, confirmed by people with direct knowledge who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because neither deal was formally announced, Gasol opted out of his \$16 million deal for next season with San Antonio — but intends to sign a new multiyear deal with the Spurs that will reduce his annual salary but give him more security, and presumably give his team a chance to add a big-time free agent this summer. Wade told the Bulls he will take his \$23.8 million deal for next season, a decision he had until next week to make.

And Minnesota parted ways with Nikola Pekovic, waiving him in what could be the last act of a career that was derailed by foot and

ankle problems over the past three seasons. Pekovic missed all of last season and played only 12 games the previous season.

All this comes with Paul George's status in Indiana most uncertain and with many trade rumors swirling there, the belief by many across the league that Jerry West joining the Clippers' front office could help their pursuit of LeBron James in the summer of 2018, and the ongoing watch in New York of what the Knicks will do — if anything — with Carmelo Anthony and Kristaps Porzingis.

It's not like Monday was a slow day, either.

That was when Philadelphia and Boston completed the deal that sent the No. 1 overall pick to the 76ers — giving them the chance to take Markelle Fultz, and allowing the Celtics to choose likely either Jayson Tatum or Josh Jackson at No. 3, which they got in the swap. The Celtics said they think the player they take at No. 3 would likely have been the player they used the No. 1 pick on anyway, so they called it a win-win move.

Then came Monday night's news that the Cleveland Cavaliers were parting ways with general manager David Griffin after three straight trips to the NBA Finals, a move that James clearly was not happy about. Cleveland then talked with former All-Star guard Chauncey Billups on Tuesday about a job in the front office.

Seager's double lifts Mariners over Tigers in 10th



AP Photo/Lindsey Wasson
 Seattle Mariners' Ben Gamel watches his home run off Detroit Tigers pitcher Daniel Stumpf during the seventh inning Tuesday in Seattle.

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Kyle Seager couldn't let his brother get all the attention in the family on Tuesday night, even if he had to acknowledge the younger Seager probably had the better game.

"That's a tough day to match," Seager said of his brother Corey's three home runs for the Los Angeles Dodgers. "I think I'm going to give him the edge today."

Seager had his own noteworthy moment with a game-winning RBI double to score Tyler Smith and give the Seattle Mariners a 5-4 win over the Detroit Tigers in 10 innings. Seager's one-hop shot off the right-field wall didn't quite match the three homers by his brother. But the hit gave Seattle its fourth walk-off win this season

and came after the Mariners missed chances with runners in scoring position in the eighth and ninth.

"I've been feeling pretty good. Sometimes you're feeling good and don't get many hits," Seager said. "Certainly doubles are good. I like those."

The rally in the 10th didn't take much. Nelson Cruz walked on a 3-2 pitch from Justin Verlander (3-3) to open the inning. Smith came on as a pinch runner and reached second with no outs on a wild pitch. Seager then turned on a fastball and lined it over the head of right fielder J.D. Martinez, allowing Smith to score easily.

"He got in a good count against a really good left-handed pitcher. That was the pitch he needed to get on and he didn't miss it," Seattle manager Scott Servais said.

Steve Cishek (1-1) pitched the top of the 10th to get the victory.

It was a game dominated by home runs, including Ian Kinsler's 44th career leadoff homer on the third pitch of the game. Kinsler is tied with Brady Anderson for fifth all-time in leadoff homers. Justin Upton and J.D. Martinez also went deep for the Tigers, while Taylor Motter and Ben Gamel each had solo shots for Seattle. Cruz also had a two-run double.

Seattle held a 4-2 lead going to the eighth when one of those homers pulled Detroit even against reliever Dan Altavilla. Kinsler scored from second base on a pitch in the dirt that bounced away from catcher Mike Zunino. Kinsler was stealing on the play and never stopped after rounding third. Martinez followed with his 12th home run to tie it 4-all.