

# SPORTS

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## WINTER GAMES 2018

### MEDAL TRACKER

As of Friday morning, Feb. 16

#### TOP 10 MEDAL WINNERS

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1. Germany	9	2	4
2. Norway	6	8	5
3. Netherlands	6	5	2
4. United States	5	1	2
5. Canada	4	5	4
6. Sweden	4	2	0
7. France	3	2	2
8. Austria	3	1	4
9. Italy	2	1	3
10. South Korea	2	0	1

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## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Astoria girls pound Scappoose

The Astoria Lady Fishermen closed out the regular season with a 56-39 win over Scappoose, in the Indians' last visit (maybe) to the Brick House as a member of the Cowapa League.

Astoria finishes third in the league standings at 6-4, ahead of Seaside (4-6) and Scappoose (2-8).

The Indians play a league play-off Monday at Seaside, with the winner advancing to play Tuesday at Astoria. The 14th-ranked Fishermen will qualify for the regional play-in round, win or lose.

### De La Salle girls defeat Warrenton

WARRENTON — Warrenton's state playoff hopes are still alive, but the Warriors were unable to help themselves Thursday night in a Lewis & Clark League playoff against De La Salle.

For the fourth-place Knights — who lost to the Warriors twice in the regular season — the third time was the charm, as they rallied for an improbable 58-53 overtime win at Warrenton.

The Warriors held a four-point lead with eight seconds left in regulation.

The Knights connected on a 3-pointer and forced a turnover on the inbounds pass. A Warrenton foul resulted in the Knights making 1-of-2 free throws to send the game to overtime, where De La Salle outscored Warrenton 11-6.

Foul trouble plagued the Warriors, who lost Fernanda Alvarez, Claire Bussert and Sagi Diego to fouls late in the game.

Still, Warrenton senior Tyla Little scored 23 points and "put the team on her back," said Warrenton coach Robert Hoepfl. "She played the best game of her career tonight. You have to feel sorry for her, to not win."

Hoepfl said there is still a "50/50 chance" of the Warriors qualifying for the state playoffs, should they get help in a few games tonight.

Alvarez added 16 points in the loss before fouling out, while De La Salle's May Brannon and Raven Pearce scored 15 points apiece.

### Neah-Kah-Nie beats Knappa girls

ROCKAWAY — Knappa led after every quarter except the last one Thursday night at Neah-Kah-Nie, where the host Pirates rallied for a 41-36 win over the Loggers in a Northwest League girls basketball playoff.

The season comes to a close for the Loggers, who finish 4-20 overall, but won two of their final three games.

Paris Vanderburg led Knappa with 11 points in her final game, while Aiko Miller had nine points, seven rebounds, two assists and two steals. Sophia Carlson added nine points for the Loggers, who led 27-24 heading into the final quarter.

Maddie Lambert had 22 points for Neah-Kah-Nie.

"We led until 6:30 left in the game," said Knappa coach Marie Green. "That's when Maddie just started lighting it up. She killed us in the fourth quarter," when Lambert scored 12 of her 22.

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Brayden Johnson drives to the basket for Seaside.

Photos by Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

## Gulls put on a show, as Seaside beats No. 1 Banks

By GARY HENLEY  
*The Daily Astorian*

SEASIDE — Thursday night's 66-55 victory over Banks was the very definition of a "statement win" for the Seaside Gulls.

The No. 1-ranked Braves can be right proud of their league championship — they were the best of the regular season. But the "defending state champions" label still resides in Seaside.

And that was Seaside's statement Thursday at the Gulls' Nest — Seaside is still the team to beat in the world of Class 4A boys basketball.

The teams could very well meet in the state championship game March 10 in Forest Grove, but the No. 2-ranked Gulls certainly left no doubt about it Thursday.

Trailing 9-1 just minutes into the game and outsize at almost every position, Seaside found the heart, the drive and the defensive tenacity to run circles around the bigger Braves.

A 5-point play for the Gulls with 4:02 left in the game didn't hurt.

Behind 50-45 nearing the midway point of the fourth quarter, Seaside's Chase Januik made two free throws to make it 50-47.

The Gulls made a defensive stop at the other end, and seconds later, Brayden Johnson made the shot of the night for Seaside.

His 3-pointer at the 4:02 mark went in, and the Gulls simultaneously drew a foul underneath. Ryan Hague sank both free throws, and Seaside never trailed again.

In less than a minute, the Braves' 50-45 lead turned into a 56-50 advantage for the Gulls. Game over.

"We haven't had that many kids engaged in our defensive scheme in a game this year," said Seaside coach Bill Westerholm, who picked up career win No. 256. "When everybody is on the same page, and everybody is engaged in the scheme and flying around and playing with a lot of heart ... we can get a lot done. These kids tonight were all flying around."

Which is exactly what you want from a bunch of Seagulls.

Seaside spent much of the night trying to deal with Banks' senior Dalton Renne, who finished with a game-high 26 points, 17 in the second half.

The Gulls trailed 24-20 midway through the second quarter, when Beau Johnson hit a 3-pointer and Brayden Johnson followed with another trey for a 25-24 lead. Hague scored on a layup and Brayden Johnson drained another 3-pointer, helping Seaside post a 30-26 lead at the half.

"We did a better job in the second quarter and second half of attacking and kicking the ball out, and taking the open looks," Westerholm said. "And it's tough to shoot those shots against those long arms."

Defensively, "we were trying to create opportunities to trap, get the ball out of Renne's hands and force other kids to beat us," he said. "Renne still had 26, but they were a hard 26. He had to make some difficult shots."

That Brayden Johnson 3-pointer at the 4:02 mark completely turned everything in Seaside's favor. The Braves lost their composure, and the Seaside crowd took over.

"Home court is pretty big in our league," said Westerholm, whose team lost three games on the road in league this season. "Banks has a good crowd, we've got a good crowd, Tillamook's got a good crowd ... we've got a young group, and sometimes playing on the road is hard."

"But we didn't have all of our kids the last time (in a 60-33 loss at Banks Jan. 30)," he said. "We had a lot



Ruby Davis, right, goes up for a rebound for Seaside.

of young kids up there. We had more of our seasoned kids tonight."

Most of whom are sophomores and juniors. That list includes Brayden Johnson, the sophomore who finished with a team-high 18 points off the bench. Januik, Hague and Payton Westerholm all scored 13 points apiece.

"Brayden Johnson was completely frantic in the last game," coach Westerholm said. "He calmed down and hit some big shots for us."

Seaside also made 20-of-31 free throws (13-of-20 in the fourth quarter alone), to the Braves' 7-for-10.

Another spark for the Gulls was just the fear of losing.

"We knew the scenarios of what was going to happen if we lost," Westerholm said. "We might have had to travel for a play-in game, and I told them we'd be practicing (today) and Monday. That might have lit a fire under 'em."

The Braves "tried to be physical with us, and it bothered us at times," he said. "But we kept battling, and things started going our way. Now we have Friday and Monday off, and we'll condition the heck out of 'em."

Seaside will not play again until March 2 or 3, a home game in the Sweet 16 playoffs.

### League champion Banks tops Seaside girls

SEASIDE — The Seaside girls basketball team tuned up for the postseason with a solid effort against the No. 4-ranked Banks Braves in a Cowapa League season finale Thursday at the Gulls' Nest.

Seaside was within nine points of the league champion Braves midway through the fourth quarter, before Banks made 4-of-6 free throws in the final 1:17 on its way to a 45-34 win. The Braves also clinched an undefeated (10-0) league season.

Seaside finishes 4-6, and will host Scappoose in a league playoff at 6 p.m. Monday.

The Braves literally limped to the finish line with a 22-2 record, as Banks is without several players lost to injuries over the second half of the season.

Junior Aspen Slika scored 17 points to lead the Braves, who were just 16-of-60 from the field in Thursday's win.

Bryre Babbitt celebrated Senior Night by scoring 12 points for the Gulls, who were 4-of-24 in the first half. Gretchen Hoekstre added six points off the bench.

## Scappoose boys win in last trip to Astoria

*The Daily Astorian*

The Astoria boys basketball team took their lumps this season in the outstanding Cowapa League, but the future is bright, said Fishermen coach Kevin Goin, following his team's season-ending 49-43 loss Thursday to Scappoose.

Astoria finishes 0-10 in league play, 3-21 overall. Playing top five competition on a nightly basis in the Cowapa League did not make it easy, Goin said.

"It's a rough, competitive league," he said. "I wouldn't be surprised to see four teams there (in the final eight at the state tournament). But we gave it all we had. The kids really made big improvements from nonleague to league, and the future looks bright. This is probably the best group of kids I've ever had to work with. No problems all year. They were great."

Josh Olson had 15 points and senior Karsten Johnson added 13 for the Fishermen in Thursday's loss, while Chris Bendle had 25 points for the Indians, in their last visit to Astoria as a member of the Cowapa League.

The Fishermen trailed 31-22 entering the fourth quarter, but rallied and pulled to within two points with three minutes remaining. The Indians made 9-of-12 free throws in the fourth quarter to secure the win.

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

#### TODAY

**Girls basketball** — Crosshill Christian vs. Jewell, at Corban University, 6 p.m.

**Swimming** — OSAA state meet, Mt. Hood CC, all day

**Wrestling** — OSAA state tournament, Portland Memorial Coliseum, all day

#### SATURDAY

**Girls basketball** — SW District 2B Championship: Napavine vs. Ilwaco, 6 p.m., at WF West HS

**Boys basketball** — Columbia Christian vs. Knappa, at Forest Grove, TBA; SW District 1B Championship: TBA vs. Naselle, 6 p.m., at Montesano, Wash.

**Swimming** — OSAA state meet, Mt. Hood CC, all day

**Wrestling** — OSAA state tournament, Portland Memorial Coliseum, all day

### BOYS BASKETBALL

#### Seaside 66, Banks 55

**Banks** 15 11 19 10—55

**Seaside** 11 19 11 25—66

**BAN (55):** Dalton Renne 26, Gobel 11, Hiestand 6, Streblov 3, Geraci 3, Vandehy 2, Slika 2, Cameron 2.

**SEA (66):** Brayden Johnson 18, Januik 13, Westerholm 13, Hague 13, Thompson 6, Be.Johnson 3, Sibony, Carter, Meyer, Ritterby, Landwehr, Boyd.

#### Scappoose 49, Astoria 43

**Scappoose** 13 7 11 18—49

**Astoria** 8 6 8 21—43

**SCA (49):** Chris Bendle 25, Wagenknecht 11, Toman 5, Travis 4, Verbut 2, McNabb 2.

**AST (43):** Josh Olson 15, K.Johnson 13, Hunt 7, Brockman 6, P.Johnson, Ploghoft, Stenblom, Long, Tice, Miller, Matlock, Palmberg.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### Banks 45, Seaside 34

**Banks** 14 8 11 12—45

**Seaside** 5 7 10 12—34

**BAN (45):** Aspen Slika 17, Kind 9, Jordan 7, Nelson 6, Shook 4, Hailey 2.

**SEA (34):** Bryre Babbitt 12, Hoekstre 6, Kiser 4, Ideue 4, Garhofer 3, Davis 3, Smart 2.

**JV:** Seaside 45, Banks 30

#### De La Salle 58, Warrenton 53

**DeLaSalle** 8 11 10 18 11—58

**Warrenton** 16 8 9 14 6—53

**DLS (58):** May Brannon 15, Raven Pearce 15, Miller 10, Fesser 8, Dalton 5, Boyd 4, Imes 1.

**WAR (53):** Tyla Little 23, Alvarez 16, Ramsey 7, Heyen 4, Kapua 2, Bussert 2, Diego.

#### Neah-Kah-Nie 41, Knappa 36

**Knappa** 10 10 7 9—36

**NeahKahNie** 6 11 7 17—41

**KNA (36):** Paris Vanderburg 11, Miller 9, Carlson 9, Weaver 6, Tischer 2, Ramvick 1, Strain.

**NKN (41):** Maddie Lambert 22, Ramirez 6, Smith 5, Huntley 4, Woodward 2, Soans 1, Farris 1.