

## SPORTS

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## New athletic director, volleyball coach for Seaside

By **GARY HENLEY**  
*The Daily Astorian*

Seaside High School has filled a couple of vacancies in the athletic department, as the Gulls head into the summer season.

Aaron Tanabe has been hired as the school's new athletic director, and Demi Lund will take over as the varsity volleyball coach.

Both were approved at a school board meeting Tuesday night.

Tanabe replaces Jason Boyd, the longtime athletic director who is now the vice principal at Seaside High School. And Lund replaces Eric Huntsman as the Gulls' volleyball coach.

Tanabe comes to Seaside after

serving as an offensive and defensive line football coach at Valley Catholic for the last four years.

He played football and baseball at Hilo High School in Hilo, Hawaii. That was followed by two years of college football at Southern Oregon before he transferred to Linfield College, where he played his junior and senior years.

Before coming to Valley Catholic in 2014, Tanabe coached at Amity High School. He also taught physical education and health at Jason Lee School in Portland.

At Seaside, he will also teach and serve as an assistant football coach to Jeff Roberts, who also played at Linfield.

"I wasn't a teammate (at Linfield), but I got the chance to know him and had the opportunity to coach against him when he was at Valley Catholic," Roberts said. "He's a young man who's driven, who's coached and played different sports."

"We're looking forward to having his positive attitude in the building, and I think he's looking forward to coming to a place where sports are big for the kids, and the community is involved with the school."

Boyd added, "He was looking for an opportunity to be an athletic director, so he's been training, shadowing (Valley Catholic athletic director) Joel Sobotka for the last year."

Getting the Seaside job "allowed

him to stay in the area and gives him a student population he could identify with, and a place where he feels he can put down some roots," Boyd said.

Meanwhile, Demi Lund (formerly Demi Belshe) was a volleyball player at Mt. Hood Community College and Carroll College in Montana, after a prep career at Roseburg High School. She is married to Astoria High School graduate Dane Lund.

Joining Lund on the Seaside coaching staff will be junior varsity coach Paul Whittle and JV II coach Becky Botkins.

Lund "has done some coaching at Crescent Valley, and last year was a volunteer at Broadway Middle School," Boyd said. "Paul Whit-

tle played some USA club volleyball after high school, so he has good experience. And Becky Botkins is highly motivated, highly organized and works really well with kids."

Another position the Gulls must fill will be varsity baseball coach, following the recent resignation of Joel Dierickx after 21 years as the Seaside coach.

"If the right applicant fell into our laps, we would have some interviews, but right now we want to see what's out there," Boyd said. "We'd like to leave it open for now, because it's important for Aaron to be part of that hiring process."

Tanabe will officially take over as athletic director Aug. 1.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Tillamook, Warrenton postponed

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Tuesday's junior state baseball game between Tillamook and Warrenton was postponed, due to a lack of players for the Cheesemakers.

Warrenton will host Kennedy at 5:30 p.m. Friday, followed by home contests Saturday vs. Clatskanie (3 p.m.) and Sunday vs. Kennedy (1 p.m.).

### Oregon teacher claims district's mascot violates state rules

EUGENE — An Oregon teacher has filed a complaint claiming a school district's new mascot is racist and violates rules prohibiting the use of Native American-themed images.

The Marcola School District dropped its "Mohawk Indians" mascot in 2016 and later replaced it with the mustangs, the Register-Guard reported Tuesday.

In the complaint filed with the Oregon Department of Education, Marcola fifth-grade teacher John Etheredge said the horse is "adorned with war paint, feathers, beads and a faux 'Mohawk'-style mane." He claimed the district kept the same Native American images and just replaced the human with a horse.

State rules prohibit public schools from using Native American mascots. The district's new mascot uses imagery that violates those rules, Etheredge said. Displays of the mascot are on the district's website, in the Mohawk High School gym and on district stationery.

### Hornets agree to trade Howard to Nets for Mozgov

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — A person familiar with the situation says the Charlotte Hornets have agreed to trade eight-time All-Star center Dwight Howard to the Brooklyn Nets for center Timofey Mozgov and two future second-round draft picks.

Howard played only one season for Charlotte, averaging 16.6 points and 12.5 rebounds per game. He is due to make \$23.8 million this season, the final year of his contract.

— *Associated Press*

## SCOREBOARD

### LOCAL SPORTS SCHEDULE

#### TODAY

**Junior baseball** — Knappa at Neah-Kah-Nie (2), 4 p.m.

#### THURSDAY

**Junior baseball** — Knappa at Tillamook (2), 4 p.m.

#### FRIDAY

**Junior baseball** — Astoria Ford at Seaside (2), 4 p.m.; Kennedy at Warrenton, 5:30 p.m.

#### SATURDAY

**Junior baseball** — At Warrenton HS: Kennedy vs. Clatskanie, 1 p.m.; Clatskanie at Warrenton, 3 p.m.

#### SUNDAY

**Junior baseball** — Kennedy at Warrenton, 1 p.m.



WORLD CUP 2018

## MESSI DOGGED BY RONALDO, HISTORY

Argentina's Lionel Messi covers his face during the Group D draw against Iceland.

AP Photo/Ricardo Mazalan

By **BEN NUCKOLS**  
*Associated Press*

**M**OSCOW — Lionel Messi is going to have a hard time keeping up with Cristiano Ronaldo at this year's World Cup.

The Argentina great had a penalty kick saved during his team's tournament-opening 1-1 draw with Iceland. At 31, this could be Messi's last World Cup, and Thursday's match against Croatia is crucial as the longtime Barcelona forward tries to deliver his first major title for Argentina.

Messi's biggest rival, Ronaldo, seems less burdened during what could also be his final World Cup run.

Ronaldo has scored a tournament-leading four goals — all of Portugal's goals so far — while silently needling Messi. After his first goal, the 33-year-old Ronaldo stroked his chin, implying that he was the "GOAT," an acronym for "greatest of all time." Messi is featured in ad with a real goat.

And when Ronaldo took the field for Portugal's 1-0 win over Morocco, he sported a goatee on his previously clean-shaven chin. He promptly scored with a header in the fourth minute.

Croatia leads Group D after its 2-0 win over Nigeria, and another victory would put Argentina in a precarious position. Veteran midfielders Luka Modric and Ivan Rakitic shined in the opener, with Modric scoring one goal and setting up another.

Croatia hasn't advanced past the group stage since 1998, and this could be the last chance for Modric, Rakitic and Mario Mandzukic, all of whom are over 30.

Another veteran provided a bit of drama for Croatia. Coach Zlatko Dalic sent home Nikola Kalinic because the striker wouldn't come off the bench as a substitute. The team will continue with 22 players.

Croatia and Argentina play Thursday's late match at 9 p.m. (11 a.m. PST) in Nizhny Novgorod.

### DENMARK VS. AUSTRALIA

3 p.m. (5 a.m. PST)

Australia, the decided underdog in a group that features three teams in the top 11 of the FIFA rankings, gets another tough matchup after dropping its opener to France.

A loss to Denmark — which is unbeaten in its last 16 international matches — would make it very difficult for the Socceroos to advance.

### FRANCE VS. PERU

6 p.m. (8 a.m. PST)

Tens of thousands of Peru fans have followed their team to the most remote city in this World Cup — Yekaterinburg, which is roughly 1,056 miles east of Moscow, a 25-hour drive that includes a pass over the Ural Mountains.

After cheering deliriously through Peru's first World Cup appearance in 36 years, the fans will have to wait at least a little longer to see a goal.

## Yanks back stellar German with 4 HRs

By **MIKE FITZPATRICK**  
*Associated Press*

**N**EW YORK — In their first road test against baseball's top team, the upstart Seattle Mariners were no match for the Yankees' pitching and power.

Domingo German tossed two-hit ball over a career-high seven innings and Giancarlo Stanton hit one of New York's four home runs Tuesday night in a 7-2 victory against the Mariners.

"A lot of fun," Stanton said. "We were clicking on all cylinders."

Miguel Andujar and Aaron Hicks each belted a two-run shot off Marco Gonzales in the fifth. Hicks homered for the third straight day and finished with three hits from the leadoff spot as the Yankees (48-22) moved a season-best 26 games above .500.

Coming off a four-hit game, Stanton sent a solo drive to straightaway center field in the first. Aaron Judge had an RBI single in the seventh, and rookie phenom Gleyber Torres added his 14th home run in the eighth.

The first two batters reached against German (2-4) on a double and an error. The rookie right-hander then retired 19 in a row until Nelson Cruz homered in the seventh.

"Dominating, man. Just pound-



AP Photo/Seth Wenig

New York Yankees pitcher Domingo German throws during the second inning against the Mariners at Yankee Stadium Tuesday.

just showing what he can do," Stanton said.

After beating Tampa Bay for his first major league win last week, German was impressive once again. Featuring a sharp breaking ball, he struck out nine and walked none while throwing 67 of 96 pitches for strikes.

"I even kicked around sending him back out there for the eighth

because he was just so efficient," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "He's really talented."

German has 28 strikeouts in his last three starts, a span of 19 innings.

"He was throwing everything. Changeup, curveball — he was commanding everything," Cruz said. "He kept us off balance. It seems like we were late with fastballs, early with breaking pitches. It was his day."

A.J. Cole worked two perfect innings to complete a crisp game that took just 2 hours, 28 minutes. New York has won 15 of 19 overall.

One of baseball's biggest surprises so far, the Mariners (46-27) lost for only the eighth time in 30 games as they opened a 10-game trip to the East Coast that could serve as an early summer measuring stick. Three games at Yankee Stadium will be followed by three in Boston — the top two teams in the majors.

"We're going to play our game. Things didn't turn out the way we wanted it to," Cruz said. "We'll come back positive tomorrow and try to make things better."

Gonzales (7-4) entered 4-0 with 1.41 ERA in his past six starts but wasn't up to the task in his first career outing against the Yankees. The left-hander gave up eight hits and a career-high six runs over 6 1/3 innings in his first loss since May 12 at Detroit.

"They're a good hitting team. I think they had the right game plan tonight. Just sitting off speed, kind of out front," Gonzales said. "They got me early in the count and I think kudos to them on their approach."

The three home runs off Gonzales matched a career high and raised his season total to nine.