

Young stars of the gridiron

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The youth football players of the North Coast descended upon Seaside last Saturday for games involving future Fishermen, Gulls, Warriors and Loggers. The teams meet every weekend at selected fields in the region, accompanied by parents, friends and family — Tillamook even has a traveling cheerleader squad. Seaside’s third/fourth grade team is undefeated through four weeks.



Seaside's Hayden 'Speedy' Halsen hits the edge and turns it upfield.



Seaside Gulls coach Jeff Roberts, trailing the play, served as the official referee for the third/fourth grade games.



An Astoria ball carrier gets past a Neah-Kah-Nie defender.



Tillamook's traveling cheerleader squad.



Seaside quarterback Brayden Cooley could be calling signals for the Gulls some day.



There can be a noticeable size difference in some players at the youth level.



The Knappa Red Devils were part of Saturday's action.



The action begins with a kickoff.



Seaside third/fourth grader Dylan Ballard tries to break free of a tackle by a Tillamook defender.