

**ASTORIA FISHERMEN**

**WRESTLING • SWIMMING**

# Roberts takes over Astoria wrestling



Kathy Morgan/For The Daily Astorian  
Dalton Somers, top, will be one of two team captains for Astoria wrestling this season.

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The Astoria wrestling program is under new direction, as the Fishermen open the 2018-19 season.

Nick Roberts has stepped in to fill the spot vacated by Roy Sanchez, and the new coach is busy trying to build up the numbers for Astoria, which has struggled in recent years with low turnouts.

Currently, “We don’t have enough to fill a whole team, but we’re close,” said Roberts, a former state champion wrestler in Washington. “We just need to have everybody start reaching their goal weight so we can stretch

**WRESTLERS**

- 106-Emma King, Fr.
- 106-Jack Phillips, Fr.
- 126-William Eddy, Jr.
- 132-Kyle Moody, Fr.
- 132-Marcos Elena, So.
- 138-Tristan Boyle, Jr.
- 138-Daniel Messing, Jr., Fr.
- 138-Brandon Paul, Fr.
- 145-Dalton Somers, Jr.
- 170-James Byers, Fr.
- 170-Stephanie Merritt, Fr.
- 195-Marcus Rasmussen, Jr.
- 220-Wesley Ellison, Fr.
- 285-Skyler Smith, Jr.

the lineup a little, and not have three wrestlers at 138 pounds.”

In the meantime, “I’m just trying to keep the kids busy in

the wrestling room, and hopefully word of mouth will get around,” he said.

The Fishermen are still ahead of where they were last year at this time, when they entered last season with just 10 wrestlers on the roster.

Astoria had 14 to start the third week of practice, with freshmen taking up over half the roster.

The list includes just two varsity returners — sophomore Marcos Elena and junior Dalton Somers.

Elena is slated to wrestle at 132 pounds, with Somers at 145. Somers will also serve as a co-captain with junior Skyler Smith.

The Fishermen lost their

only state qualifier (Trey Hageman) to graduation, along with Landon Law and Jeff Stutznegger.

District 1 just got a little easier, as Crook County — the district and Class 4A state champion — has moved from District 1/4A to the 5A level.

The district also lost Scappoose (moved to 5A), along with Corbett, Gladstone and Madras, while Woodburn moves from 5A to 4A wrestling, and will compete in District 1.

The second, third, fourth and fifth-place teams in the district (Tillamook, Molalla, Estacada and Banks) are all back, and will be among the teams to beat.



Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

Astoria swimmer Cody Lachica is back in the water for her senior season.

# Astoria returns as district contender

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**THE SWIMMERS**

**Girls**

- Jordan Admire-Novak, So.
- Danielle Anglim, Jr.
- Elia Ashton, Jr.
- Madison Burchfield, Sr.
- Camille Cottrell, Sr.
- Sam Hemsley, Sr.
- Emily Honl, Fr.
- Cody Lachica, Fr.
- Kolyn Lachica, Fr.
- Lily Long, Sr.
- Maize Moyer, Sr.

- Taylor Palmrose, Sr.
- Grace Peeler, So.
- Lily Reed, Fr.
- Constance Rouda, So.
- Tori Smith, So.
- Everett Towsey-French, Fr.
- Jenna Travers, Sr.
- Izzy Williams, Sr.

**Boys**

- Nikolai Boisvert, So.
- Riley Cameron, Jr.
- Jordan Daniel, So.

- Phelan Dopp, Fr.
- Ryder Dopp, Sr.
- Tyler Griffin, So.
- Parker Ivanoff, Sr.
- Noah Kastengren, So.
- Ronan Linnett, So.
- Kevin Loyola, So.
- Nathan Pacheco Moulin, So.
- Rocky Rub, Fr.
- Elias Simmons, Sr.
- Andree Smart, So.
- Ethan Sparks, Sr.

Astoria swimmers are back in the pool, and looking to pick up where they left off last winter — which was a third-place finish for the boys at districts, and a list of girls qualifying for the state meet.

Head coach Kathryn Zacher and the Fish are hoping to improve on those numbers in 2018-19.

**THE DISTRICT**

There’s no question that the 4A district in the northwest part of the state — Special District 1 — is one of the toughest at the 4A level.

The proof is in the final standings of the state meet.

Last year’s district champion on the boys’ side, Newport, also finished as the state champion, scoring 74 points in the state meet to place well ahead of North Bend’s 48.

Tillamook, the girls’ district champ, was fifth at state.

Scappoose (second place in districts on the boys’ side), is no longer part of District 1, having moved to the 5A level.

The powerhouse at Newport will likely be strong again, as will the Tillamook girls.

Meanwhile, the Astoria teams are poised to make a move (up) in the standings.

**THE FISH**

The Astoria girls finished

fourth in the district meet last year, while setting three school records on Day 2 of the meet, in addition to qualifying two individuals and two relay squads for the state meet.

The individual state qualifiers were both freshmen — Grace Peeler and Tori Smith — and both return for their sophomore seasons.

Smith was the district champ in the 200-yard individual medley, and also qual-

ified for state in the backstroke, breaking a school record that had been held since 2000.

The two talented swimmers also made up half the two relay teams, along with Jazzy King and Megan Schacher, who have graduated.

The Astoria girls have plenty of candidates to fill in those open spots on the relay squads, including returning senior Jenna Travers, along with two other first-

**SCOREBOARD**

**PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE**

**FRIDAY**

**Girls basketball** — Astoria at Madras Tournament, TBA; Cascade at Seaside, 7:30 p.m.; Warrenton at Sutherlin Tournament, TBA; Toledo at Knappa, 7:30 p.m.

**Boys basketball** — OES vs. Astoria, at Knappa, TBA; Nestucca at Warrenton, 6 p.m.; Toledo at Knappa, 9 p.m.; Jewell at Open Door, 7:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY**

**Girls basketball** — Astoria at Madras Tournament, TBA; Warrenton at Sutherlin Tournament, TBA

**Boys basketball** — Astoria at Knappa, 8 p.m.; Gaston at Warrenton, 5:30 p.m.

year senior swimmers — Taylor Palmrose and Samantha Hemsley, who makes the switch from basketball to swimming.

Meanwhile, the Astoria boys scored most of their district points with their depth, racking up 169 points but failing to qualify any swimmers for state.

The closest was freshman Davis Wingard, who is not on the preseason roster.

On the other hand, the Fish have some good returners in seniors Ryder Dopp, Parker Ivanoff, Elias Simmons and Ethan Sparks, junior Riley Cameron, sophomore Nikolai Boisvert, and incoming freshman Rocky Rub.

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