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Astoria, Seaside athletes qualify for state

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As expected, wrestling powerhouse Tillamook ran off with the District 1/4A title over the weekend.

Hosting the tournament Friday and Saturday on their home mat, the Cheesemakers dominated the eight-team field by scoring 474 team points, well ahead of second-place Estacada (224.5). Woodburn was third (223.5) and Molalla fourth (214).

The No. 1-ranked team in the latest 4A coaches poll, Tillamook had 13 wrestlers reach the finals in their respective weight classes, with five winning individual championships. The Cheesemakers will send 21 wrestlers to the state tournament, Feb. 22-23 at Memorial Coliseum in Portland.

Seaside finished seventh in the

district meet with 80.5 points, and qualified two wrestlers for state, while Astoria took eighth (31), with one state qualifier.

Junior Luke Nelson highlighted the tournament for the Gulls by taking second at 220 pounds.

After a first-round bye, Nelson won by technical fall (15-0 at 5:07) over Jackson Turner of Estacada, followed by a 7-1 decision over Tillamook's Dawson McKibbin in a semifinal match.

Nelson's day came to a quick end in the finals, as James Ellis of Banks ran his record to 36-1 with a 22-second pin.

Seaside's Andrew Gastelum qualified for state with a third-place finish at 120 pounds.

The junior pinned Woodburn's Ernie Preciado in 5:50 in a quarterfinal match, before Quin-

tin Metcalfe of Tillamook pinned Gastelum in 1:17 in the semifinals.

Gastelum bounced back strong, pinning his next two opponents in consolation. He took care of Molalla's Alec Lowry in 1:59, then won by fall (4:37) over Estacada's Landin Vittetoe in the third-place match.

For Astoria, Skylar Smith scored 18 points for the Fishermen by placing third and qualifying for state at 285 pounds.

Smith scored a quarterfinal victory with a pin over Estacada's Kenny Clark in 3:52, before Brian Rieger of Tillamook had a 46-second pin over Smith.

Smith rebounded with a 35-second fall against Seaside's Gunner Knox, then Smith won a rematch with Clark, scoring a 9-6 decision in the third-place match.



Seaside wrestling

Seaside junior Luke Nelson, second from right, finished second at 220 pounds in the district wrestling finals at Tillamook to qualify for the state tournament.



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Astoria's Tori Smith will dive into state competition later this week, after qualifying for the state meet in a pair of district events, including one first-place finish.

Swimmers post state-qualifying times

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The Astoria and Seaside swim teams had similar results over the weekend in the District 1/4A meet.

In a meet hosted for years at the Astoria Aquatic Center, this year's event took place Friday and Saturday at the Newport Aquatic Center.

The Valley Catholic girls and the Newport boys picked up the team championships, while the Astoria boys took third and the Seaside girls fourth in the team standings.

All first- and second-place finishers in each event qualified for state, with several third-place finishers and even some fourth-place times qualifying for state as wild cards.

The Lady Fishermen were sixth in team scoring, with one individual champion. Sophomore Tori Smith won the 200-

yard individual medley in 2 minutes, 23.62 seconds, nearly nine seconds ahead of Newport's Lorelei Bretz.

And Smith's day wasn't over.

In a very competitive 100-yard backstroke, Smith took third out of six swimmers, but her time of 1:05.02 was good enough to qualify for state — as was the fourth-place time (1:07.87) turned in by Seaside's Kendy Lin.

Smith will be seeded eighth in the medley at state, and has the seventh-fastest time in the backstroke.

The Lady Gulls also had their share of success, winning one event in addition to Lin's qualifying time in the backstroke.

Seaside's foursome of Lin, Kaisa Liljenwall, Anna Huddleston and Nicole Blankenhorn had the winning time (a season-best 1:52.46) in the 200-yard freestyle relay, as the Gulls edged Newport at the wall.

Lin added points with a third-place showing in the 200-yard freestyle (2:13.67), in a close finish with Valley Catholic's Emma Nguyen (2:13.26).

Seaside senior Cailin Bennett was fourth in the 100-yard butterfly.

Meanwhile, Newport dominated the boys' meet, racking up a whopping 454 points, ahead of second place Taft (191), with Astoria placing third with 155 points.

The first state qualifier for the Fishermen was Riley Cameron, who took third in the 200 individual medley in 2:17.63.

Cameron also swam leadoff for Astoria's 200 freestyle relay squad, teaming with Elias Simmons, Rocky Rub and Ryder Dopp to help the Fishermen finish third (1:44.92) behind Newport and Valley Catholic.

The OSAA state meet takes place Friday and Saturday at the Tualatin Hills Recreation Center in Beaverton.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Mariners arrive early to begin preparing for opener in Japan

PEORIA, Ariz. — If nothing else, the Seattle Mariners' early arrival for spring training will give them a little more meet-and-greet time.

The Mariners have 20 new players, including seven projected new starters, on their training camp roster this spring after an offseason overhaul following an 89-victory 2018 that still left them eight games out of the playoffs.

"I've been studying mugs of these guys to get a feeling. It's going to be a little bit different camp with all the new people," manager Scott Servais said Monday. "A lot of educating to do. Name tags would be good. Mandatory wear your jersey out there with the name on the back."

The most notable new face is left-hander Yusei Kikuchi, who is expected to start one of the two games the Mariners will play in his native Japan. Seattle reported to spring training a day earlier than most to prepare for the season-opening series against Oakland in Tokyo on March 20-21.

Westbrook sets new triple-double record in Thunder win

OKLAHOMA CITY — Russell Westbrook set an NBA record with his 10th straight triple-double, Paul George scored 47 points, and the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the Portland Trail Blazers 120-111 on Monday night.

Westbrook broke a tie with Wilt Chamberlain, who had nine straight triple-doubles in 1968, by finishing with 21 points, 14 rebounds and 11 assists. He clinched the record on an assist to George for a 3-pointer with 3:52 remaining in the fourth quarter. It was his 23rd triple-double of the season and the 127th of his career.

Damian Lillard scored 31 points and Jake Layman added 17 for Portland.

— Associated Press

Baylor, Louisville, Oregon and Miss. St. potential 1 seeds

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Baylor, Louisville, Oregon and Mississippi State are the No. 1 seeds in the first NCAA Top 16 reveal.

The Lady Bears would be the top team in the Greensboro Region, according to the potential seedings revealed Monday night. The Cardinals would be the No. 1 seed in Chicago. Oregon would stay near home as the top team in Portland, and Mississippi State

would have to travel to Albany to be the top seed there with a potential matchup against second-seeded UConn in the regional finals.

Other No. 2 seeds in the reveal are Notre Dame, Stanford and N.C. State.

The three seeds are Oregon State, Marquette, Maryland and Iowa.

Miami, Iowa State, South Carolina and Gonzaga round out the potential top 16 teams, which would host the opening two rounds of the NCAA Tournament.



AP Photo/Tony Avelar

Oregon guard Sabrina Ionescu drives past Stanford forward Maya Dodson.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE TODAY

Girls basketball — Astoria at Valley Catholic, 5 p.m.; Tillamook at Seaside, 6 p.m.; Toledo vs. Ilwaco, at Mark Morris, 6 p.m.

Boys basketball — Astoria at Valley Catholic, 6:30 p.m.; Tillamook at Seaside, 7:30 p.m.; Kalama vs. Ilwaco, at Mark Morris, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

District 1-4A/3A championships (at Newport AC)

Girls team: Valley Catholic 227, Newport 212, Tillamook 206, Seaside 185, Taft 163, Astoria 144, Rainier 58, Toledo 35.

Boys team: Newport 454, Taft 191, Astoria 155, Valley Catholic 115, Seaside 102, Rainier 81, Tillamook 36, Toledo 14.

WRESTLING

District 1-4A championships (at Tillamook HS)

Team scores: Tillamook 474, Estacada 224.5, Woodburn 223.5, Molalla 214, Banks 164, North Marion 109, Seaside 80.5, Astoria 31.