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Astoria High School wrestlers begin practice in the mezzanine.

Walsh takes over Astoria program

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The Astorian

Astoria wrestling is Under New Direction, as Doug Walsh takes over the Fishermen program, replacing Nick Roberts.

A longtime coach in Nevada, Walsh has big plans for the Astoria program.

In his first week of practice with the Fishermen, he said, “everyone is working hard and I am impressed with the attitude. We have a young team with 12 freshmen and sophomores. Our goals are to improve every week and to keep everyone excited about wrestling to build a competitive program.”

After one week of practice, “we have 19 wrestlers (15 boys, four girls),” Walsh said. “So far we have been working on skills to bring our new wrestlers up to speed and

knock some of the rust off our returners.”

Astoria’s lone state qualifier last season was Skylar Smith at 285 pounds.

After scoring 18 points and taking third in the district meet, Smith won his first match in Portland (a 5-2 decision over Chris Woods of Hidden Valley), lost to Gabe Shuckie of La Grande, then went 1-1 in consolation.

Smith is back for his senior year, competing again at 285.

The Fishermen have plenty to work with at the lower weights, including freshmen Andrew Davidson and Mason Edward at 106; sophomores Joanna Catton and Emma King, along with freshman Gunnar Olson at 113; and sophomore Nevaeh Miehle and junior Raven Gasser at 120.

Into the middle weights, the Fishermen have Stian Matthews (Fr.) and Mar-

cos Elena (Jr.) at 132; Kyle Moody (So.) and Dylan Vandershule (Jr.) at 138; Daniel Messing (So.) 145, Carson Litwin (Jr.) and Dalton Somers (Sr.) at 152 and freshman Aiden Giles at 160.

Astoria is somewhat covered in the upper weights, with senior Marcus Rasmussen at 182 pounds, freshman Glenn Lewis at 195, sophomore Wesley Ellison at 220 and Smith at 285.

League-wise, Tillamook was the undisputed champion of the Cowapa League and District 1/4A, as the Cheesemakers racked up 474 points in the district meet, well ahead of second-place Estacada (224.5).

Tillamook went to the state meet ranked No. 1, and backed up that ranking with a state championship, just another title in another sport for a team from the Cowapa League.



ASTORIA WRESTLING

(with projected weight)

Andrew Davidson, Fr., 106

Mason Edward, Fr., 106

Emma King, So., 113

Joanna Catton, So., 113

Gunnar Olson, Fr., 113

Nevaeh Miehle, So., 120

Raven Gasser, Jr., 120

Stian Matthews, Fr., 132

Marcos Elena, Jr., 132

Kyle Moody, So., 138

Dylan Vandershule, Jr., 138

Daniel Messing, So., 145

Carson Litwin, Jr., 152

Dalton Somers, Sr., 152

Aiden Giles, Fr., 160

Marcus Rasmussen, Sr., 182

Glenn Lewis, Fr., 195

Wesley Ellison, So., 220

Skylar Smith, Sr., 285

SCHEDULE

Dec. 4 at Knappa Invitational TBA

Dec. 7 at Mark Morris Invitational, TBA

Dec. 10 at Rainier 3-way TBA

Dec. 14 at Warrenton Invitational, TBA

Dec. 18 Tillamook TBA

Dec. 21 at Molalla Mayhem 9 a.m.

Jan. 10-11 at Seaside Pac Rim 9 a.m.

Jan. 25 at Ilwaco Beach Brawl, TBA

Jan. 29 at Seaside Double-dual, 5 p.m.

Feb. 5 Astoria Invitational TBA

Feb. 8 at Tillamook TBA

Feb. 15 Cowapa League meet, at Tillamook

Feb. 22 Regionals, at North Marion

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