



SEASIDE BOYS BASKETBALL

Coach: Bill Westerholm, 22nd year

2018-19: 24-4 (7-1 Cowapa)

State Tournament: Lost state championship to Banks (56-62)

All-League losses: Chase Januik (co-Player of the Year), Duncan Thompson (co-Defensive Player of the Year), Payton Westerholm.

All-League returners: Ryan Hague, Sr., Beau Johnson, Sr.

SCHEDULE

Dec. 4 at Cascade 7 p.m.

Dec. 6 Stayton 7 p.m.

Dec. 10 Scappoose 6 p.m.

Dec. 13 Marshfield 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 19-21 Seaside Holiday Classic

Jan. 2-4 at Stayton Holiday Tournament

Jan. 3 Marist 7 p.m.

Jan. 7 at Dayton 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 14 Gladstone 7 p.m.

Jan. 21 at Astoria 6 p.m.

Jan. 24 Valley Catholic 6 p.m.

Jan. 31 Tillamook 7 p.m.

Feb. 4 at Banks 6 p.m.

Feb. 7 Astoria 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 11 at Valley Catholic 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 18 at Tillamook 7 p.m.

Feb. 20 Banks 7:30 p.m.



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Seaside players attempt to score during scrimmages at practice.

Who will Seaside play for title?

By **GARY HENLEY**
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For the last four years, the only question in Oregon 4A boys basketball has been: Who will Seaside play in the state championship?

The Gulls have appeared in four straight title games, winning two and losing two. And even though they lost some key seniors, they'll be in Forest Grove again, March 14, playing for another state championship. You can bank on it, so to speak.

After all, it's not the players, it's the program.

Seaside's starting lineup in the 2016 championship game: Aus-

tin Eagon, Jackson Januik, Zach Marston, Jaxson Smith and Hunter Thompson.

The starting lineup for last season's 4A title: Ryan Hague, Chase Januik, Beau Johnson, Duncan Thompson and Payton Westerholm.

The names may change, but the program remains the same. To quote the Raiders, "they just win baby."

Seaside recently picked up four first-place votes in the first coaches poll of 2019-20, and if all goes as expected, the Gulls will be playing in their fifth straight championship game.

The current Gulls just have some unfinished business. Last

year's loss to Banks in the state championship was unexpected by many, and spoiled Seaside's bid for a three-peat.

"The kids who are seniors this year, they've got a goal for themselves," said Seaside coach Bill Westerholm, entering his 22nd year. "The way we finished last year left a bitter taste in their mouth. Their goal is to get right back where we were last year."

The Cowapa

For the last three years, the top two teams in the Cowapa League have finished as the top two teams in the state. Nothing's changed. It will be the same in 2019-20.

For the fifth time in six years, the state champion will likely come from the Cowapa, a.k.a., the "Conference of Champions."

Banks holds the title for now, but the Braves lost more to graduation than the Gulls. Of their five all-league players, four were seniors, including Player of the Year Blake Gobel.

Still, "Banks will be just fine," Westerholm said. "They've got Jacob Slifka coming back. They lost some key seniors just like we did, but they've got some kids who didn't get as much playing time, and they will step in."

"Valley Catholic has a new coach, but they've got the point guard (Trey Eberhart) who's been