

Wrestling: Lady Warriors place second in their invite

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A third consecutive weight class was won by a Warrior, as Nic Pior cruised to the championship at 145 with a bye, a 46-second fall over Knappa’s Addison Pietila, a 9-0 major decision against Ilwaco’s Christophe Lake, and a pin (2:30) against Vernonia’s Austin Sicard in the title match.

Pior was named Wrestler of the Meet in the lighter weights.

Seaside’s Aidan Tice (most outstanding wrestler in the upper weights) won four matches to win the championship at 152, where Tice had a 51-second pin against Raymond’s Oscar Juarez, a 17-2 technical fall over Clatskanie’s Mike Hinsz, another quick pin (59 seconds) over Wahiakum’s Braxton Jones, then a hard-earned pin (3:23) over Ilwaco’s Keegan Kemmer in the final.

Back came the Warriors

with a title at 160, where sophomore Alex Tapia had a bye, a 32-second pin over Seaside’s Skyler Hazen, a 2-1 decision in the semifinals over Ilwaco’s Aidan Auttelet, then a 9-7 victory over Seaside’s Everett Rollins in the title bout, capping Tapia’s first matches of the season.

Warrenton sophomore Josh Niehuser didn’t get a title, but he did add team points at 170 by advancing to the final, only to lose by fall (39 seconds) to Clatskanie’s Trent Berntsen.

Trevor Hutson of Ilwaco won by fall (5:44) over Knappa’s Kaleb Roe in the final at 182.

Junior Sam Irwin scored Warrenton’s sixth and final championship at 195, where Irwin scored two straight pins (in a total of 87 seconds), won by injury default in the semifinals, then won with a 3:44 fall over Raymond’s Chase Flynn in the final, for Irwin’s sec-

ond tournament win of the season.

A 4A state title contender, Seaside’s Luke Nelson pinned Cayden Mendez in 1:11 in the final at 220, and Astoria picked up its lone championship out of a four-wrestler bracket at 285, where Skylar Smith scored a fall (3:15) over Ilwaco’s Michael Rodda in the final.

“We enjoyed the night, but need to get right back to it,” Conant said. “We are still very early in the season, and this will feel like a distant memory by the end of the year.”

Warrenton competes in dual meets with Astoria, Knappa, Mark Morris and Tillamook’s second team in a four-way meet Wednesday at Astoria.

Lady Warriors place second

One day earlier, Warrenton hosted a girls invitational, where the Warriors

finished second behind Forest Grove.

Warrenton’s Jade Voller, Isabella Carr and Marlie Annat all won their groups, while teammates Stevey Berry and Alejandra Nestor took second.

“We want to keep building this tournament every year,” Conant said. “There needs to be a competitive girls tournament on the North Coast, and we are working towards being that.”

The tournament had 50 wrestlers, “which is more than last year, and we want more than that next year,” Conant said.

Ten schools took part in Friday’s meet, while the Lady Warriors will travel to Liberty High School for an upcoming invitational.

Team: Forest Grove 133, Warrenton 109, Wahiakum 68.5, Ilwaco 49, Yamhill-Carlton 35, Clatskanie 32, Seaside 28, Astoria 24, Raymond 19.5, Corbett 4.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Scappoose edges Astoria in OT, 62-56

The Astorian

The Astoria boys basketball team played their best game of the season so far, but unfortunately the Fishermen came up short in overtime Friday night.

Scappoose outscored Astoria 14-8 in the fifth quarter, and left the Brick House with a 62-56 overtime victory over the Fishermen.

“We had some chances to win it in regulation, then we missed some free throws (3-for-7) in overtime ... but I still feel good about how we played,” said Astoria coach Kevin Goin. “We scored a lot more than we have been, we moved the ball well and we had a better defensive effort.”

The former Cowapa League rivals of the Fish-

ermen, now playing at the class 5A level, overcame a rough fourth quarter then won a free throw shooting contest in the overtime session to escape with the win.

Scappoose was 7-for-12 in the final period, while Astoria lost Ryan Stenblom and Michael Moore to fouls in the final two minutes.

The Indians had three players in double figures, led by Kyle Negelspach with 18, Jake Boyle with 16 and Luke McNabb with 11.

Astoria’s Xander Marincovich led all scorers with 21, while Dylan Junes chipped in 14 for the Fishermen.

Astoria opens play Thursday morning at 11:30 a.m. against Montesano in the annual Seaside Holiday Classic.

Swim meet: Astoria and Seaside teams set the tone early

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11, with team depth carrying the Astoria girls and Seaside boys to the team titles.

Molalla, Rainier and Valley Catholic were the other schools competing in the annual meet that celebrates the life and honors the memory of Andrew Nygaard, a young swimmer with the North Coast Swim Club who died following a workout in 1998.

“Overall it was a good meet,” said Seaside coach Shane Spell. “We had a fair number of kids battling illness this week, but they still responded well. Other teams were dealing with that as well. We need to keep focusing on improving each day. (Next) Friday will be a tough meet at Newport with a lot of fast competition, which will be a great opportunity for some new best times before we head into winter break.”

Astoria and Seaside set the tone early, with the Lady Fish winning the 200-yard medley relay in 2 minutes, 14.24 seconds, with the foursome of juniors Constance Rouda, Grace Peeler and Tori Smith and freshman Emelia Cameron.

Seaside’s squad of sophomores Leif Rehnert, Liam Matlock and Sam Heroux, along with freshman Masyn McCulloch, won the boys’ medley relay in 1:56.40.

Astoria’s Riley Cameron captured the 200-yard freestyle in a comfortable 2:00.81 (second place time was 2:13.21), then returned later to win the 100-yard freestyle (53.45 seconds).

Fishermen freshman Christian Womack won the 500-yard freestyle in 6:51.97.

On the girls’ side, Smith won the 200-yard individual medley for Astoria, while Seaside’s Kaisa Liljenwall, a Warrenton student who



Photos by Gary Henley/
The Astorian

ABOVE: An Astoria swimmer dives into the pool during a relay event in Saturday’s Nygaard Invitational.



LEFT: Seaside swimmers Brooke Blankenhorn, front, and Kaisa Liljenwall cheer on a teammate during a relay event.



Seaside’s Leif Rehnert swims the backstroke in Saturday’s Nygaard Invite.



Seaside teammates Kaisa Liljenwall, right, reacts with Nicole Blankenhorn following the 200-yard freestyle.

competes for the Gulls, won the 100-yard freestyle in 1:04.90, just ahead of teammate Nicole Blankenhorn (1:06.52).

In one of the most exciting races, Seaside’s foursome of Liljenwall, Taryn Shay, Brooke Blankenhorn and Nicole Blankenhorn won the 200-yard freestyle relay in 1:58.57, clipping Astoria’s team of Peeler, Rouda, Cameron and Smith (2:01.12).

Peeler added a victory in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:26.02), before the Lady Gulls (Liljenwall, Shay, Emily Philbrook, Brooke Blankenhorn) capped their meet with a win in the 400-yard freestyle relay (4:42.56).

Astoria had to finish at least second in the event to win the team title, which the Fishermen did in 5:22.73.

For the Seaside boys, “Sam Heroux had a nice 200 IM, dropping off a couple of seconds on his PR from last week, which was a significant improvement from districts last season,” Spell said.

“Henry Garvin had two solid swims in the 50 and 100, a lot of potential ahead,” he added. “Logan Dennis in the 100 fly and Leif DeWinter in the 100 breaststroke were strong swimmers with good time drops. We’ve got a lot of work to do, but the team is seeing the results of their work, so that’s encouraging.”

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TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
51 40	49 44	52 45	50 44	51 39	49 37	49 35
Partly sunny	Cloudy with showers	Occasional rain	Rain, heavy at times	Cloudy, rain possible	Rain possible	Chance of a shower

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Astoria through Sunday

Temperatures

High/low	47/30
Normal high/low	48/36
Record high	62 in 1980
Record low	24 in 1965
Precipitation	
Sunday	0.00"
Month to date	3.19"
Normal month to date	4.96"
Year to date	44.14"
Normal year to date	62.33"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight’s Sky: The “Dog Star,” Sirius, rises in the southeast in mid-evening.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:52 a.m.
Sunset tonight 4:30 p.m.
Moonrise today 10:52 p.m.
Moonset today 12:09 p.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Dec 18	Dec 25	Jan 2	Jan 10

TODAY’S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
5:20 a.m.	7.6	11:00 a.m.	3.3	
4:30 p.m.	8.0	11:31 p.m.	0.2	
Cape Disappointment				
4:58 a.m.	7.4	10:11 a.m.	3.5	
4:08 p.m.	7.5	10:42 p.m.	-0.1	
Hammond				
5:08 a.m.	7.9	10:31 a.m.	3.5	
4:20 p.m.	8.2	11:03 p.m.	0.0	
Warrenton				
5:15 a.m.	8.0	10:44 a.m.	3.4	
4:25 p.m.	8.4	11:15 p.m.	0.3	
Knappa				
5:57 a.m.	7.9	12:01 p.m.	2.8	
5:07 p.m.	8.2	none		
Depoe Bay				
4:13 a.m.	7.6	9:39 a.m.	3.7	
3:17 p.m.	7.9	10:12 p.m.	-0.1	

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	63/31/sh	48/31/s
Boston	36/29/sn	38/17/sf
Chicago	33/14/s	23/17/s
Dallas	52/30/s	58/33/s
Denver	40/22/s	50/25/pc
Honolulu	83/73/r	83/71/s
Houston	55/32/s	60/33/s
Los Angeles	65/45/pc	64/45/c
Miami	84/72/pc	80/62/sh
New York City	38/30/r	37/18/s
Phoenix	64/42/s	66/41/pc
San Francisco	58/47/c	56/46/sh
Wash., DC	50/33/r	43/24/s
Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.		

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REGIONAL FORECAST

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Seattle	48/41	33/21/c	North Bend	53/41/pc	52/46/sh
Wenatchee	28/23		Roseburg	44/33/pc	49/42/c
Moses Lake			Seaside	51/41/pc	49/45/sh
Spokane	35/26		Springfield	46/33/pc	50/43/sh
Pullman	36/28		Vancouver	46/35/c	45/42/sh
Aberdeen	48/40				
Olympia	45/34				
Tacoma	46/35				
Longview	46/36				
Kennewick	32/25				
Walla Walla	31/23				
Lewiston	40/27				
Enterprise	34/23				
Pendleton	36/25				
La Grande	33/25				
John Day	37/26				
Ontario	36/21				
Caldwell	36/24				
Burns	29/9				
Medford	44/28				
Klamath Falls	37/20				