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Seaside girls pound Newport

The Astorian

After two losses the previous two days, the Seaside girls basketball team returned to its winning ways Saturday, on the final day of their Holiday Classic tournament.

The Lady Gulls looked wide awake for Saturday’s 9 a.m. start, knocking down 3-pointers and collecting offensive rebounds in a 68-41 win over Newport.

The 68 points represented the most scored by Seaside since Dec. 28, 2016, when the Gulls scored 82 vs. St. Helens.

After a first half that featured three ties and six lead changes, the second half was all Seaside.

Ruby Douglas and Lilli Taylor opened the third quarter with a scoring barrage that turned Seaside’s 30-25 lead into a 45-25 lead.

Jadah Doney and Tristyn McFadden added 3-pointers, and the Gulls started scoring and stealing at will to build a 57-30 advantage.

Taylor finished with 22 points, nine rebounds, five assists and five steals, and Douglas added 14 points and six boards. Seaside had 11 steals. Both teams are 3-4 overall.

“Well, we sustained and survived the tournament,” said Seaside coach Mike Hawes, whose team was coming off a 41-31 loss to Madras the day before. “We lost Caleigh Peterson for a couple weeks, and Tatum LaPlante too. Lilli and Ruby were sick but played through it, so we got a chance to play a lot of kids, especially today.”

The Cubs couldn’t handle Seaside’s defensive pressure, which made the difference.

“The press hurt Newport in the third quarter, which I suspected it would,” Hawes said. “I just wasn’t sure we had enough gas to begin the game that way. But it decided the game in the third and allowed us to play lots of people.”

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE  
Vince Dulcich Tournament  
at Astoria High School  
Thursday

Girls

11:30 a.m. Rainier vs. Centennial  
3:00 p.m. Marshfield vs. Heritage (at Warrenton High School)  
6:30 p.m. Mazama vs. Redmond (Astoria, bye)

Boys

1:15 p.m. Tillamook vs. Centennial  
3:00 p.m. Marshfield vs. Mark Morris  
4:45 p.m. Rainier vs. Redmond  
8:15 p.m. Elma vs. Astoria

BOYS BASKETBALL

Seaside 77, Montesano 52

MON (52): Trace Ridgway 16, Bjornsgard 8, Daniels 8, Olsen 6, Lovell 4, Mesquita 4, Adams 2, Albert 1.

SEA (77): Brayden Johnson 21, Snyder 12, Hague 10, Sibony 10, BeJohnson 6, Kawasoe 5, Corder 5, Pugh 3, Rich 3, Bennett 2, White, Bartel, Langmo.

Montesano 12 8 8 24—52

Seaside 14 23 20 20—77

Seaside 73, Centralia 42

CEN (42): Matt House 16, Wood 8, Beairto 7, Sobolesky-Reynolds 5, Kaut 4, Baum 2.

SEA (73): Brayden Johnson 21, Hague 13, Sibony 10, Corder 7, Snyder 6, Langmo 5, Pugh 4, BeJohnson 3, Kawasoe 2, Bartel 2, White, Bennett.

Centralia 7 10 12 13—42

Seaside 22 13 19 21—73

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Philomath 51, Astoria 50

PHI (51): Emma Pankalla 15, Sage Kramer 15, Rust 14, Nuno 5, Hinds-Cook 2.

AST (50): Hailey O'Brien 15, Helmersen 10, Norris 10, Fausett 8, Hankwitz 7, Long, Mathews, Rasmussen, Jackson.

Philomath 15 7 11 18—51

Astoria 17 14 9 10—50

Seaside 68, Newport 41

NEW (41): Kathleen Martinson 11, Thompson 8, Wagner 8, Rundell 7, Trommlitz 5, Murray 2.

SEA (68): Lilli Taylor 22, Douglas 14, Owsley 7, McFadden 6, Doney 6, Blodgett 5, Nofield 5, Snyder 2, Klemp 1, Boyd.

Newport 16 9 7 9—41

Seaside 14 16 27 11—68



Photos by Jeff Ter Har

The Seaside boys basketball team poses for its annual championship team picture following the Seaside Holiday Classic.

Seaside wins the Classic, again

By GARY HENLEY  
The Astorian

SEASIDE — The most predictable basketball tournament in the state played out just like it always does Saturday night.

For the sixth year in a row, the Seaside boys played in the championship game of their own tournament. And for the fourth time in the last five, the Gulls took the title, with an easy 77-52 win over Montesano.

Since 2010, Seaside has appeared in the championship game of the Holiday Classic nine times, missing the title game just once (2013).

There wasn’t much opposition in their latest drive to the championship.

Seaside opened with a 61-48 win over Newport, and followed with blowout victories over Centralia (73-42) and Montesano (77-52).

Saturday’s game was tied 14-14 early in the second quarter, before the Gulls put the game away with a 23-6 run to end the first half.

The Gulls dominated at both ends of the floor, controlling the boards and making nearly every shot they put up.

Three-pointers from Brayden Johnson, Stephen Snyder, Everest Sibony, Ledger Pugh and Cash Corder helped Seaside build a 60-30 lead early in the third period.

Johnson led the Gulls with 21 points, Snyder scored 12, with 10 points apiece from Ryan Hague and Sibony.

Seaside (6-1 overall) is scheduled to play La Grande (1-3) twice later this week, Friday and Saturday at La Grande.

Gulls 73, Centralia 42

The Gulls clinched their sixth straight appearance in the championship game of their own tournament with a 73-42 win Friday night over Centralia.

Ten players made the scoring column for Seaside, which jumped out to a quick 13-0 lead, and led 26-9 early in the second quarter.

Brayden Johnson led all scorers with 21 points, followed by Ryan Hague with 13 and Everest Sibony with 10.

Madras senior Dapri Miller was named tournament Most Valuable Player.



Seaside’s Brayden Johnson drives in for two of his game-high 21 points in Saturday’s win over Montesano.

SEASIDE HOLIDAY CLASSIC BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES SINCE 2010

- 2010: South Whidbey def. Seaside, 45-32
- 2011: Seaside def. Madras, 51-35
- 2012: Madras def. Seaside, 54-47
- 2014: Madras def. Seaside, 45-41
- 2015: Seaside def. Astoria, 61-40
- 2016: Seaside def. Newport, 87-54
- 2017: Newport def. Seaside, 70-59
- 2018: Seaside def. Newport, 66-47
- 2019: Seaside def. Montesano, 77-52

Philomath tops Astoria girls in state title preview

By GARY HENLEY  
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After outscoring the competition 120-35 in the first two rounds, the Astoria Lady Fishermen faced some tough competition Saturday night in the championship game of the Les Schwab Invitational in Coos Bay.

And in a possible preview of the Class 4A state championship game, Philomath scored a 51-50 win over the Fishermen, who lost for the first time this season.

Philomath’s Sage Kramer made 1-of-2 free throws with 0.8 seconds remaining for the winning point.

Astoria had tied the game at 50-50, when Kelsey Fausett hit two free throws with 16 seconds remaining.

Astoria’s 6-0 record to start the season was still the best in school history for the Fishermen, who were coming off wins over Crook County (60-13) and Marshfield (60-22). In their first six games, Astoria’s average margin of victory was 36.3 points.

And the Fishermen found themselves leading by 13 points in Saturday’s game against the unbeaten Warriors, who gradually fought their way back and took advantage of Astoria fouls and turnovers.

“We’ve talked about taking care of the little things when we play good teams, and we didn’t do that against Philomath,” said Astoria coach Mike Jacobson. “A few turnovers and a couple fouls late in the game hurt us.”

He added, “You can get away with that playing some games, but when you play a team like Philomath (the new No. 1-ranked team in the OSAA rankings) you can’t.”

It was also the closest game of the season for the Warriors (7-0), whose previous closest contest was a 62-36 win over Central.

“We wanted to control Kramer and (Emma) Pankalla, and for the most part we did a good job on them,” Jacobson said. “We created 32 turnovers with our defense, which was good, but we just couldn’t capitalize at times.”

The Astoria players “were

pretty disappointed, but they know what we have to work on,” he said. The Fishermen have a first round bye in the upcoming Dulcich Tournament, which begins Thursday.

Hailey O’Brien led Astoria with 15 points, followed by Halle Helmersen and Julia Norris with 10 apiece.

Kramer and Pankalla both poured in 15 points for Philomath, with Mia Rust adding 14.

Fausett and O’Brien both made the all-tournament team, while Pankalla was named the Most Valuable Player.

Astoria 60, Marshfield 22

The Fishermen secured their spot in the final with a 60-22 win over Marshfield Friday.

Astoria went on a 21-2 run and forced 28 turnovers in the first half. The Fishermen had 20 steals before halftime.

Hailey O’Brien led Astoria with 18 points, followed by Brooklynn Hankwitz (11) and Mollie Matthews (10). Kajsa Jackson added eight points and 10 rebounds.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Pleasant Hill edges Warrenton

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After opening the Dayton Tournament with an overtime win over No. 1-ranked Santiam Christian last Thursday, the Warrenton Warriors went 0-for-2 the next two days.

Western Christian — the No. 1-ranked team at the 2A level — pounded Warrenton 72-38 Friday, and Pleasant Hill edged the Warriors 42-40 in a consolation game Saturday afternoon.

Warrenton coach Nate McBride said of undefeated Western Christian (8-0), “they are on another level. I think they could win 4A title. Them and Seaside would be fun to watch, they play very similar. Western is a little more aggressive and (6-foot-4 senior Payton) Richardson is a legit stud.”

Devin Jackson scored 17 points, but “they overwhelmed us early and often in the full court press,” McBride said. “Payton Richardson (signed with Seattle-Pacific) is probably the best player, 4A down. In the tournament they won by 31, 34, and beat No. 4-ranked Dayton by 37 in the championship game.”

In Saturday’s game against Pleasant Hill, Jackson again led the Warriors with 19 points and 13 rebounds. Austin Little chipped in 10, and Jake Morrow had nine.

The teams were tied 17-17 tie at halftime. Warrenton took a brief lead in the second half before the Billies rallied to take an eight-point lead.

Warrenton tied it at 38-38, and — trailing 42-40 — Little had a steal with 25 seconds left that set up a 3-pointer for Jackson as time expired, but the shot rimmed around and out.

“They were a very solid team and executed well,” McBride said of the Billies. “They finished fifth last year and returned an all-state player. It was a tough loss for us, but the kids battled and competed all weekend long in a tough tournament. They weren’t discouraged by how tough Western was the night before and showed up to play.”

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Warrenton wins one, loses two at Dayton

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The Warrenton girls basketball team finished the Dayton Tournament with one win and two losses over the weekend.

After an opening round loss to Santiam Christian (36-28), the Lady Warriors bounced back Friday with a 35-15 victory over host Dayton.

Pleasant Hill defeated Warrenton 48-36 in a Saturday afternoon consolation round contest, dropping the Warriors to 2-5 overall.

Angeni Yeo had 25 points, four rebounds and three assists for the Billies (7-1), who were coming off a 68-41 loss to Clatskanie the day before.

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