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## Marist stuns Seaside

Gulls haven't lost at home since 2017

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The Marist boys basketball team accomplished one of the toughest tasks in Oregon high school sports Friday night — the Spartans defeated Seaside on the Gulls' home floor.

Despite the No. 2 ranking for Marist, when you beat a team that's won its last 27 games at home and hasn't lost on its home floor in over two years (and 43-1 over the last four years) — it's considered an upset.

Seaside held a brief lead in the first quarter, before the Spartans grabbed a 12-11 advantage late in the quarter and never gave it up in a 63-54 win over the No. 3-ranked Gulls.

Marist overcame foul trouble and a big disadvantage at the free throw line, where Seaside finished 17-of-24. The Spartans were just 2-for-5 until the final two minutes of the game, when the Gulls were forced to foul.

Six-foot-4 forward Ben Morehouse scored 20 points to lead Marist, while 6-4 Luke Eagen added 18 and 6-2 Alec Vendetti scored 16 before fouling out. All three players are juniors.

Seaside senior Ryan Hague poured in a game-high 23 and Beau Johnson added 14, including a 3-pointer and a layup early in the third quarter that helped the Gulls rally from a 30-23 deficit to tie the game at 33-33.

From there, the Spartans finished the quarter with a 15-4 run.

A barrage of 3-point baskets by Morehouse and Eagen helped Marist build a 56-47 lead midway through the fourth, and the Spartans made just enough free throws in the final 2:27 to hold off Seaside, which had not lost at home since Dec. 16, 2017.

Seaside returns to action for another tough nonleague contest, Tuesday at Dayton, ranked No. 2 at the 3A level.

A bright spot for the Gulls — in the junior varsity game, Seaside rallied from a 22-point deficit in the second half to defeat Marist in overtime.

Cash Corder hit a long 3-pointer with one second left in regulation to tie the game.

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

**TUESDAY**  
**Girls Basketball** — Warrenton at Yamhill-Carlton, 7 p.m.; Knappa at Neah-Kah-Nie, 6:15 p.m.; Jewell at C.S. Lewis, 5:30 p.m.  
**Boys Basketball** — Seaside at Dayton, 6:30 p.m.; Warrenton at Yamhill-Carlton, 5:30 p.m.; Knappa at Neah-Kah-Nie, 8 p.m.; Jewell at C.S. Lewis, 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Girls Basketball** — Seaside at Warrenton, 7 p.m.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
**Anchorage Christian 92, Astoria 65**  
AST (65): Halle Helmersen 24, O'Brien 10, Fausett 9, Hankwitz 8, Espelien 5, Jackson 5, Matthews 2, Rasmussen 2, Long, Norman, Norris, Cole.  
**AC (92):** Sunny Pedebone 26, Reimers 17, Sellers 13, Powell 12, Smallwood 9, Pickard 8, Sorrells 6, Clark 1.

**Astoria** 22 11 17 15—65  
**Anchorage** 22 20 31 19—92

**Astoria 64, Barrow 61**  
AST (64): Halle Helmersen 13, Hankwitz 12, Jackson 12, Long 8, O'Brien 8, Fausett 7, Matthews 2, Rasmussen 2, Norris, Cole.  
**BAR (61):** Jenilee Donovan 19, Kaleak 15, L.Brower 10, C.Brower 8, Grimes 6, Chestman-Adams 3.

**Astoria** 19 14 16 15—64  
**Barrow** 15 15 18 13—61

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
**Warrenton 56, Astoria 34**  
AST (34): Dylan Junes 15, Marincovich 11, Field 6, Brockman 2, Schaueremann 1, Matthews 1, Tumbarello, Boudreau.  
**WAR (56):** Dawson Little 19, Jackson 13, A.Little 13, Bodden-Bodden 7, Green 2, Xochipiltcatl 2, Moha, Maddox, Salcedo.

**Astoria** 17 2 9 6—34  
**Warrenton** 11 15 18 12—56

**Marist Catholic 63, Seaside 54**  
MAR (63): Ben Morehouse 20, L.Eagen 18, Vendetti 16, Harbert 7.  
**SEA (54):** Ryan Hague 23, Be.Johnson 14, Mieth 6, Snyder 9, Br.Johnson 3, Sibony 2, Langmo 2, Bennett 1, Pugh, Kawasoe.

**Marist** 16 14 18 15—63  
**Seaside** 14 9 14 17—54

**Knappa 78, Toledo 74**  
KNA (78): Devin Hoover 21, Eli Takalo 21, Westerholm 16, Phillip 14, Mieth 6.

**Toledo (76):** Conner Marchant 35, K.Horward 14, Rothberger 8, McAlpine 7, Loper 5, Rozewski 2.

**Knappa** 16 19 20 23—78  
**Toledo** 13 15 15 33—76



Lisa Hankwitz

The 'Hal Snow/Michael Foster Traveling Team from Astoria,' following their second place finish in the Pepsi Invitational in Anchorage.

## Anchorage team scores 92 in win over Astoria

By GARY HENLEY  
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There was no lack of offense Saturday night in Anchorage, Alaska, where the Astoria and Anchorage Christian girls basketball teams met in the championship game of the Denali Auto Glass/Pepsi Invitational.

The two teams — who will likely be playing for state championships in their respective states two months from now — combined for 157 points, with Anchorage Christian scoring the majority.

The Lady Lions put up a whopping 92 points on the best defensive high school team in Oregon, in a 92-65 win over Astoria.

On the bright side, the Lady Fishermen — who prefer to be called the "Hal Snow/Michael Foster Traveling Team" in recognition of their Alaska road trip sponsors — should win the rest of their games in the regular season.

In fact, Anchorage Christian — five-time state champions in Alaska since 2008 — may be "the best team we've faced, and probably will play this year," said Astoria coach Mike Jacobson. "We played pretty good, but we got out of rotation a few too many times defensively and that really hurt us."

Astoria's high pressure defense did not work against the Lions, who only had 17 turnovers — about 20 below what the Fishermen usually force.

Meanwhile, the Lady Fish had 23 turnovers, made just 17-of-45 shots from the field (7-of-12 from the 3-point line), and were outrebounded 46 to 26.

Still, the game was tied 22-22 after one quarter, and Astoria was very much within striking distance at halftime, trailing 42-33.

It was a 31-17 run by Anchorage Christian in the third quarter that helped the Lions build a 23-point lead going to the fourth.

The two physical teams committed a combined 40 fouls, resulting in 52 free throws.

Astoria was 10-of-21 at the line to 19-of-31 for Anchorage Christian.



Cecilia Cole

Members of the Astoria girls basketball team also had time for some touring on their Alaskan adventure, spending time here on the Alyeska Aerial Tramway.

Brooklynn Hankwitz fouled out for the Fishermen, while three Anchorage players finished with four fouls each.

Anchorage had four players in double figures, led by Sunny Pedebone with 26 points. Destiny Reimers added 17, Sayvia Sellers scored 13 and Adara Powell finished with 12.

Halle Helmersen poured in 24 points for Astoria, but Hailey O'Brien was the only other player in double figures with 10.

"Halle played by far her best game of the season," said Jacobson, whose team will take a few days off before returning to action Friday at Molalla.

### Astoria 64, Barrow 61

In Friday's win over Barrow, Astoria held a slim 49-48 lead heading into the final quarter, before finishing off a 64-61 win.

The Fishermen shot well for the second day in a row, connecting on 24-of-57 shots from the field, 2-of-10 from the 3-point line.

Barrow struggled from close range shots (8-of-27 on two-point field goals, 12-for-23 at the free throw line), but made 11-of-28 3-pointers.

Once again, Astoria used its overpowering defense to force 26 turnovers, with 14 team steals.

Offensively, Halle Helmersen led the way with 13 points, followed by Brooklynn Hankwitz and Kajsa Jackson with 12 each. Astoria had eight players in the scoring column.

Helmersen added seven rebounds and four assists. Five players had multiple steals.

Jenilee Donovan of Barrow led all scorers with 19 points with teammate Katelyn Kaleak adding 15.

The Fishermen won an award for highest team free throw percentage for the tournament (74%), while Hankwitz and Helmersen were both named to the all-tournament team.

In addition to the contributions from Snow and Foster, Jordan Schnitzer contributed a \$5,000 grant for the road trip.

## PREP ROUNDUP

### Little leads Warrenton boys past Astoria

Warrenton trailed 17-11 after one quarter, then went on a 45-17 run over the final three, on its way to a historic 56-34 win over Astoria in a nonleague Clatsop Clash boys basketball game Saturday at Warrenton.

Freshman Dawson Little scored a game-high 19 for the Warriors, with 13 points apiece for Devin Jackson and Austin Little.

After Astoria's Xander Marincovich scored 10 points in the first quarter, Warrenton coach Nate McBride said, "We switched up defenses and really tried to limit his touches, and (Marincovich) only had a free throw the rest of

the game.

"Hordie Bodden-Bodden did a great job on him, and had six steals for the game to go with seven points," he said. "Dawson Little had a huge game for us. His 12 first half points kept us in it the first half, and then he had seven in the third when we were building a lead."

Jackson added 10 rebounds for the Warriors, who were still playing without Jake Morrow.

Dylan Jones scored 15 points for the Fishermen, who were missing players for the holiday break.

"I know (the Fishermen) were a little short-handed as well — seems like they have been missing a guy or two all season long," McBride said. "I believe this is

the first time Warrenton has beat Astoria's varsity in the history of the two programs, so it is significant for us in that sense."

### Mannahouse defeats Seaside girls, 40-38

Seaside won one and lost two games in the Stayton Holiday Classic, last Thursday through Saturday.

After opening with a loss to Cottage Grove, the Lady Gulls bounced back with a 40-38 win over Woodburn, then finished with a 37-29 loss to Mannahouse Christian (formerly City Christian) in a Saturday morning contest.

Calieigh Peterson scored 15 points in Friday's win, picking up the slack for Lilli Taylor, who suffered an ankle sprain in Thursday's loss.

Peterson "had an excellent floor game, especially in Lilli's absence," said Seaside coach Mike Hawes. "We got Ruby (Douglas) going too."

By the third day, "physical fatigue led to mental errors galore," he said. "I thought maybe we could sneak in a win with Lilli still nursing a sprained ankle."

Tristyn McFadden led Seaside with eight points in Saturday's loss.

The Gulls play at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Warrenton.

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