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The Warrenton wrestling team, following their team wins last weekend at the Ilwaco Beach Brawl.

Corey Conant

Warrenton wrestlers win the Beach Brawl

By **GARY HENLEY**
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With the post-season fast approaching, the Warrenton wrestling team is beginning to heat up again, as the Warriors won their third tournament of the season over the weekend.

The Warriors made the short trip across the river and won the team title of the annual Beach Brawl, held Saturday at Ilwaco High School.

Warrenton racked up 179 points to top the 16-team field, finishing 20 points ahead of second-place Ilwaco (159) with Rainier (134.5) third.

Other local teams competing included Seaside (11th), Astoria (13th) and Knappa (16th).

“We scored a lot of bonus points for falls, and everybody contributed,” said Warrenton coach Corey Conant. “Sam Irwin won the title at 220, and Jade Vollner and Isabella Carr each won in the girls division.”

The Warrenton boys won one individ-

ual title, with three second-place finishes.

At 220 pounds, Irwin only had to wrestle twice to win the championship.

After two byes, he pinned Dylan Prock of Nestucca in 33 seconds, then won by fall over Dakota Shepard of Ilwaco in 1:52.

Warrenton’s Aricin Rodriguez was second at 106, with wins over Jacob Whittles of Nestucca and Daniel Snyder of Life Christian, before Tyson Portman of Raymond scored a 4-3 decision over Rodriguez in the final.

Armin Rodriguez won his first two matches by fall at 126 pounds, then lost a 9-6 decision to Rainier’s Logan Chapman in the title match.

Parker Greenawald did the same at 132, winning in the quarterfinals and semifinals, before Kelso’s Hudson Backman pinned Greenawald in the final.

Alex Tapia added fourth place points at 160.

In the girls’ tournament, Carr pinned her first two opponents (Brooklynn Hanna of Life Christian and Bethany Martin of Ilwaco), then won by injury

default in the final at 146-159 pounds.

Vollner won by fall in all three of her matches in the 190-235 division, including a pin over Ilwaco’s Serena Kuhn (1:27) in the final.

Seaside scored 56 team points, mostly from four fourth place finishes.

Andrew Gastelum lost in the semifinals to Greenawald, then scored a major decision (11-2) over Deryk Turner of Neah-Kah-Nie in a consolation match.

Everett Rollins won three matches in consolation to take fourth at 145; Lawson Talamantez did the same for fourth at 182; and Luke Nelson went 4-1 on the mat for fourth at 195.

For the Fishermen, Astoria’s Gunnar Olsen took second at 120, where Olsen won three in a row in the championship bracket, including a 29-second fall over Seaside’s Frederick Hoeffiger in the quarterfinals and a 6-4 decision against Warrenton’s Austin Atwood in a semifinal.

Will Chavez of Neah-Kah-Nie pinned Olsen in the title match at the 5:27 mark.

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Astoria’s Pizazz preps for state competition

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The Astoria Pizazz dance team had its first competition of the season last Saturday at Canby High School.

There were two rounds — the first was for place awards, and the second round was optional for specialty awards.

“We had five teams in our 1A-4A division,” said Pizazz coach Emily Madsen.

In Round 1, Astoria took second place, 3.77 points behind Valley Catholic.

The other three OSAA divisions include 5A, 6A and Show. Of all 14 high school teams competing, Pizazz had the second highest score.

In Round 2, Astoria received the “Encore” award from the specialty judges, meaning “out of all of the dances, ours was the dance they would choose to see again,” said Madsen, whose assistant coach and

choreographer is Caroline Wright.

Pizazz has two more competitions before they go to state, with their next competition Feb. 15 at Tigard followed by a competition March 7 at Liberty High School.

The OSAA state competition for the 1A-4A division is Friday, March 19, at Portland’s Memorial Coliseum.

Pizazz has 14 dancers (seven returning, seven first-year members) for the 2019-20 season, up from eight dancers last year.

Team members for the 2019-20 season include Emelia Cameron, Isabella Clement, Sarah Duncan, Abigail Farrow, Aliyah Grant, Emmy Huber, Ava Kim, Makayla Martin, Libby Olsen, Sky-lar Sturtz, Audrey Thompson, Liz Varner, Hope Womack and Madison Yeager.

The team captains are Grant and Varner.



Emily Madsen

A last-minute talk by Pizazz team members before their Round 1 performance last weekend.

Seaside girls beat Banks

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While Astoria has essentially locked up the Cowapa League girls basketball championship, the race for second place could come down to the final night of the league season, two weeks from now.

At the midway point of the league season, the Lady Fishermen are 4-0 atop the league standings.

And with four games to go, Seaside moved into a three-way tie for second place at 2-2, following a 37-30 Gulls’ win Tuesday night at Banks. The Braves are also 2-2, along with Valley Catholic.

After trailing 13-9 late in the first quarter, Seaside’s Ruby Douglas scored inside to spark a 10-0 run by the Gulls.

Banks rallied to tie the game at 22-22 early in the second half, but Seaside put the game away with four straight baskets, from Lilli Taylor, Ellisa Blodgett, Caleigh Peterson and Blodgett again, leading to a decisive 10-2 third quarter for the Gulls.

“The girls gave the old man a nice birthday present,” said Seaside coach Mike Hawes, who was celebrating a birthday.

He called it a “Fun, good win on Banks’s floor. We were just steady throughout, broke their press, got it to Ruby (Douglas) to finish.”

Tristyn McFadden “had a great floor game, and all the girls were awesome,” Hawes said. “We spread it out for Lilli and made some free throws to keep the lead. I felt like we were going to play well and we did, for four quarters.”

Douglas scored 12 points to go with 12 rebounds to lead the Gulls, while Taylor made 1-of-6 shots from the field and 6-of-8 at the free throw line for six points.

Seaside hosts Astoria Friday.

PREP ROUNDUP

GIRLS BASKETBALL BOYS BASKETBALL

Warrenton cruises past Taft for first league win

A 15-0 run in the third quarter was all Warrenton needed Tuesday night at home, as the Warriors scored a 31-19 win over Taft in a Coastal Range League girls basketball game.

Kenzie Ramsey scored nine points to lead the Warrenton attack, with six points apiece from Annie Heyen and Avyree Miethe.

The Warriors held a 12-8 lead at halftime, prior to the third quarter run.

“We played really good defense and forced a lot of turnovers to pull it out,” said Warrenton coach Jake Mullins. “Really great getting our first league win.”

The Warriors play Friday at Rainier.

Knappa Loggers hold off Faith Bible in 67-58 win

In a much closer game than expected, Knappa scored a 67-58 win Tuesday night at Faith Bible, to avoid a huge upset in a Northwest League boys basketball game.

Mason Westerholm poured in a game-high 30 points, and Logan Morrill stepped into a starting role and added 14 points for the first-place Loggers.

He also “played great on the defensive end of the floor,” said Knappa coach Paul Isom, whose team actually trailed 19-9 early in the second quarter, and 26-24 at halftime.

Knappa still trailed 43-42 to start the fourth, before going on a 7-0 run to take command.

Devin Hoover scored 13 points and Kanai Phillip added

10 for the Loggers, while “Camo (Miethe) was his usual disruptive self defensively,” Isom said. “It was not the prettiest win we have had, but I can’t complain with a road win in league.”

Knappa hosts Mannahouse Christian Thursday.

In the girls’ game, 10th-ranked Faith Bible defeated Knappa, 59-48, dropping the Loggers to 4-9 in league play.

Warrenton crushes Taft for 29-point win

Warrenton trailed Taft 12-11 after one quarter Tuesday night then outscored the Tigers 39-7 over the next 18 minutes to score an easy 64-35 win in a Coastal Range League boys basketball game.

Devin Jackson pumped in 23 points and Jake Morrow added 13 for Warrenton, which outscored Taft 26-7 over the second and third quarters.

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SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE THURSDAY					
Girls Basketball — Mannahouse Christian at Knappa, 6 p.m.; Jewell at Crosshill Christian, 5:30 p.m.					
Boys Basketball — Mannahouse Christian at Knappa, 7:45 p.m.; Jewell at Crosshill Christian, 7 p.m.					
FRIDAY					
Girls Basketball — Astoria at Seaside, 6 p.m.; Warrenton at Rainier, 6 p.m.					
Boys Basketball — Astoria at Seaside, 7:45 p.m.; Warrenton at Rainier, 7:30 p.m.					
BOYS BASKETBALL					
Banks 73, Seaside 60					
SEA (60): Brayden Johnson 16, Hague 15, Be. Johnson 13, Snyder 12, Bennett 2, Sibony, Pugh.					
BAN (73): Tyler Exline 21, Slifka 17, White 10, Evans 9, Walker 8, Taylor 5, Gobel 2, Buliga 2.					
Seaside	19	10	15	16—60	
Banks	11	19	8	35—73	
GIRLS BASKETBALL					
Seaside 37, Banks 30					
SEA (37): Ruby Douglas 12, Taylor 8, Blodgett 6, McFadden 4, Peterson 4, Doney 3.					
BAN (30): Maggie Streblow 11, Hailey 7, Johnson 4, Evans 4, VanDomelen 2, Minervini 2.					
Seaside	14	6	10	7—37	
Banks	13	7	2	8—30	