

SPORTS

# Gymnastic teams place second at state

The Astorian

Two teams from Astoria's Infinity Gymnastics soared to second-place state finishes at the Xcel Oregon Invitational in Salem in May, breaking new ground for local gymnastics.

Competing in their first meet, the Xcel Bronze team placed second out of seven teams with an all-around team score of 113.4, behind only Silverton Gymnastics (116.5).

Infinity's Bronze team includes Maisie DeSart, Gemma Geyer, Ravyn Hano, Sloane Oman, Summer Starley and Finn Vaughn Hume.

DeSart tied for first in the vault (9.60) and floor exercise (9.65) and tied for first in the all-around score with Sil-



Nancy Taylor

**The Infinity Gymnastics' Silver team shows off its new second-place banner from the state meet.**

verton's Eva Gray (38.150).

Hano was eighth in the all-around (36.95), and Oman tied for first in the vault (9.60) and floor (9.65), for 10th overall.

The Infinity Silver

team — Erika Gantenbein, Corinne Geyer, Kalista Giles, Adelia Lippold, Nevaeh Nichols and Aasha Slot — combined for a 115.65 all-around score, second behind only Silverton (116.45) out of 11 teams in the Xcel Silver competition.

Slot, in the Junior B division, had the big day for Infinity, placing first with an all-around score of 38.750. She highlighted her meet with a 9.90 for first in the bars, with additional scores of 9.75 (tied for first in the floor), 9.60 (second in the vault) and 9.50 (third on the beam). Lippold was ninth in the Junior B division.

In the CH division, Gantenbein finished sixth overall with a 38.15 in the all-around score, and was third

in the vault (9.55) and tied for third on the beam (9.60).

Nichols was eighth and Giles ninth in all-around scoring.

Competing for the Gold team were Maevri Bergeron, Karli Gantenbein and Lily Schaeffling.

"All our girls did their best and we are extremely proud of them and their accomplishments," said Infinity director and owner Nancy Taylor. "Our team coaches Douglas Oldham and Darian Hageman have done an amazing job preparing our girls for this short competition season. Infinity is very grateful to have such amazing team coaches."

The 2021-22 season for Infinity Gymnastics begins July 5.

# Last-second shot helps Dayton beat Astoria

The Astorian

The Astoria boys basketball team rallied from an 18-6 deficit in the second quarter, and took brief leads in the second half before Dayton scored on an offensive rebound basket at the buzzer for a 36-34 victory Friday at the Brick House.

Niko Boudreau and Colton McMaster led Astoria's comeback over the second and third quarters, with Boudreau scoring nine in the third, capped by a 3-pointer that gave Astoria a 26-25 lead.

Dayton rallied and, holding a 34-32 advantage in the closing minute of the fourth quarter and looking to run time off the clock, a Pirate pass was intercepted by Astoria's Bo Williams, who drove the length of the floor to tie the game at 34-34 with 30 seconds left.

The Pirates played for the final shot — and missed — but Trae Wall grabbed the offensive rebound and scored as time expired.

Dayton made buzzer-beating shots to end the first, third and fourth quarters.

## Rainier 42, Warrenton 35

Warrenton lost for the first time in league play Friday night at Rainier, where the Columbians snapped a

31-31 tie after three quarters and posted a 42-35 win over the Warriors.

Rainier's Kenney Tripp scored six points in the fourth quarter, helping the Columbians to their first win following an extended baseball season.

After losing a Thursday night battle at Knappa, it was the second night on the road for the Warriors, who struggled to score after putting up just four points each in the second and fourth quarters.

Warrenton has league games vs. Clatskanie and Willamina this week, and a nonleague contest Saturday vs. Seaside.

## Knappa 47, Gaston 24

Knappa's Brandon Gale and Logan Morrill scored 12 points apiece — equaling Gaston's point total for the night — helping the Loggers to a 47-24 win over the Greyhounds in Northwest League action Friday.

Shane McMahan hit three 3-pointers and finished with 11 points, while Mark Miller and Tucker Kinder played important minutes and gave Knappa a spark off the bench.

The Loggers held Gaston to just nine points in the second half, and just two points in the fourth quarter.

# Astoria girls dominate Dayton, 44-20

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The Astoria girls basketball team is rounding into championship form, as the Lady Fishermen played their best half of the season Friday in a 44-20 win at Dayton.

In typical Astoria fashion, the Fishermen jumped all over Dayton in the opening minutes, and led 18-1 after one quarter. The Pirates tripled their point total in the second period, but Astoria had the game wrapped up by halftime, 30-3.

Sophie Long led the Lady Fish with 14 points, followed by Halle Helmersen with 11.

## Rainier 31, Warrenton 17

A low-scoring first half ended with Warrenton holding a 7-5 lead at halftime, but Rainier controlled the second half for a 31-17 win over the Warriors in a Coastal Range League game Friday night at Warrenton.

The Columbians managed

## PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

### TUESDAY

**Boys Basketball** — Astoria at Valley Catholic, 6 p.m.; Tillamook at Seaside, 6 p.m.; Clatskanie at Warrenton, 7 p.m.

**Girls Basketball** — Valley Catholic at Astoria, 6 p.m.; Seaside at Tillamook, 6 p.m.; Warrenton at Clatskanie, 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

**Boys Basketball** — Nestucca at Knappa, 6 p.m.

**Girls Basketball** — Knappa at Nestucca, 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY

**Boys Basketball** — Seaside at Banks, 6 p.m.

**Girls Basketball** — Banks at Seaside, 6 p.m.

night at home against Gaston, and the Lady Loggers maintained the lead and held on for a 32-22 Northwest League win.

Taryn Barendse led Knappa with 10 rebounds and three assists, while Hannah Dietrichs scored 11 points with nine boards.

The Loggers were coming off an emotional win over Warrenton the night before.

"After a strong game on Thursday night, we started the game a little flat on Friday," said Knappa coach Tracie Brockey.

Knappa missed its first 11 free throw attempts in the first half, but the Greyhounds struggled with 20-plus turnovers in the first half.

"The girls refocused and had a much stronger second quarter (going on a 12-2 run), connecting on some nice passes, and stepping up their defensive pressure," Brockey said. "I think their legs were a little tired, but they found ways to keep the lead and

close it out."

She added, "We are still brushing the dust off from the long offseason. I think we are going to see a lot of growth in this group of ladies, as many of them are seeing varsity minutes for the first time. The girls are supportive of one another and even though the season is short, I'm excited to see them come together to accomplish their goals."

Knappa plays Wednesday at Nestucca.

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