

CROSS-COUNTRY

SPORTS

Astoria boys qualify for state meet

The Astorian

The Astoria boys did not have a single runner in the top six, but team depth pulled the Fishermen through for a state-qualifying second place finish in the team standings Thursday in the Cowapa League cross-country championships.

The top six places went to four Valley Catholic runners and two from Tillamook, before Astoria junior John Clement crossed the finish line in seventh, covering the 5,000-meter course at Tillamook’s Alderbrook Golf Course in 17 minutes, 41.9 seconds.

Seaside sophomore James Roehr placed eighth in 17:55, and he was followed by Astoria juniors Tommy Laman (ninth, 18:04) and John Colquhoun (10th, 18:26), both of whom posted personal best times.

In quick succession after that, two Valley Catholic runners finished 11th and 12th, followed by three Astoria seniors: Cole Hudnall, Elias Harding-Coe and Daniel Messing.

Valley Catholic easily won the team championship with 27 points, followed by Astoria (53), Tillamook (61) and Seaside (100).

Since just the top two teams qualify for state (next Saturday in Eugene), it came down to a race between the Fishermen and Cheesemakers for second.

“We knew it was going to be a close race with Tillamook, and that every spot was going to count for us to where it could come down to one or two points deciding who qualifies for state,” said Astoria coach Andrew Fick.

A former Fishermen runner himself, Fick said, “It’s the first time since 2012 that we’ve qualified a full boys team. We had a lot more PRs and season bests today, which is exactly where you hope you’ll be.”

The constant rain made for a lot of water on the course.

“It was a really rainy and slick day,” Fick said. “There



Photos by Aly O'Connor

Astoria's state qualifying runners celebrate following Thursday's league championship meet.



Astoria cross-country coach Andrew Fick, right, checks on results as they come in during Thursday's meet.

were several runners who had falls, but we worked through it and made a great day out of it. Everyone on our team, runners one through seven, stepped up and did what they needed to do.”

Clement “ran with a lot of grit and flipped a spot, and Tommy and Jack both held off some strong runners from Valley Catholic. I’m really proud of how Cole, Elias, and Daniel raced. They all finished within four seconds of each other, held off Valley Catholic and Tillamook runners, and really made the difference in giving us some breathing room with scoring.”

Valley Catholic also won the girls’ team title, finishing with 25 points (five runners among the top 10 placers), followed by Tillamook (46),

Seaside (64) and Astoria (82).

Maslin Sigler of Valley Catholic was the individual winner in 19:56, followed by sophomore teammate Brooke Heussner (20:05) and Valiant freshman Jaya Simmons (20:37).

The Gulls and Fishermen both had individual state qualifiers, as Astoria junior Ella Zilli took fourth (20:54) and Seaside senior Elise Seppa was fifth (personal best 21:17), as the top seven runners all qualified for state.

“Ella ran really well,” Fick said. “She ran a second faster than when we ran on a similar course in Tillamook a couple weeks ago, but this was a much more difficult day. She seems to be peaking well and running really competitively. I’m excited to see how we run in Eugene next weekend.”

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

Volleyball — 3A state playoff: Warrenton at Horizon Christian, Tualatin, 1 p.m.
Boys Soccer — 4A state play-in: Seaside at Hidden Valley, 1 p.m.

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COWAPA LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Boys Individual
1, Henry Tierney, VC, 16:23.6
2, Devon Franske, Til, 16:33.5
3, Johnathan Gingerich, Til, 16:52.4
4, Jonathan Nerenberg, VC, 17:02.9
5, Morgan Amano, VC, 17:15.0
6, Ryan Hoffman, VC, 17:36.8
7, John Clement, Ast, 17:41.9
8, James Roehr, Sea, 17:55.1
9, Tommy Laman, Ast, 18:04.5
10, John Colquhoun, Ast, 18:26.6
(Astoria and Seaside)
13, Cole Hudnall, Ast, 19:12.6
14, Elias Harding-Coe, Ast, 19:14.5
15, Daniel Messing, Ast, 19:16.1
18, Stephen Ero, Ast, 19:27.1
21, Everett Rollins, Sea, 20:33.0
22, Brody Brenden, Sea, 20:49.5
27, Kyan Harper, Sea, 21:53.6
28, Robbie Bergman, Sea, 21:57.4
30, Sean Kerwin, Sea, 22:32.0
Girls Individual
1, Maslin Sigler, VC, 19:56.5
2, Brooke Heussner, VC, 20:05.4
3, Jaya Simmons, VC, 20:37.0
4, Ella Zilli, Ast, 20:54.1
5, Elise Seppa, Sea, 21:17.6
(Astoria and Seaside)
11, Layla Varozza, Sea, 22:46.2
14, Keira Long, Ast, 23:10.3
15, Margaret Goin, Sea, 23:14.5
16, Tara Lair, Sea, 23:19.4
17, Reese Clark, Sea, 23:43.4
21, Raina Reed, Ast, 25:46.5
22, Arin Blankenship, Ast, 26:23.6
25, Brooke O'Connor, Ast, 28:59.7

GIRLS SOCCER

Astoria moves on, Seaside season ends in overtime

The Astorian

The Astoria girls soccer program broke down another big barrier Thursday night, as the Lady Fishermen won a post-season game for (possibly) the first time ever, with a 3-1 decision over Molalla in a state play-in qualifier at CMH Field.

Astoria lost district playoff games in 2001 and 2007, and the Lady Fish were 0-7 in their previous seven play-in games, all on the road. Astoria was also outscored 28-0 in those seven contests. (Astoria lost a 6-2 decision to Marist in a “showcase” post-season game last spring).

In Thursday’s game, Astoria’s Maddie Sisley scored in the first half for a 1-nil halftime lead, and Astoria tacked on second half goals from Karen Jimenez (penalty kick after Sisley was fouled in the box), and the third goal by Pele Starr-Hollow.

“It was really just our persistence in getting to the ball, winning the 50-50s, and the mental toughness of the girls,” said Astoria coach Tim Fastabend. “It was our third game in four days, and they just gutted it out. The defensive back line also had a great night.”

Astoria has never won in the round of 16, but can break that barrier next week, when the Fish compete in a first round state playoff match, place and time to be announced.

Estacada 1, Seaside 0

After 99 minutes, 23 seconds of soccer in the rain — plus one lights-out delay — a winner was finally decided in a state play-in qualifier at

Broadway Field, where Seaside was hosting Estacada in 4A girls soccer action.

Estacada senior Katie Willis scored with just 37 seconds left in the second 10-minute overtime session, sending the Rangers past the Gulls, 1-0. The contest included a 20-minute delay in the second half when the lights went out at Broadway.

Even in the light, shots on goal were hard to come by for both of the evenly-matched teams. Seaside finished the season at 7-7-1 overall, while Estacada (7-6-2) moves on to the round of 16.

Estacada’s first shot on goal came in the 26th minute of the first half, also by Willis. Willis had a one-on-one in the 30th minute with Seaside freshman goalkeeper Abygale Brien, who stopped the attempt.

Brien would make several more saves, including two by Willis in the second half of regulation and two in the first 10 minutes of overtime.

The Gulls were equally unlucky on offense, with a pair of attempts by Emma Arden in the second half stopped by Ranger goalkeeper Hannah Lake, and additional shots by Arden and freshman Kaylee Snyder in overtime were saved.

Willis was fouled just outside the 18-yard box with a minute remaining in the second half of overtime, and her free kick from 19-yards out was deflected by Brien off the right post and into the net with 37 seconds left.

The Gulls carried nine seniors on their roster, along with eight freshmen. Seaside was also the only Cowapa League team with a junior varsity squad this season.

US moves closer to vaccine for children

By LAURAN NEERGAARD and MATTHEW PERRONE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration on Friday paved the way for children ages 5 to 11 to get Pfizer’s COVID-19 vaccine.

The FDA cleared kid-size doses — just a third of the amount given to teens and adults — for emergency use, and up to 28 million more American children could be eligible for vaccinations as early as next week.

One more regulatory hurdle remains: On Tuesday, advisers to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will make more detailed recommendations on which

youngsters should get vaccinated, with a final decision by the agency’s director expected shortly afterwards. “The rationale here is protect your children so that they can get back towards normal life,” said FDA vaccine chief Dr. Peter Marks. “The tremendous cost of this pandemic has not just been in physical illness, it’s been in the psychological, the social development of children” too.

A few countries have begun using other COVID-19 vaccines in children under 12, including China, which just began vaccinations for 3-year-olds. But many that use the vaccine made by Pfizer and its partner BioNTech are watching the U.S. decision, and European regulators just began

considering the companies’ kid-size doses.

With FDA’s action, Pfizer plans to begin shipping millions of vials of the pediatric vaccine — in orange caps to avoid mix-ups with the purple-capped doses for everyone else — to doctors’ offices, pharmacies and other vaccination sites. Once the CDC issues its ruling, eligible kids will get two shots, three weeks apart.

While children are at lower risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19 than older people, 5- to 11-year-olds still have been seriously affected — including over 8,300 hospitalizations, about a third requiring intensive care. The FDA said 146 deaths have been reported in that age group.

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
60 44	60 46	56 46	58 48	57 47	57 46	55 46
Plenty of sun	Plenty of sunshine	Rain in the morning	Decreasing clouds	Rain	Chance of a shower	Cloudy, rain possible

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Astoria through Thursday

Temperatures

High/low	60/51
Normal high/low	58/43
Record high	72 in 1962
Record low	26 in 1971

Precipitation

Thursday	1.07"
Month to date	7.06"
Normal month to date	5.89"
Year to date	50.04"
Normal year to date	47.68"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: After sunset, Venus at greatest elongation east.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:54 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:04 p.m.
Moonrise today	1:14 a.m.
Moonset today	4:10 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
Nov 4	Nov 11	Nov 19	Nov 27

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
10:06 a.m.	6.4	3:21 a.m.	1.0	
9:21 p.m.	6.4	3:52 p.m.	3.2	
Cape Disappointment				
9:50 a.m.	6.3	2:38 a.m.	1.1	
9:04 p.m.	6.3	3:24 p.m.	3.5	
Hammond				
9:59 a.m.	6.7	2:56 a.m.	0.9	
9:16 p.m.	6.6	3:35 p.m.	3.4	
Warrenton				
10:01 a.m.	6.8	3:05 a.m.	1.1	
9:16 p.m.	6.8	3:36 p.m.	3.3	
Knappa				
10:43 a.m.	6.8	4:22 a.m.	0.9	
9:58 p.m.	6.7	4:53 p.m.	2.8	
Depoe Bay				
9:10 a.m.	6.7	2:07 a.m.	1.1	
8:17 p.m.	6.6	2:48 p.m.	3.8	

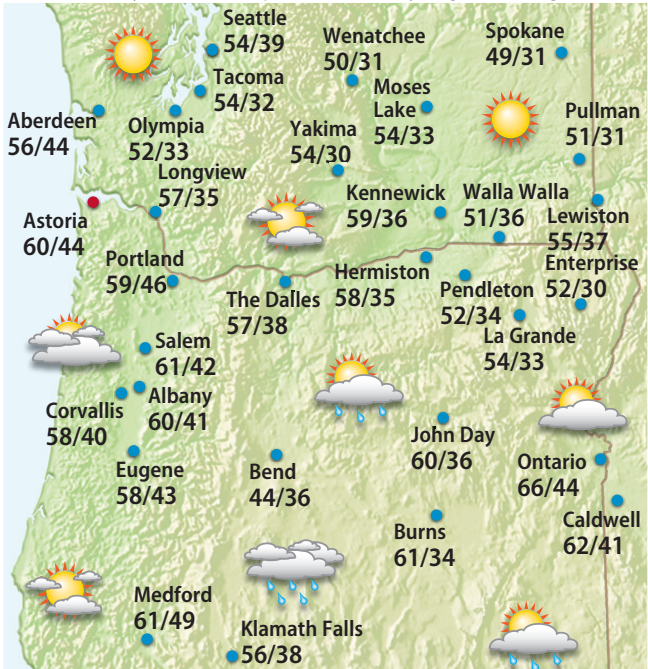
NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Sun.
	Hi/Low	Hi/Low
Atlanta	58/50/sh	66/48/pc
Boston	60/55/s	63/51/c
Chicago	58/44/c	54/37/s
Dallas	75/50/s	77/52/s
Denver	66/33/s	50/31/c
Honolulu	84/71/c	84/71/pc
Houston	76/48/s	80/54/s
Los Angeles	75/56/pc	70/55/pc
Miami	82/67/pc	82/67/c
New York City	62/54/r	61/52/pc
Phoenix	87/62/s	86/60/pc
San Francisco	64/56/c	64/55/pc
Wash., DC	64/54/c	65/51/pc
Weather (W): s=sunny, p=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	Sun.	City	Today	Sun.
	Hi/Low	Hi/Low		Hi/Low	Hi/Low
Baker City	54/32/pc	54/31/s	North Bend	60/51/sh	60/50/c
Brookings	57/51/r	58/53/c	Roseburg	61/50/sh	62/50/pc
Ilwaco	59/49/s	59/50/s	Seaside	60/48/s	61/49/s
Newberg	59/44/pc	61/44/s	Springfield	60/45/sh	60/45/s
Newport	59/45/c	59/45/s	Vancouver	57/47/pc	58/46/s