

SPORTS



Astoria Swimming

The Astoria swim team, including 15 state qualifiers, following last week's district meet.

Multiple state qualifiers for Astoria, Seaside swim teams

By GARY HENLEY
The Astorian

There were no team championships for the locals, but the Astoria and Seaside swim teams will both be sending a busload of athletes to the state meet, Friday and Saturday at Tualatin Hills Aquatic Center in Beaverton.

Newport collected both team championship trophies Saturday, on the final day of the District 1/4A swim meet, held at the Astoria Aquatic Center.

The Cubs won the girls' title with 267 points, well ahead of Valley Catholic (175) and Astoria (154); while the Newport boys racked up 233 points to edge Taft (227), with Seaside (222) placing third, followed by Astoria (206).

The Astoria Fish qualified 15 swimmers for the state meet, including all three boys relay teams and two girls, while Seaside will also send all three boys relay teams, with three boys competing in individual events.

This year's state meet will be a finals-only event, with no

preliminaries, which means fewer qualifying swimmers from district meets. Only first-place swimmers and qualifying times advance to state.

"Even though we didn't have any automatic qualifiers, it was a great meet," said Seaside coach Shane Spell, whose boys team finished third at state last season. "The kids really rose up to the occasion."

Astoria had two first place swims Saturday, as junior Emelia Cameron won the 100-yard freestyle in 1 minute .98 seconds; and the boys' 200-yard freestyle relay foursome of Finn Bizzell, Dylan Farrell, Phelan Dopp and Stephen Ero took first in 1:42, ahead of second-place Seaside (1:45.63).

The rest of the Astoria and Seaside state qualifiers took the wild-card route to state.

Sophomore Hannah Daniels was third in the 500-yard freestyle in 5:54.79, a state-qualifying mark.

Cameron and Daniels will also compete at state along with Brooke O'Connor and Sydney Ferrero on Astoria's 400-yard freestyle relay team,

which took third in 4:34.75.

In the boys 200-yard medley relay, Newport won in 1:48.62, while Seaside (Leif Rehnert, Sam Heroux, Logan Dennis, Liam Matlock) took third in 1:57.01, and Astoria (Dopp, Bizzell, Trevor Newman, Ero) was fourth in 1:58.06. Both times were good enough to advance to state.

And in a very fast 400-yard freestyle relay, won by Newport in 3:32.15, Seaside (Dennis, Matlock, Rehnert, Sean Olea) was third in 3:53.33, and Astoria (Newman, Farrell, Christian Womack, Jacob Peeler) was fifth out of six teams, but still qualified for state.

The Seaside boys will send all three relay squads to state, while other wild card qualifiers included Dennis (100 butterfly, 1:01.72), Heroux (100 breaststroke, 1:12.88) and Rehnert, a student at Warrenton High School (100 backstroke, 1:04.24).

For the Lady Gulls, "Gabriela Tapia placed really well in the 200 IM and 100 fly, a tough combination without a lot of rest between,"

Spell said. "Emma Arden dropped three seconds in her 100 free and had some great relay anchors. Just a wonderful way for her to wrap up her swim career."

Seaside also had "some big time drops by some of our outgoing seniors," Spell said, citing Morgan Houston, Justin Hallock, Aiden Ousley and Elliot Ousley.

"Ty Olea had a great meet and got fourth in the 100 back," he said. "And Sean Olea had a great swim in the 100 breaststroke to help Seaside go two-three."

Spell added, "It's been a great season. The team has really battled through some challenges with illness, injury and missed pool time. I'm excited for one more chance for some of the guys to go fast at state. Last year's state finish was great, but this one is a notch up. It's just different. Qualifying against the traditional competition and without ever having a meet where our full squad was available, is just a great indicator of their perseverance and belief in each other to rise up when needed."

Astoria, Seaside wrestlers qualify for state

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Three Seaside wrestlers and one from Astoria will compete in the upcoming 4A state meet held Feb. 25 and Feb. 26 at Cascade High School.

As usual, Tillamook was the big winner in the District 1/4A state qualifier meet, as the Cheesemakers racked up 401.5 points, ahead of second place Banks (280).

Seaside was sixth and Astoria eighth out of the eight teams.

Seaside senior Everett Rollins was the individual champion at 160 pounds, where he scored decisions over two Tillamook wrestlers.

After byes in the first round and the quarterfi-



Lisa Hofmann

Astoria's regional district competitors, including Will Hofmann (back row, second from left), who took second at 285 pounds to qualify for the state meet.

nals, Rollins had a 7-3 decision over Austin Bosch in a semifinal, then defeated Gilbert Whitlatch with a 14-5 major decision in the final.

Seaside senior Johnathon Kenenounis was second at 120, scoring pins over Jace Thompson of Banks (1:21) in the quarterfinals and Til-

lamook's Lucas Robertson in a semifinal (1:15), before Tillamook's David Weathers won by fall (2:09) over Kenenounis in the championship.

Elsewhere, Seaside senior Lawson Talamantez qualified for state, taking fourth at 220.

Talamantez lost a semi-

final match to Tillamook's Jackson Contreras, then bounced back with a consolation pin over Woodburn's Axel Avendano (2:39), before losing by injury default in the third place match, then winning the fourth place match by no contest over Avendano.

Competing at 285 pounds, Astoria sophomore Will Hofmann placed second with wins in the quarterfinals over Seaside's Logan McCaully (by fall, 54 seconds) and Luke Bigsby (by fall, 1:45) in the semifinals, before Estacada's Devin Gotchall pinned Hofmann in the final in 1:48.

Hofmann accounted for 22 of Astoria's 35 points, and will be the only Fishermen competing at state.

Seaside girls fall to Banks, 43-18

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In their last meeting as members of the same league, Banks turned an 8-6 deficit into a 28-10 halftime lead, and the Braves cruised to a 43-18 win over the Gulls in a Cowapa League girls basketball game Tuesday night.

The Braves — who will drop to the 3A level next school year — found themselves trailing by two points early in the second quarter, following a score by Seaside's Lilli Taylor.

Madysen Bigsby drained a 3-pointer to spark a 22-2 run.

Jocelyn Janecek, Maggie Streblov and Nya Johnson added additional 3-pointers for an 18-point halftime lead.

Taylor scored seven points to lead the Gulls, who close out the regular season Thursday at Astoria.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE		THURSDAY	
Girls Basketball	— Seaside at Astoria, 6 p.m.	Thompson.	BAN (47): Charlie White 13, Mayo 11, Gobel 10, Selleck 7, Vereen 4, Harris 2, Vidmantas.
Boys Basketball	— Seaside at Astoria, 7:40 p.m.; TBA at Warrenton	Seaside 5 6 11 10—32	Banks 11 11 13 12—47
GIRLS BASKETBALL		SWIMMING	
BANKS 43, SEASIDE 18		DISTRICT 1/4A-1A	
SEA (18): Lilli Taylor 7, Klumper 5, Martinez 2, Joli 2, Bowles 2.		Girls team: Newport 267, Valley Catholic 175, Astoria 154, Taft 134, Seaside 130, Tillamook 84, Rainier 48.	
BAN (43): Madysen Bigsby 8, Janecek 6, Walker 5, Johnson 5, Saunders 4, Grossnickle 4, Crowell 4, Rose 4, Streblov 3.		Boys team: Newport 233, Taft 227, Seaside 222, Astoria 206, Valley Catholic 140, Tillamook 95.	
Seaside 2 8 0 8—18		WRESTLING	
Banks 4 12 12 15—43		DISTRICT 1/4A	
BOYS BASKETBALL		Team: Tillamook 401.5, Banks 280, Estacada 254, Woodburn 175.5, North Marion 94, Seaside 83, Molalla 65.5, Astoria 35.	
BANKS 47, SEASIDE 32			
SEA (32): Carson Kawasoe 9, Langmo 8, Corder 7, Sibony 6, White 2, Jantes,			

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Braves defeat Gulls, pull into first-place tie

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The Banks boys basketball team held Seaside to its fewest points in a game in over seven years Tuesday night, as the Braves limited the Gulls' high-powered offense to just 11 points in the first half, on their way to a 47-32 win over Seaside.

The No. 9-ranked Braves pulled into a tie atop the league standings with the No. 4-ranked Gulls, now both 6-1. If both teams win Thursday (Seaside at Astoria, Tillamook at Banks), the Braves and Gulls would play a one-

game tiebreaker Saturday, and Astoria would lock up the No. 3 seed in the Cowapa League, without having to play a league playoff.

An early 3-pointer by Carson Kawasoe gave the Gulls their only lead of the night at 3-2, as Banks reeled off the next nine points for an 11-3 advantage.

Seaside fought back to within 11-9, but baskets by Cooper Gobel and Ben Mayo helped the Braves on an 18-2 run.

Kawasoe made three 3-pointers for a team-high nine points, while Charlie White led Banks with 13.

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