

# Seaside rallies for win over Philomath, 62-61

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The last time they took part in a 4A state tournament, the Seaside boys basketball team walked off the court as a loser in the 2019 state championship, when the Gulls came up on the short end of a 62-56 loss to Banks in the title game in Forest Grove.

Fast forward to 2022. A different location, but the Seaside Seagulls are still a traditional power in 4A boys basketball.

And — as of Thursday night — still the favorite to at least reach the tournament finale, since 4A basketball hasn't played a championship game without Seaside since 2015.

In addition, for the fourth state tournament in a row (no tournaments in 2020 and 2021) an all-Cowapa League final took another step closer to reality, when Banks defeated No. 1-ranked Marshfield in Thursday's late game.

Not deterred by a little 20-point deficit in the first half, the Gulls clinched their spot in the Final Four with a 62-61 victory over Philomath Thursday afternoon at North Bend High School, as Seaside's Cash Corder drained a 3-pointer with 9.2 seconds left for the game-winner.

Ironically, Philomath is the last non-Cowapa League team to win a 4A boys basketball state title.

Seaside was set to play Junction City on Friday in a semifinal game.

It was the Warriors who came out firing in the first half of Thursday's game, as they turned an early 5-4 deficit into a 25-7 lead late in the first quarter, following a 3-pointer by Cole Beardsley.

Philomath's largest lead came late in the second period, a layup by Chad Russell off an assist from Beardsley for a 38-18 advantage.

But the Gulls just stuck with their brand of basketball, relying on 3-pointers to get themselves back in the game.

Seaside made four triples in the second quarter, the



Surrounded by North Bend defenders, Seaside's Ever Sibony looks to get off a shot in Thursday's game.

John Gunther

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last three by Ever Sibony, who brought the Gulls back to within 38-27 at halftime after back-to-back 3-pointers in the final minutes of the first half.

And the Gulls picked up where they left off to start the second half, and their state Player of the Year candidate singlehandedly led the charge.

Sibony scored on a steal and layup to start the third quarter, and scored twice off steals later in the period to bring Seaside to within 42-37.

Philomath, meanwhile, lost starting forward Logan Carter to a foot injury in the first half, and went cold from the field in the third quarter.

And the Warriors just had no answer for Sibony, who

scored 12 points in the third and helped Seaside pull to within 47-46 going to the fourth quarter.

The Gulls — who outscored Philomath 37-21 over the second and third quarters — tied the game 53-53 on a layup from Conner Langmo with 4:48 left, then took the lead, 58-56, when Sibony hit a free throw line jumper at the 2:53 mark.

Seaside lost Carson Kawasoe and Jared White to fouls, and the Warriors took advantage, making 5-of-6 free throws to grab a 59-58 lead on two foul shots by Jacob Peters with 1:15 left.

With Philomath still leading 61-59 following a timeout with 16 seconds left, Corder was cash on a 3-pointer to give the Gulls the game-winning points

with 9.2 seconds remaining. The Warriors committed a turnover as time ran out.

Sibony finished with a game-high 25 points, followed by Corder (18) and Langmo (14), as the Gulls shot 51 percent (20-for-39) from the field.



Seaside's eighth grade Riptide team.

## Riptide eighth grade team takes third at state

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Seaside's eighth grade girls basketball team brought a successful end to the 2021-22 season last weekend in Redmond, where the Riptide earned a third place finish at the Oregon Middle School Basketball Championship.

The team is coached by Chris Corder and Scott White, and team members include Kate Barendse, Ella Brenden, Carly Corder, Kim Cristobal, Mya Feeney, Kylie Keranen, Lili Miller, Shyra Rainey and Makenna White.

Coach Corder said the team "battled some tough competition all season, playing both the tournament circuit (at locations such as Oregon City, Sisters and Seaside) as well as the middle school league schedule," with the Riptide finishing 8-0.

The state championship event requires qualification

and is invite-only.

Corder said, "It had been a goal of ours to get there all season for some redemption, after not placing in 2020."

Seaside came out strong and defeated Elmira 52-26, followed by a 52-37 win over West Salem, before Cascade beat the Riptide 46-30 in a semifinal.

In the third place game, Seaside faced Henley, which had defeated the Riptide in a close game earlier in the season.

In the rematch, Seaside led for most of the game, but lost two starters to fouls with five minutes left, and trailed by six points.

But the Riptide rallied, sparked by a three-point play from Carly Corder and back-to-back 3-pointers from Feeney and Corder, eventually gaining an eight-point lead on their way to a 50-40 win.

Corder had 16 points and Brenden added 11 for Seaside.

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

#### MONDAY

Baseball — Astoria at Estacada, 5 p.m.

Softball — Astoria at Estacada, 5 p.m.

#### TUESDAY

Baseball — Knappa at Warrenton, 3:30 p.m.

Softball — Yamhill-Carlton at Astoria, 4:30 p.m.; Seaside at Vernonia (2), 3 p.m.; Knappa at Warrenton, 3:30 p.m.

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

SEASIDE 62, PHILOMATH 61

PHILOMATH (61): Ty May 18; Cole Beardsley 13; Cole Matthews 9; Cameron Ordway 9; Chad Russell 7; Jacob Peters 5; Isaac Lattin; Carson Gerding; Preston Kramer; Logan Carter. Totals 21-42 14-23 61.

SEASIDE (62): Ever Sibony 25; Cash

Corder 18; Conner Langmo 14; Tanner Kraushaar 3; Carson Kawasoe 2; Austin Palmer; Izzy Jantes; Jordan Westholm; Jared White. Totals 20-39

13-17 62.

Philomath 25 13 9 14-61

Seaside 9 18 19 16-62

3-point FG: Philomath 5-12 (Beardsley 2, Matthews 2, Ordway); Seaside 9-16 (Sibony 4, Corder 4, Kraushaar).

Fouled out: Seaside, White, Kawasoe.

Rebounds: Philomath 23 (Beardsley 4, May 4, Matthews 4); Seaside 23 (Corder 5, Palmer 5).

Assists: Philomath 13 (Beardsley 6); Seaside 9 (Sibony 3).

Total fouls: Philomath 14, Seaside 13.

Moda Health Players of the Game: Cole Beardsley, Philomath; Ever Sibony, Seaside.

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