

Photos by John Gunther

**ABOVE:** The Seaside boys basketball team stands with the fifth-place trophy on Saturday at Marshfield High School. **BELOW:** Seaside's Connor Langmo sets for a free throw in Saturday's game vs. Banks.

# Braves top Seaside in a final showdown, 62-54

The Astorian

It was only fitting that one of the final basketball games of the 2021-22 season would pit the Braves Seagulls against the Seaside Seagulls.

The only thing wrong with Saturday's boys basketball final between the longtime rivals — it wasn't the state championship game.

As it was, third place was on the line between the Braves and Gulls, the two Cowapa League teams who were playing for the fourth time this season, this time in the 4A state tournament at Marshfield High School.

The teams also met four times in the last full winter sports season of 2018-19, when the Braves beat Seaside 62-56 in the state championship game in Forest Grove.

Saturday's winner was Banks again, by a nearly identical score, 62-54. It was a statement victory for the Braves, as the Cowapa League's smallest school secured a third-place finish at state in their final basketball game at the 4A level. Banks will move to the 3A Coastal Range League next school year.

It wasn't easy, but the Braves led from start to finish on Saturday, holding a 24-10 lead early in the second quarter, only to see it dwindle in the second half.

Going out in a blaze of glory in his final game with the Gulls, senior Ever Sibony hit four 3-pointers in the second half on his way to a game-high 25 points, with four assists and three steals.

Fellow senior Carson Kawasoe drained three treys in the third quarter, and Seaside (10-for-30 from the arc) rallied from a 34-22 halftime deficit to within 42-41 in the opening seconds of the fourth quarter.

But as they did three years ago, the Braves countered with another Gobel — Cooper — who led Banks with 22 points, including eight in the fourth quarter, answering almost every Seaside score with a basket of his own.

A 3-pointer by Sibony had the Gulls within 51-47 with 4:28 left, but Gobel responded with two-point scores at the 2:26 and 1:08 marks, and two free throws with 44 seconds left for a seven-point lead. Gobel also had seven rebounds and three assists.



# Tigers top Seaside in semifinal, 43-35

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Seaside's run at a fifth straight championship game appearance in the 4A boys basketball state tournament came to an end on Friday afternoon at Marshfield High School, where No. 1-ranked Junction City held off the Gulls, 43-35, helping the Tigers secure a spot in Saturday's championship game.

The Gulls were bounced into Saturday's third-place consolation game.

Seaside still managed to trim a nine-point deficit down to 35-32 early in the fourth quarter, but less than 24 hours after a dramatic comeback win over Philomath on Thursday, Seaside had used up all of its miracle points for the tournament.

The top-ranked Tigers, who trailed by three points early, led the rest of the way to win the semifinal game.

Both teams struggled from the field (Gulls 10-for-33, Tigers 10-for-34), but Junction City was 20-of-25 at the free throw line, 8-of-12 in the

last 3:28 of regulation, to hold off any Seaside comeback.

More impressive was the Tiger defense, which held Seaside's Ever Sibony to just six points (one field goal and four free throws), after Sibony's 25-point outburst in Thursday's game.

Seaside's Cash Corder scored a team-high 15 points before fouling out late in the game, while Junction City used just six players the entire game, and effectively ran time off the clock in the final quarter, allowing just five points for the Gulls in the fourth period.

Junior Kaleb Burnett led the Tigers with 16 points and seven rebounds, while teammate Colby Evans added 10 points, including 6-for-6 at the free throw line. Connor Langmo chipped in nine points and seven rebounds for Seaside, which had appeared in four straight state championship games (2016, '17, '18, '19), with the state tournament canceled in 2020 and 2021.

Cash Corder had four assists and 13 boards for Seaside, which out-rebounded Banks 35-25.

Seaside left the tournament with a fifth-place trophy, one last award for a senior group that had to battle just to have a full season for the first time since 2018-19.

The Gulls lose every starter to graduation, but Seaside will return a strong group in 2022-23, including freshmen Austin Palmer, Jordan Westerholm and Jake White, along with sophomores Izzy Jantes, Tyler McCleary and Ruger Thompson, and this year's lone junior, Tanner Kraushaar.

# Knappa boys, girls earn all-league honors

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Northwest All-League basketball selections were announced at the conclusion of the league's post-season tournament earlier this month, with the regular season and tournament champion Knappa boys dominating the top awards, just as the Loggers

cruised through another undefeated league season in 2021-22.

Every Logger starter was named all-league, while Player of the Year honors went to Knappa senior Logan Morrill, and Coach of the Year was Paul Isom.

Morrill was also selected to the first team all-state tournament squad, with

Shane McMahan earning second team honors. The two were also chosen to play in the annual senior all-star game hosted by Lower Columbia College, scheduled for Tuesday.

On the girls' side, Knappa sophomore Ariana Miller was selected to the Northwest League's all-league second team.

## NORTHWEST ALL-LEAGUE TEAMS

### GIRLS

**League champion:** Faith Bible  
**League tournament champion:** Vernonia

**Player of the Year:** Ashley Lohman, Faith Bible

**Coach of the Year:** Corey Douma, Neah-Kah-Nie

### First Team

Ashley Lohman, Sr., Faith Bible  
Reaiah Hall, Fr., Mannahouse  
Taylor Masterson, Sr., Faith Bible  
Emma Miller, Sr., Neah-Kah-Nie  
Rachel Strober, Sr., Nestucca  
Brooklynn Walters, Sr., Vernonia

### Second Team

Maiya Hardy, Fr., Portland Christian  
Hallee Knight, So., Nestucca  
Alexis Mallory, Jr., Faith Bible  
**Ariana Miller, So., Knappa**  
Kaydence Roberson, Fr., Vernonia  
Leah Zallee, Jr., Portland Christian

### Third Team

Kortnie Adams, Jr., Vernonia  
Adriana Bjornsgard, Fr., Mannahouse  
**Hannah Dietrichs, Sr., Knappa**  
Kennedy Fletcher, So., Neah-Kah-Nie  
Tristyn Harrison, Sr., Nestucca  
Adrienne Mallory, Jr., Faith Bible

### Honorable Mention

Lexi Fern, So., Gaston  
Audrey Hill, Sr., Vernonia

Grace Smith, Sr., Gaston  
Allana Tull, Sr., Nestucca

Becca Warren, Jr., Faith Bible  
Jordan White, Sr., Neah-Kah-Nie

### All-Defense

**POY:** Ashley Lohman, Faith Bible  
Mia Jauma, Vernonia

Taylor Masterson, Faith Bible  
Emma Miller, Neah-Kah-Nie  
Rachel Strober, Nestucca  
Leah Zallee, Portland Christian

### Sportsmanship: Faith Bible

### BOYS

**League season/tournament champions:** Knappa

**Player of the Year:** Logan Morrill, Knappa

### Coach of the Year: Paul Isom, Knappa

### First Team

Logan Morrill, Sr., Knappa  
Matthew Fachiol, Sr., Faith Bible  
Jaydon Hall, So., Mannahouse

David McCallum, Jr., Vernonia  
**Shane McMahan, Sr., Knappa**  
Jordan Tibbets, Sr., Columbia

### Second Team

**Brandon Gale, Sr., Knappa**  
Devin Johnson, Sr., Mannahouse

Eddie Loza, Jr., Neah-Kah-Nie  
Dawson Vensel, Jr., Columbia

Skylar Wallace, Sr., Nestucca  
Landon Young, Jr., Faith Bible

### Third Team

Jadon Bjornsgard, So., Mannahouse  
Christian Chapman, Jr., Columbia

**Tanner Jackson, Sr., Knappa**  
Ty Johnson, Jr., Mannahouse

Luke Taylor, Sr., Faith Bible  
Espen White, Jr., Neah-Kah-Nie

### Honorable Mention

Anthony Allen, So., Neah-Kah-Nie  
Sam Fundak, Fr., Portland Christian  
Garrett Jones, Jr., Vernonia

Feleti Martinez-Afemui, Sr., Faith Bible  
Cayden McLaughlin, Sr., Portland Christian

**Drew Miller, Sr., Knappa**  
Lyness Ota, Jr., Vernonia

Austin Peckham, So., Gaston  
Jayson Swartz, Sr., Nestucca

### All-Defense

**POY:** Logan Morrill, Knappa  
Matthew Fachiol, Faith Bible

**Tanner Jackson, Knappa**  
David McCallum, Vernonia  
Chison Okafor, Mannahouse  
Dawson Vensel, Columbia

### Sportsmanship: Faith Bible

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

#### 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.

#### WEDNESDAY

**Baseball** — Kennedy vs. Knappa, at Ron Tonkin Field, Hillsboro, 4 p.m.

#### THURSDAY

**Baseball** — Milwaukie at Astoria, 4:30 p.m.  
**Softball** — Astoria at Corbett, 4:30 p.m.; Ilwaco at Seaside, 5 p.m.; Knappa at Clatskanie (2), 3 p.m.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

#### BANKS 62, SEASIDE 54

**BANKS (62):** Cooper Gobel 22; Ben Mayo 16; Michael Vereen 12; Charlie White 7; Wyatt Selleck 3; Caden Petersen 2; Logan Kind; Grayson Voss; Billy Harris; Dylan Jansen; Carl Carlson; Nik Vidmantas. **Totals 24-45 8-11 62.**  
**SEASIDE (54):** Ever Sibony 25; Carson Kawasoe 9; Jared White 7; Cash Corder 7; Conner Langmo 3; Austin Palmer 2; Tan-

ner Kraushaar 1; Izzy Jantes; Jordan Westerholm; Jake White; Tyler McCleary; Riley Wunderlich. **Totals 20-58 4-6 54.**

**Banks 20 14 8 20—62**  
**Seaside 10 12 17 15—54**  
**3-point FG:** Banks 6-15 (Mayo 3, White, Gobel, Selleck); Seaside 10-30 (Sibony 5, Kawasoe 3, Corder, Jar.White).

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### JUNCTION CITY 43, SEASIDE 35

**SEASIDE (35):** Cash Corder 15; Conner Langmo 9; Ever Sibony 6; Carson Kawasoe 3; Austin Palmer 2; Jordan Westerholm; Izzy Jantes; Tanner Kraushaar; Tyler McCleary; Jared White; Riley Wunderlich. **Totals 10-33 12-15 35.**  
**JUNCTION CITY (43):** Kaleb Burnett 16; Colby Evans 10; Court Knabe 9; Jaxson Kister 7; Chris Ohman 1; Sammy Espinosa. **Totals 10-34 20-25 43.**  
**Seaside 10 7 13 5—35**  
**Junction City 11 13 9 10—43**

**3-point FG:** Seaside 3-13 (Corder 2, Langmo), Junction City 3-10 (Knabe 2, Kister). **Fouled out:** Seaside, Corder.

**Rebounds:** Seaside 22 (Langmo 7), Junction City 27 (Evans 7, Burnett 7). **Assists:** Seaside 4 (Kawasoe, Sibony, Langmo, Corder), Junction City 3 (Kister, Ohman, Knabe). **Total fouls:** Seaside 19, Junction City 11. **Turnovers:** Seaside 9, Junction City 6. **Moda Health Players of the Game:** Conner Langmo, Seaside; Colby Evans, Junction City.

### 4A STATE TOURNAMENT

**Boys**  
**Fourth-Sixth Place**  
Philomath 49, Stayton 33

**Third-Fifth Place**  
Banks 62, Seaside 54

**Championship**  
Cascade 42, Junction City 30

**Girls**  
**4A State Tournament**  
**Fourth-Sixth Place**  
Baker 57, Marist Catholic 48

**Third-Fifth Place**  
Madras 48, Hidden Valley 41  
**Championship**  
Philomath 46, Corbett 35

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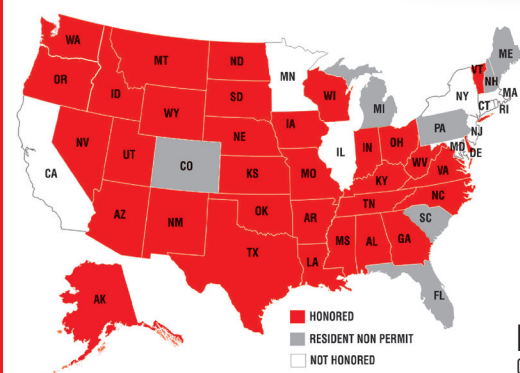
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