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# Seagull cagers conquer Astoria

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Take the last second of the first, second and third quarters, and that was the difference in the game at Seaside Jan. 30, where the Gulls scored a 55-46 Cowapa League boys basketball win over Astoria.

As time expired in the first quarter, Seaside's Hunter Thompson hit a shot from just inside the half-court line, and also drew a foul to complete a four-point play.

Seaside teammate Jackson Januik closed the second period with a 3-pointer at the buzzer and capped the third quarter with three straight free throws, after he was fouled on a 3-point attempt with one second left.

Three seconds, 10 points, and a nine-point Seaside win.

Outside of the buzzer-beating heroics, Friday's game was a free throw fest, as the two teams combined to make 41-of-59 foul shots.

Januik missed his first free

## Lady Gulls win 15th straight

### Seaside 59, Astoria 20

Between injuries, sickness and limited practice time last week, the Astoria girls basketball team did not have much of a chance Jan. 30 at Seaside, where the Gulls hosted the Lady Fish in a Cowapa Clatsop Clash.

Seaside's Maddi Utti out-scored Astoria all by herself, as the Super Soph scored 23 points, which included five 3-pointers in the first half.

Still battling the flu, a few Astoria starters saw limited action, while the Fishermen



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**Seaside's Jackson Januik, No. 3, and Astoria's Derek Jarrett, No. 34, go up for a rebound in the second half.**

throw, then went on to make 10 in a row on his way to a 20-point game.

Thompson finished with 11 points, while Jaxson Smith added nine.

Thompson's four-point play to end the first quarter gave the Gulls an 18-8 lead, before the Fishermen rallied and closed to within 20-18 late in the first half.

Thompson had another

3-pointer in the third quarter that pushed Seaside's lead to 37-22, but Astoria rallied again behind baskets from Morgan Fruiht and Derek Jarrett, with a bank shot by Fruiht bringing the Fishermen to within 46-41 with 2:41 left in the game.

Seaside answered with open drives to the hoop by Austin Eagon and Zach Marston, helping the Gulls pull away in the final two minutes.



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**Seaside's Daemon Fassler, left, and Astoria's Bryce Nurdling, right, start the 500-meter free-style during the swim meet between Astoria and Seaside Jan. 22.**

## Gulls, Fishermen split in Clatsop Splash

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The Seaside and Astoria swim teams met for the "Clatsop Splash" dual meet Jan. 22 at the Astoria Aquatic Center, and the two rivals called it a draw, with the Seaside boys and the Lady Fish both scoring team victories.

Despite missing a few key swimmers, the Astoria girls scored enough points to get past the Lady Gulls, 85-77; while the Seaside boys continued their winning ways in dual meets with a 99-57 win.

The Seaside boys have now won 13 consecutive dual meets over the last two years, with one more remaining this season before the league and district meets.

Seaside and Astoria will take part in the Cowapa Championships, hosted by Scappoose Feb. 6, with districts the following weekend.

With a 6-0 mark in dual meets this season, the Seaside boys have high hopes of winning some heavy hardware.

"The boys are definitely pretty excited that we have the win streak going," said Seaside coach Alex Reed. "That makes it 13 in a row today. We have Tillamook next week, and Tillamook's going to be tough, so we'll have to swim well there. Hopefully we can finish the

season with another undefeated record."

Five different Seaside swimmers won seven events Jan. 22, with Brad Rzewnicki (200-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke), and Sam Beaudoin (50- and 100-yard freestyles) leading the way as double winners.

Elsewhere, Seaside's Luke Liljenwall and Daemon Fassler finished 1-2 in the 200-yard individual medley; Will Garvin placed first in the 100-yard butterfly; and Will Kendall took the top spot in the 100-yard breaststroke.

The Gulls made it a clean sweep in the relay events, with Liljenwall, Kendall, Garvin and Dylan Townsend taking the 200-yard medley relay in 1 minute, 57.13 seconds; Rzewnicki, Beaudoin, Garvin and Townsend took the 200-yard freestyle relay in 1:40.66; and Rzewnicki, Townsend, Liljenwall and Beaudoin swam to first in the 400-yard freestyle relay in 3:51.27.

Astoria's lone win came from Bryce Nurdling, who posted a 5:48.19 in the 500-yard freestyle to Fassler's 6:43.74.

The Astoria girls won just four of the 11 events to score their team victory, leading off with Megan Sparks, Kristina Kjellberg, Ashley and Megan Schacher teaming up to win

the 200 medley relay.

Ashley Schacher added a victory in the butterfly; Sparks and Jenna Rudolph made it a 1-2 finish in the backstroke; and Kjellberg took the breaststroke.

Seaside won seven events, with four individuals scoring victories.

The list included a 1-2 finish for Katherine Carey and Summer Spell in the 200 freestyle; Alyssa Harkins in the 200 individual medley and 100 freestyle; Tennaya Carr edged Astoria's Ashley Schacher in the 50 freestyle; and Spell won the 500 freestyle 1 minute and 18 seconds ahead of the second-place finisher.

Carey, Carr, Elizabeth Barnes and Harkins won the 200 freestyle relay; and the Gulls (Carey, Carr, Kelsi Leer and Harkins) closed with a win in the 400 freestyle relay.

"Considering that we have some swimmers out, I thought our girls did really well," said Astoria coach Amy Emmett.

The Lady Fish scored most of their points with depth, as they were missing Morgan Postlewait and Kendal Gustafson from the lineup.

Reed said, "Our girls really stepped up. We're seeing some big time drops out of most of them. The boys are just where we want to be going into league and districts."



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**Seaside's Maddi Utti, No. 25, puts up a shot in the first half.**

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