

Seaside volleyball looks to battle in a tough league

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The 2014 Seaside volleyball team suffered through a 1-9 league record last season, then graduated three all-league players.

On paper, that doesn't make for great expectations for the 2015 Lady Gulls. But Seaside will put up a tough battle, as always, as head coach Angie Huntsman and the Seaside program looks to the future with another young lineup of players.

The Gulls

Seaside has just three seniors in the entire volleyball program, and only one will be competing on varsity.

Brittany West returns for her final season with the Gulls, who have two juniors, three sophomores and two

freshmen on the varsity roster.

Seaside will have to replace Haylee Dundas, along with sisters Danielle and Kelly Willyard, now both playing for Northwest Christian University in Eugene.

A bright spot could be junior middle blocker Maddi Utti, who played soccer her first two years, but now joins the Gulls on the volleyball court.

Outside hitter Lucy Bodner is the other junior, while the sophomore class includes Alyssia Gonzales, outside hitter Jetta Ideue and middle blocker Nikki Mercado.

Setter Annaka Garhofer and setter/defensive specialist Anna Huddleston are the freshmen.

Kylie McMinn was also recently added to the roster, while freshmen swing play-ers Maddie Jensen and Tori

Tomlin will see varsity action.

The Cowapa

The Gulls opened the 2014 season with three wins in four matches.

But after a three-game sweep over Scappoose Sept. 16, Seaside lost nine straight matches to close out the season. Eight of the nine losses were three-game sweeps.

And the league isn't get any easier, with Astoria, Banks and Valley Catholic vying for the top spot.

SEASIDE VOLLEYBALL

COACH: Angie Huntsman, 3rd year

2014 SEASON: 1-9 Cowapa

ALL-LEAGUE LOSSES: Haylee Dundas, Danielle Willyard, Kelly Willyard



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The 2015 Seaside volleyball team. Front row: Jetta Ideue. Back row, left to right: Brittany West, Kimberly Mella, Anna Huddleston, Lucy Bodner, Alyssia Gonzales, Annaka Garhofer, Nikki Mercado, Maddi Utti.

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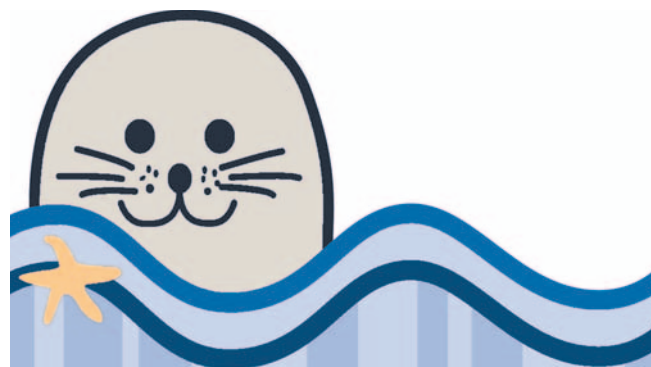
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