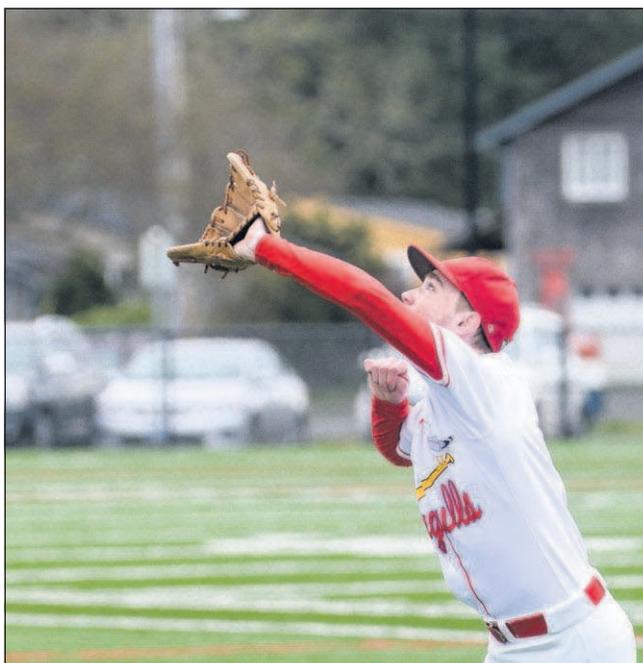


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Seaside's Brent Walsh pitches against Elma.



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Seaside's Scott Plampin makes a catch during spring play at Broadway Field.

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Seaside lost catcher (and the Gulls' only all-league player) Zach Quicke to graduation, but Seaside returns a load of experience.

Losing Quicke was a tough loss, Dierickx said, "but at the same time, you can't replace experience," which Seaside has plenty of in 2016. "It's just a bonus."

The Gulls only have two seniors on the current roster, but most of their players have varsity experience — the result of playing when Seaside didn't have experience.

The seniors are pitcher/outfielder Jake Bassett and infielder Michael Lewis.

The juniors — who all played varsity as sophomores — include Otto Hoekstre (P/OF),

Scotty Plampin (P/Inf), Carson Schulte (OF), Dylan Wallis (P/OF) and Brent Walsh (P/Inf).

Seaside has three sophomores (Dawson Blanchard, Ashton Boyd and Astor Landwehr — also all varsity returners), with five freshmen: Gage McFadden, Dylan Meyer, Alex Teubner, Duncan Thompson and Payton Westerholm.

"Some of those guys have earned some playing time at the varsity level," Dierickx said. "We're just playing games and getting better, that's our goal — to just keep getting better and keep improving."

On the mound, Dierickx said, "we're going to count a lot on Jake Bassett. He's got the most experience, and he's improved a lot. Brent Walsh will also throw a lot of innings; Dylan Wallis will throw, Scott Plampin ... all four threw a lot of quality innings last year."

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Seaside's Michael Lewis makes a catch at first to get out an Elma player at Broadway Field.