

FOOTBALL

The Fishermen lost their all-star backfield of Carter Wallace and Clay Englund, but return three all-leaguers.

"Banks will still be pretty tough, and then Scappoose is always tough," Smith said. "Valley Catholic hired a new coach, but he was in the program as well."

The Seagulls

Seaside lost five all-league players of its own to graduation. The backfield trio of Alex Barker, Jaxson Smith and Nathanael Ward (all three made the all-league squad) are gone, and both football and basketball will definitely feel the loss of Austin Eagon and Zach Marston.

On the plus side, the Gulls had several young skill position players on the roster last season, including sophomore quarterback Payton (named after Walter) Westerholm, junior running backs Astor Landwehr and Duncan



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The Seaside football team practices at Broadway Field in Seaside.

Thompson, and junior tight end Dawson Blanchard.

Quarterback Otto Hoekstre returns for his senior season.

The Seaside line is in great shape, with several returners. Two-way lineman Michael Bailey was all-league last year as a sophomore.

Without giving away too

much, Smith said, "Our offense will be different, but a lot of the other things will be the same.

"We're learning a new offense ... we have more skill guys than we do linemen," he said. "So on offense, we will spread it out with a lot of open formations, we'll throw a lot of quick, sprint-out passes,



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The Seagulls defense is ready to make the big play this year.

screen plays and things like that, to move our quarterback around so he's not sitting back there. We want to get the

SEASIDE FOOTBALL

Coach: Chad Smith, 1st year

2015: 3-5 (1-4 Cowapa)

All-League Losses: Alex Barker, Austin Eagon, Zach Marston, Jaxson Smith, Nathanael Ward

All-League Returners: Michael Bailey, Jr.

ball to some of our skill guys, who can do well one-on-one with the defensive players."

And on defense, the Gulls will be tested early.

"Our opener is with North Marion, a bigger school with well-coached kids," he said. "They run the Wing-T, so it will be interesting for us to go against that. Our kids know the Wing-T, but you still have to stop them."

Personnel-wise, "We lost 12 or 13 seniors, and we're light on seniors this year," Smith said. "We have five total, two who didn't play last year, and one that moved from Clatskanie (Phoenix Johnson, who figures on be-

ing a big part of the Seaside offense, judging from last week's jamboree).

"We have Otto Hoekstre back, Michael Bailey, Astor Landwehr ... for the most part we'll be a real young team, with mostly sophomores and juniors and our five seniors."

Some other names to get familiar with: Duncan Thompson, ("a great skill player"); Westerholm (a bright future for the three-sport athlete, although he suffered a broken ankle in Seaside's recent jamboree); Johnson ("a great addition"); "and another kid from Wyoming, Garret Kiser, a pretty athletic kid," Smith said. Junior Cameron King also saw plenty of touches in Seaside's jamboree.

And for the future, "We have about 16 incoming freshmen, and that's a pretty good class for a school our size."

Go Gulls!



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