

CROSS COUNTRY

ONE LAST TIME

By Gary Henley
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Seaside's Neil Branson made his last appearance at Camp Rilea as the coach, where the Cowapa League held its annual district championship meet Oct. 27.

The Gull boys won that race. Branson was hoping for a similar team results Nov. 5 in Eugene, where Seaside finished second at the 4A state championship.

It was an emotional day for Branson, in his last "home" meet as the Gulls' coach. Branson recently announced his resignation as Seaside's head coach, effective at the end of the season.

"It was fantastic," Branson said of his final meet at Camp Rilea. "I was out setting up the course yesterday and reminiscing. And finishing it up this morning, working with Mr. (Jason) Boyd (Seaside athletic director). He's been such a pleasure to work with. He's just a barometer of all the support I've had through the years.

"So it was a little nostalgic out here setting up, but warm feelings over and over."

Branson has coached the Gulls countless times in meets at Camp Rilea.

"I think 1988 was our first (district meet) here, and then we had four years at the Gearhart Golf Course, then back here," he said. "Plus the 3-Course Challenges, and we used to have a pre-district race here ... there's been quite a few."



Seaside Cross Country Coach Neil Branson chats with his team during the Cowapa League championship on Wednesday at Camp Rilea in Warrenton.

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Runners compete in the girls varsity 5,000-meter race during the Cowapa League championship.

Athletes OF THE YEAR

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MADDI UTTI

Volleyball

Her main sport is basketball, but Seaside senior Maddi Utti played a key role in helping Lady Gull volleyball to its first state playoff appearance in 11 years.

Utti was easily the leader in kills this season for Seaside, which was one of five Cowapa League teams to advance to the state playoffs. Utti had 26 kills in a four-game win at Estacada last month, in the Gulls' Regional Play-in round victory that vaulted Seaside into the Sweet 16 for the first time since 2005.



COLTON CARTER

Cross Country/Soccer

One of several Seaside athletes who letter in two fall sports, Carter goes the extra distance.

The junior has also helped Seaside cross country to back-to-back top two finishes at the state meet. Carter was 31st overall in last year's state championship meet, assisting the Gulls to a team title; and he placed 45th in the 2016 state meet Nov. 5.

In soccer, the all-league defender/midfielder was a team captain and helped the Gulls reach the state playoffs for the second year in a row.

SEAGULLS VARSITY SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL

COWAPA ALL-LEAGUE

Offensive Player of the Year: Fridtjof Fremstad, Astoria
Defensive Players of the Year: Milo Applebee, Banks; Samboy Tuimato, Astoria; Daniel Hardy, Valley Catholic
Coaches of the Year: Howard Rub, Astoria; Sean McNabb, Scappoose

First Team Offense

WR: Charlie Bevins, Sr., Valley Catholic
WR: Olaf Englund, Sr., Astoria
WR: Daniel Hardy, Sr., Valley Catholic
WR: Tanner Kramer, Sr., Scappoose
WR: Ryan Palek, Sr., Astoria
WR: Gunnar Partain, Jr., Banks
WR: Nate Reiman, Sr., Scappoose
C: Ian Birrell, Sr., Valley Catholic
G: Josh Dickerson, Sr., Scappoose
G: Matthew Mather, Sr., Astoria
T: Keldon Littell, Sr., Astoria
T: Isaac Villa, Sr., Astoria
RB: Milo Applebee, Sr., Banks
RB: Jimmy Jones, Jr., Scappoose
QB: Fridtjof Fremstad, Sr., Astoria
QB: Jerad Toman, Jr., Scappoose
K: Andrew Schaueremann, Jr., Astoria

First Team Defense

DL: Ian Birrell, Sr., Valley Catholic
DL: Jack Grasperger, Jr., Valley Catholic
DL: Alex Hansen, Jr., Scappoose

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DL: Jaxsen Johnson, Sr., Tillamook
DL: Keldon Littell, Sr., Astoria
DL: Chase Massey, Sr., Banks
DL: Clay Pena, Sr., Banks
LB: Milo Applebee, Sr., Banks
LB: Colin Haggerty, Sr., Valley Catholic
LB: Daniel Hardy, Sr., Valley Catholic
LB: Blain Herb, Jr., Banks
LB: Tyler Lyngstad, Sr., Astoria
LB: Gunnar Partain, Jr., Banks
LB: Gio Ramirez, Sr., Seaside
LB: Zach Rice, Sr., Scappoose
LB: Trevor Thiessen, Sr., Banks
LB: Samboy Tuimato, Sr., Astoria
LB: Mark Weir, Sr., Tillamook
DB: Fridtjof Fremstad, Sr., Astoria
DB: Michael Gift, Sr., Scappoose
DB: Jack Margheim, Sr., Scappoose
DB: Ryan Palek, Sr., Astoria

DB: Alexander Teubner, So., Seaside
DB: Austin Weeks, Jr., Tillamook
DB: Aiden Welsh, Sr., Valley Catholic
P: Joey Buchler, Sr., Tillamook

Honorable Mention Offense

OL: Isaac Flemmer, So., Valley Catholic
C: Jared Lucore, Sr., Astoria
RB: Kevin Eckrosh, Sr., Valley Catholic
RB: Cameron King, Jr., Seaside
WR: Trevor Thiessen, Sr., Banks
WR: Tevin Jeannis, Jr., Scappoose
WR: Duncan Thompson, So., Seaside
WR: Kyle Strange, Sr., Astoria
QB: Jake Evans, Sr., Banks
Honorable Mention Defense
DL: Rory Coon, Sr., Tillamook
LB: Ross Parsons, Jr., Scappoose
DB: Christopher Silveira, So., Tillamook

VOLLEYBALL

COWAPA ALL-LEAGUE

Players of the Year: Lizzy Osborn, Valley Catholic; Mary Schorn, Banks
Coach of the Year: Becky Kemper, Valley Catholic

First Team

Lizzy Osborn, Jr., Valley Catholic
Mary Schorn, Sr., Banks
Grace Buchanan, Sr., Banks
Regan Dean, Sr., Valley Catholic
Alyssia Gonzalez, Jr., Seaside
Sarah Gram, Sr., Valley Catholic
Abby Groh, Sr., Valley Catholic
Madi Landwehr, Jr., Astoria
Kayla Robbins, So., Valley Catholic
Alyssa Spang, Sr., Scappoose
Maddy Standley, Sr., Banks
Maddi Utti, Sr., Seaside
Lexie Zuercher, Sr., Tillamook
Jordan Zweifel, Sr., Tillamook

Honorable Mention

Bella Albert, So., Banks
Lindsey Beck, Fr., Banks
Hannah Galey, Jr., Scappoose
Darian Hageman, Jr., Astoria
Makayla Hopkes, Jr., Tillamook
Anna Huddleston, So., Seaside
Jetta Ideue, Jr., Seaside
Jacqueline Jarrett, Sr., Astoria
Kaylie Kopra, Sr., Scappoose
Allie Mez, Fr., Valley Catholic
Anna Oldenkamp, Jr., Tillamook
Daria Wonderlick, Sr., Valley Catholic

BASKETBALL

Utti takes her game to Fresno State

By Gary Henley
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The multi-talented Maddi Utti will be a "Bulldog" next year, as the senior athlete at Seaside High School will take her game to Fresno State University.

Utti signed a letter-of-intent Wednesday morning to play basketball at Fresno State, with a fairly good-sized gathering on hand to witness the officially signing ceremony in the Seaside High School library.

"It was good. There was a lot of people that showed up, and I wasn't expecting that," Utti said.

"It was nice to see all the support of the community and my family."

After visits to several schools, Utti had narrowed her choice of schools down to Fresno State and the University of Idaho.

"I just really liked the campus and the coaches," at Fresno State, she said. "That was pretty much the deciding factor. And I really love California."

Utti also made visits to Idaho and Cal-Poly.

The Bulldogs are coached by Jaime White, and graduated three of their starting five from the 2015-16 season. White is in her 11th year.

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