

BOYS BASKETBALL

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last year (Justin Fruiht and Derek Jarrett), but they had a successful football season, they're another year in Kevin (Goin)'s system, and he's got some younger sophomores who will help out. (Jackson) Arnsdorf was solid last year, and they've still got some height and strength."

Scappoose senior Boogie Davis has transferred to Westview, while Weston Powers takes over as the Indians' new coach.

"I don't see anybody in our league that's a pushover," said Westerholm, entering his 19th year as the Gulls' coach. "I'm not sure which three will step up and rise to the top."

Still, "I still like our shot at making another run at a league championship," he said. "The goal for these kids last year was to win a state championship, and we just didn't shoot the ball very well in that last game against a good team."

"That's our goal again this year. We'll start off trying to get better



Jackson Januik takes a shot during practice at Seaside High School.

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and helping our younger kids understand how to play the game at a high level, and once we do that, we'll start shifting our goal towards league, and from there to the post-season."

The Gulls

Westerholm — the Cowapa Coach of the Year — has the state's Player of the Year and the league's Defensive Player of the Year both back in the lineup.

The Gulls will be a little shorter than they were a year ago, but an abundance of guards, wings and forwards will make Seaside one of the quickest teams in the state.

"The main challenge is replacing the big kids, and we don't have any big kids to replace them with," Westerholm said. "That's a real big challenge."

"We'll miss those kids. Austin Eagon took up a lot of space inside and was one of the better posts in the state when it was all said and done. And Zach Marston had the ability to guard perimeter kids."

The leader will still be 4A State Player of the Year Jackson Januik, the point guard who will run the show.

"If you put Jackson Januik on any team, he's going to make ev-

eryone around him that much better," Westerholm said.

Right alongside Januik will be senior Hunter Thompson (Cowapa Defensive Player of the Year), and backing up both will be two sophomores with potentially even more talent, Chase Januik and Payton Westerholm.

"Chase will see a lot of time, and he has the ability to score quite a bit," said coach Westerholm, while his son Payton "will back up Jackson at times, and he will also play at the wing. He also shoots really well from the outside."

Another outside threat is 6-4 senior Attikin Babb.

"Attikin really wants to have a good senior year," Westerholm said. "He has the ability to put points on the board."

"We have some younger kids. Duncan Thompson (So.) is not tall, but he's got good jumping ability and a nose for the ball; Colton Carter (Jr.) played JV all last year, but he's physical and has great athleticism. It's only his fourth year of

organized basketball.

"Otto Hoekstre (Sr.) has been shooting the ball really well. He will have to be one of our guys inside who can box out and rebound. We're looking for him to be the guy who can replace Zach. It's his turn to step into that role, and I know he's ready."

"Rafi Sibony (Jr.) is another kid who can shoot the ball well from the outside. We can run him off screens and let him shoot. He works hard and fits right into what we want to do — fly around and create chaos for the other team."

Athletes who have had much success in other sports all seem to converge for basketball.

"Most of our kids have been to state in other sports," Westerholm said. "The younger kids in our program have seen where the older kids have been, and in a lot of our youth programs, that's where they want to get. That's our goal. Make a run at the league title, and then from there make a run at a state title."



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