

Youth movement propels Gulls on the mat

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There will be lots of youth on the mat this season in the Seaside wrestling room.

Second-year coach Dan Taylor had a solid turnout, with 19 the second week of practice ... but of those 19, 11 are freshman and five are sophomores, as the Gulls continue to build their high school program.

Seaside performed well in local tournaments and invitations, but the Gulls found themselves outmatched (as did most teams) in the Special District 1 4A Regional tournament.

Crook County dominated the meet, while the Gulls managed just 32 points to finish 11th out of 11 teams.

As young as the Gulls are, they're hoping to climb the ladder this year, with returning placers from past Cowapa League meets.

Junior Donald LaTourette qualified for regionals two years ago at 120 pounds, and will be competing at either 126 or 132 this year; while the team's only senior — Shane Smith — placed third at 120 in last year's Cowapa League meet.

Others with varsity experience include sophomore Alfonso Alcantar, while sophomore Gio Ramirez is coming off an all-league football season.

THE WRESTLERS

Alfonso Alcantar, So.
Jake Black, Fr.
Alan Brockmunn, Fr.
Levi Card, Fr.
Duncan Fenison, So.
Andrew Gastelum, Fr.
Will Kautz, Jr.
Cyrus Knox, So.
Zachary Kuzakin, Fr.
Donald LaTourette, Jr.
Alex Luna, Fr.
Nick Mace, Fr.
Luke Nelson, Fr.
Giovanni Ortega, So.
Ethan Phillips, Fr.
Gio Ramirez, So.
Shane Smith, Sr.
Tyler Tackitt, Fr.
David Toyooka, Fr.
Coach: Dan Taylor



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Freshman Luke Nelson takes part in a preseason practice for the Gulls.

Gulls return to the water with state swimmers, new coach

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The Seaside swim team made the most of their numbers last season. With their second coach in two years, the Gulls still had one district champion and sent eight swimmers to the state meet.

And now the Gulls are back for more, and hoping to do it again with their third coach in three years.

Shane Spell replaces Mike Kadi as the Seaside coach, a year after Kadi replaced Alex Reed.

Some of the names of the past have graduated (Beaudoin, Coventry, Tadei, etc.), but Spell brings back some of last year's talent, along with a few promising newcomers as the Gulls get set to jump in the pool and a new season.

The District

Swimmers from Newport and Tillamook scored most of the victories in last year's District 1/4A championships. Of the 22 total



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Seaside's Kendy Lin competes in the 200-yard freestyle event at the District 1 swimming championship.

events, the Cubs and Cheesemakers won 15, while the Tillamook girls and Newport boys swam off with the team championships.

The Seaside girls placed fourth, and the boys sixth.

Alyssa Harkins posted Seaside's lone district win, as she took first in the 100-yard butterfly.

The Gulls sent more swimmers to state as wild cards, including the girls' 200 medley relay (the four-

some of Kendy Lin, Harkins, Maya McGill and Clarisse Coventry took second); the boys' 200- and 400-yard freestyle relays (Alex Tadei, Brad Rzewnicki, Luke Liljenwall and Sam Beaudoin placed second

in both); and the girls' 200-yard freestyle relay (third).

Lin and McGill are back for the girls, while Liljenwall and Rzewnicki return for the Seaside boys, along with seniors Will Garvin and James Kennedy.

THE SWIMMERS

Girls

Cadyn Carr, Sr.
Kendy Lin, So.
Maya McGill, So.
Kimberly Mella, So.
Riley Mitchell, Fr.
Lisette Santiago, Fr.
Kara Spell, Fr.
Summer Spell, Sr.

Boys

Dawson Blanchard, Jr.
Isaiah Collins, Jr.
Wesley Corliss, So.
Will Garvin, Sr.
James Kennedy, Sr.
Nick Konyha, So.
Luke Liljenwall, Sr.
Lucas Nagle, Jr.
Bradley Rzewnicki, Sr.
Coach: Shane Spell