

BASKETBALL

GULLS ARE THE BEST IN THE WEST

SEASIDE BOYS, GIRLS SWEEP THE BRAVES

By Gary Henley
Seaside Signal

That's it! The Cowapa League has now thrown everything it has at the Seaside Seagulls.

And after a half-season of league play, the rest of the Cowapa is a combined 0-for-10 against the two Seaside basketball teams, girls and boys.

The Gulls remain perfect in league play, as both teams picked up wins Tuesday against the highly ranked Banks Braves at the Gulls' Nest.

The No. 1-ranked Seaside boys opened with a 73-63 win, and the Seaside girls followed with a more-thrilling-than-it-should-have-been 62-58 victory over the No. 1-ranked Lady Braves.

The Seaside boys still have games remaining at Banks and Valley Catholic, but through 15 games, no one — league or nonleague — has been able to touch the top-ranked Gulls.

Jackson Januik scored 19 points and Chase Januik added 17, helping Seaside improve to 15-0 overall, 5-0 in league. Banks dropped to 4-1. The Gulls are now the only undefeated team in Oregon high school basketball (Class 3A Dayton is 19-1).

Seaside did face some adversity — first half foul trouble to Attikin Babb and Jackson Januik, along with an actual four-point deficit in the first quarter, one of the largest deficits the Gulls have faced lately.

Payton Westerholm quickly took care of that, scoring twice on layups and drawing fouls both times.

His second score gave Seaside a 17-16 lead, and the Gulls would not trail again.

The Januik brothers provided a nice one-two punch that had the Gulls in front 40-29 late in the first half.

Ten points from Banks' sophomore Blake Gobel in the third quarter had the Braves within 51-44, but Babb hit a 3-pointer and Jackson Januik twice drove in amongst the trees for layups and a 58-46 lead to end the third.

"Banks is a good team," said Seaside coach Bill Westerholm. "They've got shooters from the outside, they have tall kids inside ... it's a tough matchup, but I thought we did a good job with (Dalton) Renne. He had 14 points, four from the free throw line. Hunter



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Jackson Januik, right, steals the ball from Banks' Kylan Taylor as the Gulls continued their undefeated ways Tuesday.

(Thompson) is a pesky little guy. And in the fourth quarter we did a better job of helping down on Gobel, and fronting him."

The Gulls had some other key, unexpected contributions.

"We had runs of different kids helping us out," Westerholm said. "We had some serious foul trouble. Ryan (Hague) and Colton (Carter) came in during the second quarter and put together two really solid minutes for us. We had Ryan play all four quarters, because Otto Hoekstre was sick, and that messed with our rotation a little. We handled adversity with being able to play with fouls, and to play with some of our regulars not in."

The Gulls have upcoming games against Astoria (1-4) and Scappoose (0-5), with road games vs. the Braves and Valiants.

"We were lucky to get through the first half 5-0," Westerholm said, "and we have

three on the road the second half, so we're going to have to win some road games."

Utti pours in 37 for the Lady Gulls

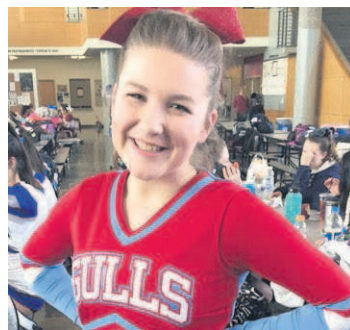
The Seaside boys aren't the only team in town that could be sporting a No. 1 ranking next week. The Lady Gulls must also be included in the "Best in State" conversation.

The Lady Braves of Banks — who were rated No. 1 in the latest OSAA rankings, and No. 2 in the 4A coaches poll (with one first-place vote), were thoroughly embarrassed by the Gulls through three quarters of the girls' game Tuesday night.

Seaside's Maddi Utti — who was even more unstoppable than usual, with 37 points — hit a 3-pointer midway through the third period for a seemingly safe 45-29 lead.

Athletes OF THE WEEK

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SYDNEY ORDWAY
Junior

A junior with the Seaside High cheerleading team, Ordway helped the Gulls to a third place finish Jan. 28 in the team's first-ever competition performance.

The cheering Gulls have 14 girls and two boys on the squad. Ordway has been with the team since her freshman year.



JOHN WHITTLE
Sophomore

Whittle competed in the recent APA Winter Powerlifting meet at the Kabuki Strength Lab in Clackamas, and broke two state records in the squat and the deadlift in the 13-15 age group at 165 pounds.

Whittle also competes in football and golf at Seaside. Team members of "Seaside Barbell" had an outstanding meet, breaking five Oregon state powerlifting records, with 14 personal bests.

SEAGULLS VARSITY SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

Tuesday Night Mixed (Through Jan. 24)

1.The Golden Girls (27), 2. It's All in the Hips (24), 3. Lucky to Spare (23), 4. The Choncos (18), 5. Nine is Good (18), 6. Eleventh Frame (16), 7. Fireballs (14).

Top Scores
Scratch Game: Eleventh Frame, 673
Scratch Series: The Golden Girls, 1,875
Handicap Game: Kyle Evans, 251
Handicap Series: The Golden Girls, 2,490

Men
Scratch Game: Dax Sewell, 222
Scratch Series: Andy Eckert, 549
Handicap Game: Kyle Evans, 251
Handicap Series: Joe Surmeyer, 686

Women
Scratch Game: Marie Oliver, 212
Scratch Series: Marie Oliver, 616
Handicap Game: Marie Oliver, 251
Handicap Series: Marie Oliver, 733

Wednesday Night Mixed (Through Jan. 25)

1.Gearhart Bowl (27), 2. DeeZ Nutz (24), 3. Dutch Rudder (23), 4. OMG Rain Makers (22), 5. Seagull Flyers (21), 6. Team 4 (15), 7. Bent Nail (9).

Top Scores
Scratch Game: Dutch Rudder, 734
Scratch Series: Dutch Rudder, 2,029

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Handicap Game: Dutch Rudder, 843
Handicap Series: Seagull Flyers, 2,368

Men
Scratch Game: Kirk Taylor, 213
Scratch Series: Kirk Taylor, 604
Handicap Game: Brian Habeker, 254
Handicap Series: Jeff Bodner, 672

Women
Scratch Game: Stacey Brown, 175
Scratch Series: Stacey Brown, 406
Handicap Game: Stacey Brown, 243
Handicap Series: Stacey Brown, 610

BOYS BASKETBALL

Seaside 74, Tillamook 53
SEA (74): Chase Januik 19, Westerholm 17, J.Januik 10, H.Thompson 10, Babb 9,

D.Thompson 4, Hague 3, Hoekstre 2.
TIL (53): Ian Collett 20, Flores 14, J.Johnson 10, Taylor 5, M.Johnson 2, Abbott 2.

Seaside 19 15 17 23—74
Tillamook 19 4 19 11—53

Seaside 65, Valley Catholic 42
VC (42): Jack Grasberger 11, Katin 9, Haggerty 7, Hardy 4, Braun 4, Robbins 4, Plambeck 2, Eberhart 1.

SEA (65): Jackson Januik 19, Westerholm 14, H.Thompson 10, C.Januik 8, Babb 6, Hague 3, D.Thompson 2, Hoekstre 2, Landwehr 1.

Valley C. 16 6 9 11—42
Seaside 15 18 16 16—65
JV: Valley Catholic 61, Seaside 59

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Seaside 56, Valley Catholic 47
SEA (56): Maddi Utti 27, Villegas 12, Babbitt 8, Garhofer 6, Ideue 3, Smart, Bodner.

Valley C. 12 14 8 13—47
Seaside 20 10 13 13—56

Seaside 62, Tillamook 47
SEA (62): Maddi Utti 18, Babbitt 13, Villegas 13, Smart 10, Ideue 4, Garhofer 3, Kiser 1, Bodner.

Seaside 13 12 14 23—62
Tillamook 9 7 22 9—47

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Cowapa League Boys

League	Overall
Seaside	4-0 14-0
Banks	3-1 12-2
Valley Catholic	3-1 11-4
Tillamook	2-2 6-11
Astoria	0-4 9-8
Scappoose	0-4 5-9

Cowapa League Girls

Seaside	4-0 11-2
Banks	4-0 13-1
Valley Catholic	2-2 10-6
Astoria	1-3 5-12
Scappoose	1-3 2-12
Tillamook	0-4 4-12

WRESTLING

Wrestlers join the 'brawl'

Seaside Signal

ILWACO, Wash. — The Ilwaco wrestling team was the host team Saturday, for the annual "Beach Brawl Invitational."

The event brought in 21 schools and over 300 wrestlers, "and we pulled it off in great style," Ilwaco coach Kevin McEnulty announced. "No down time ... mats were moving all day long. We began wrestling at 10:20 a.m. and our last match was completed at 6:33 p.m."

Ilwaco racked up 209.5 points to take first in the field of 21 teams.

Other local teams competing included Knappa (tied with Neah-Kah-Nie for seventh, 63 points); Seaside (12th, 57 points); Astoria (17th, 29 points); and Warrenton (18th, 28 points).

Earlier in the week, Seaside hosted a three-way Cowapa League dual with Astoria and Banks.

The Braves defeated the Gulls 76-3, while Astoria topped Seaside in the Clatsop Clash portion of the dual meet, 40-24.

Ten of the 14 matches between the Fishermen and Gulls ended in forfeits, with Astoria winning three of the four matches on the mat.

Astoria's Trey Hageman scored a major decision (18-7) over Seaside's Zachary Kuzakin at 152 pounds; Fisherman Kaden Gilbert had a 20-second fall over Jake Black at 182; and Jeff Stutznegger pinned Seaside's Will Kautz in 3:18 at 220.

Shane Smith had the lone victory on the mat for the Gulls, pinning Astoria's Riley Ashton in 1:10.

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