



## BOYS BASKETBALL

# GULLS REBOUND AFTER FIRST LOSS

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Seaside bounced back from its one and only loss of the season last week with a decisive 84-53 win over Tillamook Tuesday at the Gulls' Nest.

"We had a hard practice (Monday), we came out with a lot of energy, created turnovers and got out to a good lead," said Seaside coach Bill Westerholm, whose team is still ranked No. 1 in the state at the 4A level, with an 18-1 overall record.

While the Gulls lost a close game to Valley Catholic late last week, Tillamook was coming off a 40-point win over Astoria.

But Seaside had a lock on Tuesday's game in the second quarter, outscoring the Cheesemakers 33-4, for a 55-19 halftime lead.

Senior Hunter Thompson hit six 3-pointers, as he sparked the Gulls with 26 points in the first half, on his way to a career-high 31 points.

Attikin Babb scored 11 and Chase Januik added 10 for Seaside.

### Gulls suffer first loss

The last of the state's unbeaten teams went down to defeat Friday night, Feb. 10, at Valley Catholic.

In a potential state championship match-up, the Valiants knocked off the previously undefeated, No. 1-ranked Seaside Gulls, 68-50, in a Cowapa League boys basketball showdown.

Sporting a 17-0 record entering the game, the Gulls were unable to make their usual big scoring run, while the bigger, taller Valiants had their way for much of the game.

Six-foot-3 senior Daniel Hardy scored 18 points, Jack Grassberger (6-5) had 13, with Colin Haggerty (6-3) and Andrew Plambeck (6-4) tossing in 10 points apiece for the Valiants.

It was a huge victory for Valley Catholic, the only team with a chance at catching the Gulls in the league standings.

And catch them they did, as the Valiants pulled into a first-place tie atop the Cowapa League. Both teams are now 7-1 in league play, with two games remaining.

A pair of early 3-pointers from Chase Januik had Seaside in front, 10-8, but the Valiants answered with four 3-pointers the remainder of the first half, with inside points from Hardy, who had 12 of his 18 in the first half.

The Gulls trimmed a 15-point halftime deficit down to nine (36-27) in the opening



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Seaside's Hunter Thompson split the Tillamook defense for 31 points in Tuesday's win.

minute of the third quarter, on 3-pointers by Jackson Januik and Hunter Thompson.

But the Valiants were able to squash any comeback hopes for the Gulls with a 9-0 run midway through the fourth quarter, highlighted by a dunk by Hardy off a fast break.

Thompson and Payton Westerholm both fouled out for Seaside, while Jackson Januik finished with a team-high 19 points for the Gulls.

### Clatsop Clash win

The Seaside boys basketball team can generally win on any court, any day of the week, day or night.

But the undefeated, No. 1-ranked Gulls actually faced a challenge at Astoria — winning on a court where they hadn't won since 2014.

Seaside took care of that little matter with a 73-53 victory over the Fishermen Wednesday, Feb. 8, at the Brick House, where the

Gulls did just enough to stay one step ahead of Astoria, from start to finish.

The Gulls were 0-for-2 on their last two trips to Astoria, as the Fishermen won last year's game 63-57, and took down the Gulls 42-33 the year before that.

"This was a BIG win for us," said Seaside coach Bill Westerholm, with an emphasis on "big."

"They know," Westerholm said of his players, and their 0-for-2 record at Astoria. "This is a tough place to play. There's so much history here, and when Seaside comes in, the kids get a little bit more excited."

In the end, two players had 20-plus points for the Gulls, as Seaside continues its march to Hillsboro, where the Gulls will be playing just over a month from now.

Payton Westerholm had two 3-pointers in the opening minute, sparking a 20-point night for the sophomore. Seaside's other Super Soph, Chase Januik, led with 23 points.

## Athletes OF THE WEEK

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### KENDY LIN Swimming

For the second year in a row, Lin finished second in the District 200-yard freestyle event behind Newport's Allison Bachart, and qualified for the state meet in Gresham.

Lin's time was 2:13.90 — nearly a four-second drop from her time in the preliminaries.

Lin is a sophomore who has the 11th-fastest seed time in the 200 freestyle at the state meet this weekend.



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### WILL GARVIN Swimming

The senior was busy at the District swim meet in Astoria, racking up points to help the Seaside boys finish second behind Newport.

Garvin had the lone victory for the Gulls, winning the 100-yard butterfly in 57.63 seconds.

He also helped the Gulls qualify two relay teams for the state meet — the 200-yard medley (with Isaiah Collins, Brad Rzewnicki and Luke Liljenwall) and the 200-yard freestyle (with James Kennedy, Rzewnicki and Liljenwall).

## SEAGULLS VARSITY SCOREBOARD

### DISTRICT 1/4A SWIMMING

#### Girls

Tillamook 318, Newport 245, Taft 168, Astoria 125, Valley Catholic 119, Scappoose 109, Seaside 80, Rainier 65, Toledo 30.

#### Boys

Newport 437, Seaside 155.5, Valley Catholic 142, Taft 135, Scappoose 127.5, Astoria 97, Rainier 80, Tillamook 70.

### DISTRICT 1/4A WRESTLING

**Team Scores:** Crook County 429.5, Tillamook 363, Banks 229, Scappoose 179.5, Molalla 148, Estacada 139, Gladstone 111.5, Madras 66, Astoria 44, Corbett 42, Seaside 19.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Seaside 47, Valley Catholic 45

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**SEA (47):** Maddi Utti 20, Villegas 10, Kiser 5, Bodner 4, Hoekstre 4, Ideue 2, Babbitt 2, Smart, Garhofer.  
**VC (45):** Noelle Mannen 14, Nguyen 12, Moore 9, Flemmer 8, Duyck 2.  
**Seaside** 19 15 4 9-47  
**Valley C.** 12 12 13 8-45

Kiser 8, Smart 5, Bodner 3, Hoekstre 3, Babbitt 2, Falleur 2, Ideue, Garhofer, Huddleston, Turner.  
**AST (35):** Alexis Wallace 12, Hankwitz 5, O'Brien 5, Norris 5, Hemsley 3, Gimre 2, Jackson 2, Cummings 1, DeMander.

**Seaside** 16 14 15 18-63  
**Astoria** 0 12 17 6-35

### BOYS BASKETBALL

**Valley Catholic 68, Seaside 50**  
**SEA (50):** Jackson Januik 19, H.Thompson 9, D.Thompson 6, C.Januik 6, Westerholm 4, Babb 4, Hoekstre 2, Landwehr 1, Sibony.  
**VC (68):** Daniel Hardy 18, Grassberger 13, Haggerty 10, Plambeck 10, Katin 6, Braun 5, Welsh 4, Robbins 2.  
**Seaside** 12 9 15 14-50  
**Valley C.** 15 21 9 23-68

### Seaside 73, Astoria 53

**SEA (73):** Chase Januik 23, Westerholm 20, Babb 11, J.Januik 9, H.Thompson 4, D.Thompson 2, Hoekstre 2, Carter 2, Hague, Sibony, Landwehr, Johnson.  
**AST (53):** Ole Englund 16, Johnson 11, Palek 11, Arnsdorf 4, Olson 4, Wallace 2, Gohl 2, Fremstad, Hunt, O'Brien, Sharp.

**Seaside** 21 14 24 14-73  
**Astoria** 15 8 16 14-53

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Lady Gulls boast perfect Cowapa League record

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The Seaside Lady Gulls are one hurdle away from another Cowapa League championship and their first undefeated league season since 2013-14.

Sydney Villegas celebrated Senior Night, Tuesday, Feb. 14, at the Gulls' Nest with a team-high 16 points in a 63-37 win over Tillamook. Maddi Utti joined in the fun with another triple-double — 14 points, 12 assists and 10 steals,

with six rebounds.

Jetta Ideue chipped in a career-high 13 points, while the Gulls had 24 steals as a team.

Seaside coach Mike Hawes called it a "solid, workman-like victory. We seemed to be stuck in the mud a bit the first quarter-and-a-half, especially defensively, but we kept scoring enough to keep increasing the lead."

The Gulls outscored Tillamook 40-15 over the middle two quarters to build an eventual 55-23 lead.

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