



## GIRLS BASKETBALL

# THE LADY GULLS MAKE HISTORY

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**F**OREST GROVE — Lucy Bodner, Maddi Utti, Sydney Villegas ... the three seniors on the Seaside girls basketball team left the floor in the most fitting way possible Saturday at Forest Grove High School — as winners.

They didn't get the gold ring, but the Gulls did bounce back from Friday's loss to Sutherlin in the semifinals with a 53-40 win over Marshfield in the third-place game of the OSAA 4A state tournament.

The victory over the Pirates gave the Gulls a third-place finish at state — not bad for a team that was seeded ninth in the Sweet 16 round.

"Highest finish in the history of the girls' program," said Seaside's Mike Hawes, in his first year back as the girls' varsity coach. "Another final eight appearance and another 20-win season."

"This is obviously the best four-year stretch, so we're really happy," said Hawes, who took over for Wally Hamer after last season. "After yesterday, a four-minute stretch of basketball today made a huge difference."

Following the loss to Sutherlin in Friday's semifinal round, the Gulls "were disappointed, absolutely," Hawes said. "We felt like it was within our grasp to get to the championship. But we also said, 'girls, we're playing for third place in the state.' I don't think many were predicting us to be league co-champs and play in this game."

And once Saturday's game tipped off, the Lady Gulls looked like they belonged there all along.

Marshfield held an early 8-5 lead, but six straight made free throws near the end of the first quarter and to start the second led to a 14-1 run for the Gulls.

A leaning jumper by Utti and a bank shot by Bodner had Seaside in front 19-9 with 5:10 left in the first half.

But the game quickly took a turn for the worse for Seaside, as Marshfield's Samantha Waldrop and Alex Locati both hit 3-pointers (Locati's with one second left in the half) to force a 24-24 halftime tie.

"I was not a happy coach at halftime," Hawes said. "I'm usually pretty calm. This was a bit more 'we have to take care of the basketball, we have to compete!' I felt like



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Seaside Seagulls' Maddi Utti drives to the basket during the first half as Seaside faces off against Marshfield on Saturday, March 11, in Forest Grove.

we weren't doing anything during that little stretch, quite frankly."

The Pirates even opened the second half with a trey from Ravyn Miranda for a 27-24 lead.

But the Gulls found a rhythm, all from the outside.

Bryre Babbitt hit a mid-range jump shot and Jetta Ideue popped in a 3-pointer for a 29-27 lead.

Both teams heated up in a well-played third quarter, which ended with the Pirates and Gulls still deadlocked, 35-35.

No one could have predicted an 18-2 run to start the fourth, but that's what happened — in Seaside's favor.

Two free throws by Villegas and a layup by Ideue started the rally, and the Gulls were on their way.

The running game opened up, and Villegas found herself on the finishing end, as the senior — held scoreless over the first three

quarters — scored 12 points in the final period, including 10 in a 14-0 run by the Gulls that pushed their lead from 39-37 to 53-37.

Marshfield did not even score until a 3-pointer from Jazmin Chavez as time expired.

Other than a few bright spots during Saturday's game, it was a rough tournament and a brutal two days for the young Pirates, who had four sophomores in their starting lineup.

One night after Marshfield went 2-for-22 from the 3-point line (and 6-for-49 overall) in a Friday loss to Banks, the Pirates were 4-for-30 from the 3-point line in the loss to the Gulls, 14-of-64 overall.

"We really stepped up in the fourth quarter," said Utti, who had 16 points, 15 rebounds, six assists, three steals and three blocks, and was named Seaside's Player of the Game. "Everyone hit the important shots that they needed to, and we were flying around on defense. I think (the Pirates) were fatigued, and we were in better shape."

## Athletes OF THE WEEK

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Coach Bill Westerholm at the boys championship game.

## Coach BILL WESTERHOLM

It takes a great coach to lead a team to victory and Seaside has two of the best. In his 19th year as the Gulls' head coach, Bill Westerholm guided the boys to a 24-1 record and the first state title in school history.



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Maddi Utti and Coach Mike Hawes.

## Coach MIKE HAWES

Mike Hawes brought the No. 9 seed Seaside girls to the tournament semifinals and finished the year with a 20-5 record, as the Lady Gulls defeated Marshfield in the third-place game.

## SEAGULLS VARSITY SCOREBOARD

### BOYS BASKETBALL

#### OSAA State Tournament Championship

**Seaside 71, Valley Catholic 63**  
**SEASIDE (24-1):** Jackson Januik 6-11 13-17 29; Chase Januik 3-6 7-8 14; Duncan Thompson 3-5 4-4 10; Hunter Thompson 3-7 1-2 9; Payton Westerholm 1-1 1-2 4; Attikin Babb 1-5 1-4 3; Ryan Hague 1-2 0-0 2; Beau Johnson 0-0 0-0 0; Astor Landwehr 0-0 0-0 0; Otto Hoekstre 0-1 0-0 0; Colton Carter 0-0 0-0 0; Rafi Sibony 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 18-38 26-36 70.

**VALLEY CATHOLIC (20-6):** Joey Braun 5-11 4-5 16; Colin Haggerty 3-8 7-8 14; Aidan Welsh 3-3 3-4 9; Daniel Hardy 2-5 2-2 6; Andrew Plambeck 1-10 4-4 6; Vlad Katin 2-6 0-2 4; Ben Robbins 2-3 0-0 4; Jack Grasberger 1-2 1-2 3; Trey Eberhart 0-1 1-4 1; Ethan Wilborn 0-1 0-0 0; Jack Tetzloff 0-0 0-0 0; Porter Agnew 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 19-51 22-31 63.

**Seaside 14 13 16 28—71**  
**Valley Catholic 12 13 11 27—63**  
**3-point goals:** Seaside 8-18 (J Januik 4-7; H Thompson 2-4; Westerholm 1-1; C Januik 1-2; Hague 0-1; Babb 0-2; D Thompson 0-1); Valley Catholic 3-20 (Braun 2-5; Haggerty 1-3; Hardy 0-1; Plambeck 0-7; Katin 0-2; Wilborn 0-1; Agnew 0-1). **Fouled out:**



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Seaside-None; Valley Catholic-Welsh, Hardy, Eberhart. **Rebounds:** Seaside 26 (Westerholm 6; J Januik 6); Valley Catholic 32 (Hardy 8). **Assists:** Seaside 13 (J Januik 6); Valley Catholic 9 (Plambeck 6). **Total fouls:** Seaside 22, Valley Catholic 26. **Technical fouls:** Seaside- Westerholm.

#### All-State Tournament First Team

Ian Collett, Jr., Tillamook  
Garrett Curtis, Sr., North Bend  
Daniel Hardy, Sr., Valley Catholic  
Jackson Januik, Sr., Seaside  
Dalton Renne, Jr., Banks

#### All-State Tournament Second Team

Attikin Babb, Sr., Seaside

Kyle Hadwick, Jr., Henley  
Colin Haggerty, Sr., V. Catholic  
Chase Januik, So., Seaside  
Cal Stueve, Sr., Philomath  
**Sportsmanship:** Tillamook

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### Seaside 53, Marshfield 40

**SEASIDE (20-5):** Maddi Utti 6-14 3-7 15; Jetta Ideue 3-8 6-7 13; Sydney Villegas 5-10 2-3 12; Bryre Babbitt 5-12 1-2 11; Lucy Bodner 1-1 0-0 2; Gretchen Hoekstre 0-1 0-0 0; Annaka Garhofer 0-0 0-0 0; Emy Kiser 0-2 0-0 0; Anesha Smart 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 20-48 12-19 53.  
**MARSHFIELD (20-8):** Hailey Browning

6-20 3-3 15; Jazmin Chavez 3-9 2-4 9; Tess Garrett 2-11 2-3 6; Ravyn Miranda 1-6 0-0 3; Alex Locati 1-7 0-0 3; Samantha Waldrop 1-2 0-0 3; Marissa Erickson 0-3 1-2 1; Brandi Thompson 0-4 0-0 0; Mallory Heyer 0-2 0-0 0; Emily Kruse 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 14-64 8-12 40.  
**Seaside 13 11 11 18—53**  
**Marshfield 9 15 11 18—54**  
**3-point goals:** Seaside 1-8 (Ideue 1-1; Babbitt 0-3; Kiser 0-2; Utti 0-2); Marshfield 4-30 (Waldrop 1-2; Locati 1-4; Miranda 1-6; Chavez 1-3; Thompson 0-3; Heyer 0-2; Garrett 0-6; Browning 0-4). **Fouled out:** None. **Rebounds:** Seaside 43 (Utti 16); Marshfield 42 (Browning 14). **Assists:** Seaside 12 (Utti 6); Marshfield 6 (Garrett 2; Chavez 2). **Total fouls:** Seaside 14, Marshfield 16.

#### All-State Tournament First Team

Harlee Baker, Jr., Sutherlin  
Anna Klein, Sr., Banks  
Aspen Sifika, So., Banks  
Taylor Stricklin, Sr., Sutherlin  
Maddi Utti, Sr., Seaside

#### All-State Tournament Second Team

Hailey Browning, So., Marshfield  
Sydney Gregg, Jr., Banks  
J'Enai Hall, Jr., Mazama  
Kelsey Molan, Jr., Cascade  
Ally Umbenhowe, Jr., North Bend  
**Sportsmanship:** Baker

## BOYS BASKETBALL

# Night belongs to Gulls

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They played Valley Catholic four times — twice in the regular season and two times in the post-season. And no match-up between the Valiants and Gulls was ever bigger than Saturday night's championship.

Seaside trailed just twice (5-4 and 10-7), but the rest of the night belonged to the Gulls, their fans, their alumni ... the entire town, it seemed, was either in attendance, or at home watching or listening.

As the 11 o'clock hour came and went, it was hugs and parties all around as Seaside celebrated in the stands and on the court at Forest Grove High School.

"Looking up in those stands and seeing how our community supports our youth is special," said Seaside coach Bill Westerholm, who finally made his way off the court and into the locker room.

"And it's nice to get our first-ever state championship as well," he said. "There's been some great basketball teams in Seaside. This may not be the greatest basketball team that we've had, but this year, it's the greatest basketball team at the 4A level."

"And these kids deserve it," said Westerholm, equally deserving in his 19th year as the Seaside coach. "Our senior leadership is by far better than on any team I've ever had."

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