

Gulls hoping to compete in tough Cowapa

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The 0-15 records are a thing of the past for Seaside softball. The Lady Gulls can now officially consider themselves as a “player” in the Cowapa League.

They’re still working on climbing over .500 in the league standings, but with a three-year starter at pitcher, some experienced returners and a large freshmen class ... Seaside softball could become a regular challenger in the Cowapa.

The Gulls will do it this year with a new coach, as Korie Blacker takes over for Jon Hotchkiss, with Lorna Brandt serving as the junior varsity coach.

Blacker, who is from Virginia but has been in the area for six years, is Seaside’s third head coach in four years.

“I had an opportunity to return to coaching, so I’m excited about it,” said Blacker, who also went to high school on the East Coast. “I taught school in Virginia for five years and coached there.”

She finished her Masters in counseling, and moved to the North Coast.

Blacker will have a young varsity team at Seaside in 2017.

In addition, “it’s my first year, so I don’t know too much about our league. I’ll be learning as we go.”

The Cowapa

She will quickly find out that the Cowapa League is one of the toughest conferences at the 4A level.

The top two spots are generally reserved for Banks and Scappoose. Astoria, Seaside, Tillamook and Valley Catholic are on their own, and will have

Seaside Softball

COACH: Korie Blacker, 1st year

TEAM RECORD FOR 2106: 9-15 (4-11 league)

KEY LOSSES: Paige Ideue, Brittany West, Whitney Westerholm

KEY RETURNERS: Jetta Ideue, Jr.

to fight it out for third and fourth, which should include RPI rankings that will be good enough for spots in the state playoffs.

The Gulls will know right away where they stand, as they open the league season at home vs. Banks April 11.

The Lady Gulls

Returner Mica Paranal (second or third base) is one of two seniors on the roster, along with Lucy Bodner, who is listed on the pre-season roster as a possible starter at first, second or third.

The key returner is still just a junior, as Jetta Ideue is back for her third season as the Seaside starter in the circle.

Other juniors who saw time with the varsity last season are Alyssa Goin (centerfield), Geri-Ann Klaffke (shortstop/third base), Sequoia Shand (1B/2B/SS) and Viola Soprano (OF/P). Pitcher/outfielder Celeste Kerr is an incoming junior.

The rest are sophomores (Jessica Angulo-Joli, Brianna Hill, Vanessa Hughes, Jenna Logan, Kimberly Mella) and freshmen (Siera Bailey, Ruby Davis, Candis Kerr, Emma Meyer, Sidney Owsley, Hailey Smith and Anastasia Tarvin).



Jetta Ideue has turned her attention to softball, her third sport at Seaside.

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