

Seaside tracksters have state championship fever

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With a roster full of state champions (some in track, some in basketball), the Seaside track team is ready to run in 2017. And jump, and throw, and hurdle, etc.

With a few athletes fresh off a victorious state title in boys basketball, the Gulls have that winning attitude.

Chase Januik, Jackson Januik, Rafi Sibony and Hunter Thompson are basking in the glow of their state championship win on the hardcourt — and all four will be running for individual medals this spring on the track.

For a few Gulls, they have already tasted success at the state track level.

Senior Jackson Januik will be gunning for his third straight individual state championship in the 800 meters — an event that belongs to the Gulls over the last four years (with state titles by Brett Willyard in 2013, and Januik in '15 and '16).

Elsewhere, the foursome of Januik, Thompson, Will Garvin and Juneau Meyer all return after combining for a seventh-place finish in the 1,600-meter relay in last year's state meet.

Garvin is the defending district champion in the 110-meter hurdles and 300-meter hurdles; and Thompson was a state qualifier in the 1,500 meters.

Meyer is always a contender in the sprints, while Chase Januik and Bradley Rzewnicki should be running with the lead pack in their respective events.

Phoenix Johnson is a senior transfer from Clatskanie, who ran everything



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Seaside's Rafi Sibony, center, and Hunter Thompson, right, are both trying to chase down big seasons for the Gulls' track team.



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Juneau Meyer will be one of the top sprinters in the Cowapa League in 2017.



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Bradley Rzewnicki is looking to follow up a great cross country season with a big spring on the track.



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Elizabeth Barnes specializes in the middle distances for the Seaside girls' track team.

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