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## DAILY ASTORIAN INVITATIONAL

# ATHLETES BATTLE ELEMENTS AT MEET

By Gary Henley  
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**W**elcome to high school track and field on the North Oregon Coast.

The 29th annual Daily Astorian Invitational had a little bit of everything Saturday afternoon ... on the track, in the field and in the skies above Seaside High School.

Less than 24 hours after a major wind-storm swept through the area, a weather system from the south kept things hopping in Saturday's meet.

### Alternating weather

A 10-minute sample:

At 1:10 p.m., sunshine and a slight breeze, with some very dark clouds offshore, followed by (at 1:15), a hailstorm of near-biblical proportions. And finally, at 1:20, it was back to a Bob Marley song — the sun was shining and the weather was sweet.

And that's how it was Saturday, as the clouds, wind, rain and sunshine alternated every 15 minutes. Through it all, the athletes were running, jumping and throwing their personal bests.

Had the meet been scheduled for Friday, it would have been canceled, said Seaside coach Jeff Kilday. As it was, meet organizers were not able to set up for things until Saturday morning.

Even with a late set-up, "I don't know if we've ever been better prepared for this meet than we were today," Kilday said. "We had eight National Guard volunteers helping us out, and with all the adults, from (Seaside athletic director) Jason Boyd to the coaches and other kids ... we got through everything just great."

Weather-wise, "I don't think we've ever had hail like that, and it was a little cooler than I expected," he said. "But just from the fact that we didn't have to cancel any events, I thought it was a great meet."

### Twelve schools

The annual "Daily A" meet showcases athletes from the local schools, plus a few out-of-towners for a one day event, hosted this year by the Gulls.

The meet is never team-scored, but with a few state champions and state-placers in most of the events, there's never a shortage of excitement at the Daily A.

Twelve schools took part, with 300-plus



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Seaside's Phoenix Johnson set a new PR and took third in the boys high jump at Saturday's home meet, clearing 5-feet-8.

athletes competing. Athletes from Astoria and Seaside won 19 of the 34 events, with only one near-meet record.

Of course, the defending state champion Astoria girls had a dominant day on the track, with wins and impressive performances from, among others, Natalie Cummings, McKenzie Burnett and newcomer Sam Hemsley. Early-season leg issues limited Darian Hageman, who finished second in the high jump, long jump and triple jump.

And the Seaside boys flexed their muscle on the track, from sweeping the relays to the middle distances (Juneau Meyer in the 400 meters, Jackson Januik in the 800); to the long distances (Bradley Rzewnicki in the 1,500, Rafi Sibony in the 3,000 meters).

The highlight race of the meet was a familiar one — Astoria's Lucas Caruana going head-to-head with Januik in the 800.

Caruana — third place in the state meet last year — led for over half the race, before

Januik — the defending state champion in the 800 — passed Caruana on the final lap to win in 1 minute, 59.31 seconds, just off the meet record of 1:59.27, set by Astoria's Jeremy Matlock in 1993.

"That was just fun to watch," Kilday said. "Without each other, I don't know if they would have been able to run what they did."

"I'd say those two are the top two, not only in the Cowapa League, but in the state at the 4A level," he said. "And they do a great job of working together to make each other better. You usually don't see Astoria and Seaside working together like that, but those two do it well."

Seaside's Will Garvin added a victory in the 300-meter hurdles, after a rough start left him fourth out of five runners in the 110-meter hurdle race.

"I look at the 300 as my redemption race, for whenever something doesn't go as planned in the 110s," Garvin said.

## Athletes OF THE WEEK

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### WILL GARVIN Track

One of the top hurdlers in the Cowapa League, Garvin began his senior season as a double-winner in a three-way meet at Tillamook April 6, winning the 110-meter hurdles in 16.4 seconds, and later the 300-meter hurdles in 42.2.

Garvin won the 300 hurdles in the Daily Astorian Invitational April 8, finishing in 44.27.



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### GRETCHEN HOEKSTRE Track

On April 6 in a Cowapa League three-way dual meet at Tillamook, Hoekstre won shot put event with personal best toss of 36 feet, 6 inches, which currently ranks as the fifth-best in the state at the 4A level, and first in the Cowapa League.

Two days later in the Daily Astorian Invitational, the sophomore placed second in the shot put with an effort of 35-10½, and recorded a personal best throw of 97-5 for third place in the javelin.

## SEAGULLS VARSITY SCOREBOARD

### TRACK & FIELD

Daily Astorian Invitational at Seaside HS  
Teams: Arlington, Astoria, City Christian, Faith Bible, Ilwaco, Jewell, Knappa, North Marion, Rainier, Seaside, Vernonia, Warrenton

**Girls**  
100: 1, Natalie Cummings, Ast, 13.33. 2, Emily Scanlan, NM, 13.63. 3, Kaisa Liljenwall, War, 14.22.  
200: 1, Natalie Cummings, Ast, 28.42. 2, Alayna Marsh, Ilw, 29.01. 3, Nezhah Castillo, CC, 30.17.  
400: 1, Devin Vandergriff, Kna, 1:04.86. 2, Alayna Marsh, Ilw, 1:05.68. 3, Lene Jacobsen, Ver, 1:09.37.  
800: 1, Lauren Ely, Ver, 2:52.85. 2, Adriana DeJesus, War, 2:53.10. 3, Samantha Hemsley, Ast, 2:53.98.  
1,500: 1, Josie Smith, Sea, 5:31.55. 2, Tailiegh Cole, Ast, 5:32.32. 3, Eliza Bannister, Ilw, 5:34.89.  
3,000: 1, McKenzie Burnett, Ast, 12:01.75. 2, Kathryn Zagata, Sea, 12:35.04. 3, Kathy Perez, Ast, 13:23.86.  
100 Hurdles: 1, Andrea Harris, Ast, 18.11. 2, Kaytlen Whelden, Ilw, 18.15. 3, Emily Scanlan, NM, 18.30.  
300 Hurdles: 1, Kaisa Liljenwall, War, 50.78. 2, Kaytlen Whelden, Ilw, 50.99. 3, Nara Van de Grift, Ast, 51.57.  
400 Relay: 1, Astoria (G.Cummings, Harris, Van de Grift, N.Cummings), 52.43. 2, Ilwaco, 53.56. 3, North Marion, 54.85.



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**1,600 Relay:** 1, Astoria (N.Cummings, G.Cummings, Van de Grift, Hemsley), 4:38.49. 2, Ilwaco, 4:43.25. 3, Seaside, 5:00.92.  
**Discus:** 1, Kes Sandstrom, Ast, 106.7. 2, Taylor Cosner, Ast, 104.4. 3, Katie Fajer, FB, 95-1.  
**Javelin:** 1, Taylor Cosner, Ast, 103-3. 2, Anna Huddleston, Sea, 101-1. 3, Gretchen Hoekstre, Sea, 97-5.  
**Shot Put:** 1, Makenzie Kaech, Ilw, 37-6. 2, Gretchen Hoekstre, Sea, 35-10.5. 3, Taylor Cosner, Ast, 32-7.  
**High Jump:** 1, Emily Scanlan, NM, 5-2. 2, Darian Hageman, Ast, 5-0. 3, Brianne Femrite, NM, 4-6.  
**Long Jump:** 1, Elizabeth McMullen, Ilw, 15-5.75. 2, Darian Hageman, Ast, 15-5.5. 3, MarDeSol Verastuegi, NM, 15-1.

**Triple Jump:** 1, Eliza Bannister, Ilw, 33-6. 2, Darian Hageman, Ast, 33-5.5. 3, MarDeSol Verastuegi, NM, 32-5.  
**Pole Vault:** 1, Ashley Campbell, FB, 8-0. 2, Shrida Sharma, Ast, 7-6. 3, Cady Carr, Sea, 5-6.

**Boys**  
100: 1, Alex Kaino, Ilw, 12.03. 2, Clay Sullivan, Vern, 12.16. 3, Jacob Olson, Ast, 12.17.  
200: 1, Ryan Schenk, Ilw, 24.63. 2, Jacob Olson, Ast, 25.30. 3, Tyler Whitaker, War, 25.30.  
400: 1, Juneau Meyer, Sea, 56.22. 2, Tyler Whitaker, War, 56.97. 3, Levi Card, Sea, 57.27.  
800: 1, Jackson Januik, Sea, 1:59.31. 2, Lucas Caruana, Ast, 1:59.88. 3, Luke Liljenwall, War, 2:09.51.  
1,500: 1, Bradley Rzewnicki, Sea, 4:22.53. 2, Hunter Thompson, Sea, 4:32.25. 3, Daniel Whiting, Ilw, 4:43.55.

**3,000:** 1, Rafi Sibony, Sea, 9:54.23. 2, Johnathan Guisinger, Rai, 9:55.13. 3, Daniel Whiting, Ilw, 10:25.22.  
**100 Hurdles:** 1, Clay Sullivan, Ver, 16.82. 2, Michael Kee, Ast, 17.50. 3, Ian Hunt, Ast, 18.79.  
**300 Hurdles:** 1, Will Garvin, Sea, 44.27. 2, Clay Sullivan, Ver, 45.31. 3, Nikolas Caruana, Ast, 47.98.  
**400 Relay:** 1, Seaside (Card, Teubner, Kiser, Meyer), 46.41. 2, Astoria, 47.23. 3, Ilwaco, 47.93.  
**1,600 Relay:** 1, Seaside (Meyer, JJanuik, Thompson, Garvin), 3:39.34. 2, Astoria, 3:42.38. 3, Ilwaco, 3:42.51.  
**Discus:** 1, Tim Barnett, Ast, 147-6. 2, Shawn Hauner, Ast, 124-1. 3, Devon Bowser, War, 112-1.  
**Javelin:** 1, Thomas Evans, Ast, 160-5. 2, Tim Barnett, Ast, 149-0. 3, Sean Hinson, Jwl, 145-6.  
**Shot Put:** 1, Tim Barnett, Ast, 47-11.5. 2, Devon Bowser, War, 41-11. 3, David Merry, Ast, 39-8.5.  
**High Jump:** 1, Brett Jones, Ver, 5-10. 2, Karsten Johnson, Ast, 5-8. 3, Phoenix Johnson, Sea, 5-8.  
**Long Jump:** 1, Tyler Whitaker, War, 19-1.75. 2, Phoenix Johnson, Sea, 18-11.5. 3, Andrew Schauer, Ast, 17-8.  
**Triple Jump:** 1, Tyler Whitaker, War, 39-7. 2, Javier Arenas Oliver, Ver, 39-4.5. 3, Alex Burckfield, Ast, 39-3.5.  
**Pole Vault:** 1, Cole Olson, Ast, 9-6. 2, Javier Arenas Oliver, Ver, 9-0. 3, Justin Villa, Ast, 9-0.

## BOYS GOLF

# Gulls win Clatsop Clash

By Gary Henley  
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WARRENTON — The Seaside boys golf team shot a season low score and improved to 1-1 in Cowapa League play April 6, with a 366-406 victory over Astoria in golf's version of the Clatsop Clash at the Astoria Golf & Country Club.

Seaside's Jackson Kunde was medalist with an 86. The Gulls' Samson Sibony was second with a 90, followed by Connor Merrell (92), Mason Shamion (98) and Colby Lupfer (99).

The Gulls have been able to

lower their team score every time out so far this season. All but one member shot a season-low Thursday.

"We are moving in the right direction," said Seaside coach Jim Poetsch. "We dropped another 16 strokes from our last match. If John Whittle's JV score had counted, we would have dropped another six."

"Jackson (Kunde) played 16 good holes today," he said. "He followed a triple bogey with a six-putt, quadruple bogey on the front. If not for those two holes, he might have snuck into the 70's for the first time."

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