

## BASEBALL

# GULLS WIN BIG AT SUMMMER FINALE



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Duncan Thompson keeps his eyes on home plate as he delivers a pitch for Seaside during a game against Baker City Thursday, July 13, at the Wood Bat Tournament.

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Seaside finished off a successful Junior Baseball summer season July 15 at Broadway Field, where the Gulls scored a “double victory” on the final day of the Wood Bat Tournament.

Not only did the Gulls win their consolation final, they did it by beating Cowapa League rival Scappoose, 7-0.

The Gulls are hoping it’s a sign of things to come in 2018, when Seaside baseball will be looking to climb back into the top division of the Cowapa.

Seaside won Saturday’s consolation final in impressive fashion, as pitcher Brayden Johnson tossed a complete-game one-hitter, with four strikeouts and four walks.

It took Johnson just 78 pitches to finish off the Indians, whose lone hit was a double by 10 in the second inning.

Meanwhile, the Gulls collected six hits (from six different players) off two Scappoose pitchers.

Gage McFadden and Duncan Thompson each had a double, while Ashton Boyd was the big run-producer, driving in three runs, including a two-run single in the third inning.

The Gulls led 1-0 after two innings, then broke it open with five runs in the third.

With one out, McFadden was hit by a pitch, stole second, took third on a base hit by Payton Westerholm, and sprinted home on an error on the same play.

Alex Teubner reached on an infield single, and Westerholm scored moments later on a double from Duncan Thompson.

An infield single by Chase Januik scored another run, and Boyd’s line drive to center with two outs plated Thompson and Januik for a 6-0 lead.

On the mound, Johnson retired nine in a row from the third to the sixth inning, and retired the side in order in the seventh.

Seaside finishes the summer season with a 10-7 record, which included a win over Astoria Ford and two victories over Scappoose.

## Gulls 7, Baker 6

The Seaside Junior Baseball team has spent most of the summer playing exciting games with dramatic endings.

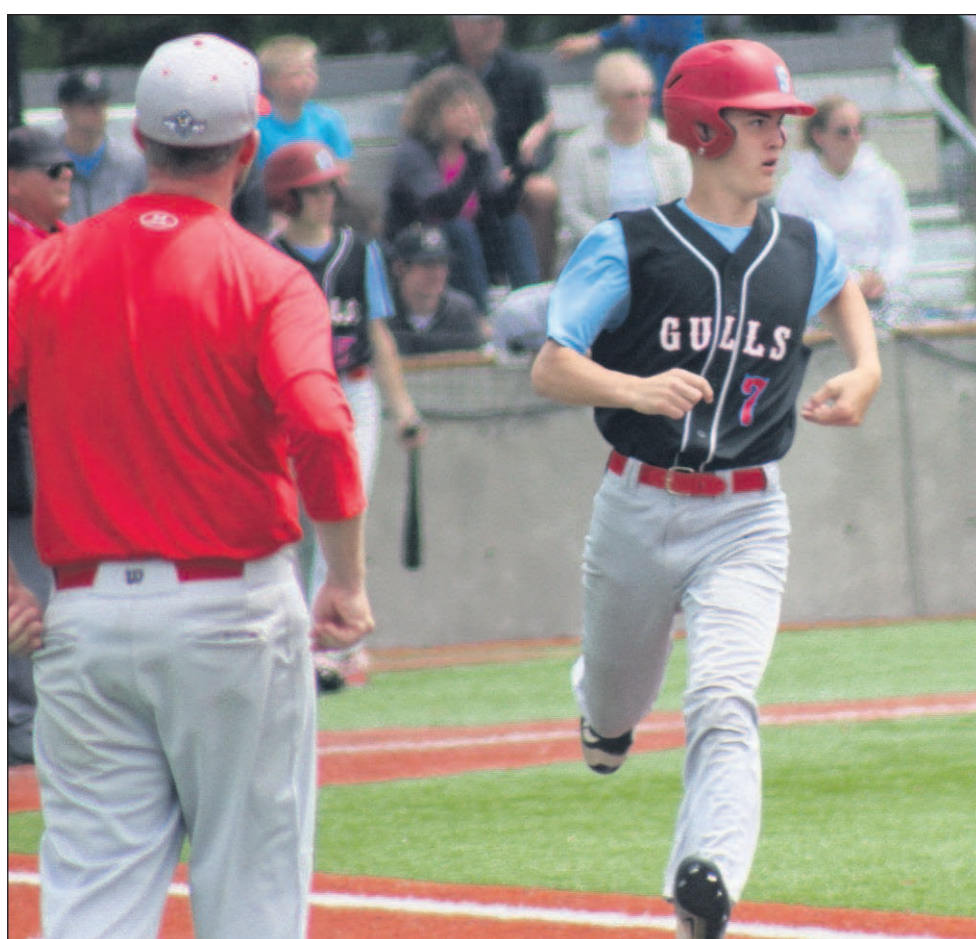
They’ve won a few and lost a few, and scored their biggest win July 14, with a 7-6, 10-inning victory over Barley Brown’s of Baker City.

Baker rallied from a 6-2 deficit with four runs in the bottom of the seventh, then pushed across a run in the 10th on a bases-loaded hit by Alex Teubner with no outs.

Baker dominated the first five innings, building a 6-2 lead and outhitting the Gulls 10-3.

The last five frames, however, belonged to Seaside.

Baker City’s Sam McCauley was pitching a masterpiece through the first five innings, but walked two in the sixth, then gave up four hits and also hit a batter in the seventh, before being relieved in the eighth.



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Seaside’s Ledger Pugh, No. 7, had a single to lead off the fourth inning in the Gulls’ win over Scappoose July 15.

But it was too late by then.

The Gulls’ rally in the seventh featured a leadoff single by Gage McFadden, and teammate Payton Westerholm was hit by a pitch to put two runners on.

They both advanced on a ground-out by Teubner.

McFadden raced home on an infield single by Duncan Thompson, and Brayden Johnson followed with a double down the left field line that scored two.

Moments later, an errant throw by Baker City allowed Johnson score the game-tying run.

After a scoreless eighth and ninth innings, Seaside opened the bottom of the 10th with consecutive singles by Paxson VanNortwich and McFadden and a walk to Westerholm. Teubner’s hit over a drawn-in outfield allowed VanNortwich to easily score with the game-winner.

Seaside pitchers Thompson and McFadden allowed 15 hits with six strikeouts and a walk, while two Baker City pitchers gave up 10 hits, with six strikeouts, six walks and four hit batters. Seaside stranded 14 base runners.

In a semifinal game against Central, the Gulls managed just four hits (two by Payton Westerholm) in a 10-2 loss.

## Clatsop Clash split

Four-and-a-half hours of baseball resulted in a doubleheader split July 10 at Broadway Field, where the Astoria Ford and Seaside Junior teams swapped a pair of lop-sided games.

The Fishermen scored a 12-1 win in the opener, before the Gulls bounced back with a 15-5 victory in Game 2.

After 34 straight losses to Astoria in spring ball, the Gulls’ summer team can happily write an unofficial end to that losing skid, with the Game 2 win.

“Brayden (Johnson) threw really well” in the second game, said Seaside coach Joel Dierickx, as his starter pitched a solid four-plus innings to earn the win.

Johnson gave up just three hits, with two strikeouts and three walks, before Payton Westerholm took over in the fifth inning.

Facing Astoria’s less-experienced lineup in the second game, the Gulls had 10 hits off three Astoria pitchers, who walked 10 and hit three batters.

A two-out, bases-loaded double by Westerholm in the third inning scored three runs and helped Seaside build a 9-0 lead after three innings.

The Fishermen drew four walks, and Dylan Junes had a two-run double to highlight Astoria’s five run fifth inning.

But Seaside countered with six runs of their own in the bottom of the fifth, which included two hit batters with the bases loaded to force in two runs, and Westerholm drew a bases-loaded walk to force in the final run that gave the Gulls a 10-run lead.

Alex Teubner had a triple and a single to lead Seaside’s 10-hit attack, while Westerholm finished with four RBIs, and Travis Fenton had two hits and two RBIs.



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Seaside High graduate Kai Davidson, left, and Darlington Nagbe of the Portland Timbers will be a part of the Timbers’ visit to the North Coast in August.

## Timbers in Seaside

Seaside Signal

The North Coast is back on the “Rose City Road Trip” list, the Portland Timbers’ annual tour of community events and youth soccer clinics throughout the Pacific Northwest.

This year’s tour will include stops in Seaside and Warrenton, as the Timbers return to the North Coast as part of their sixth-annual Rose City Road Trip, presented by Providence Health & Services.

Beginning Tuesday, Aug. 15, Timbers’ midfielder Darlington Nagbe, midfielder/defender Lawrence Olum, defender Roy Miller and Timber Joey will begin the day with a visit to Providence Seaside Hospital from 9-10 a.m., spending time with patients before heading to Warrenton Grade School from 10:30 a.m. To noon to help install “buddy benches,” a project invented by 10-year-old Christian Bucks, that gives children a safe, non-judgmental place to retreat.

The day continues with a youth soccer clinic being led by the Timbers youth development staff (which includes Seaside High graduate Kai Davidson) for children ages 5-13.

The clinic is scheduled for 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Warrenton Soccer Complex on Ridge Road in Hammond. Free and open to the public, the clinic will feature a training session, along with an autograph and Q&A session. Participants must pre-register online at [www.timbers.com/rosecity-roadtrip](http://www.timbers.com/rosecity-roadtrip).

“We are excited to welcome the Timbers ‘Rose City Road Trip’ to the North Coast to help us promote healthy activities for kids in our communities,” said Kendall Sawa, RN, chief executive, at Providence Seaside Hospital.

“We have been partnering with Way to Wellville Clatsop and other organizations to fight childhood obesity in our county. Getting kids involved in sports and other physical activities is key to promoting healthy habits for a lifetime,” said Dominique Greco, M.D., who practices family medicine at Providence Medical Group-Seaside and in her spare time has volunteered as a soccer coach.

Closing out the visit, players and Timber Joey will join fans at Astoria’s Fort George Brewery, 1483 Duane St., for a Q&A, raffle, autographs and pictures from 4:30-6:30 p.m., before returning to Portland.

## Surf Project helps foster kids grow

About 75 teenagers in foster care received an opportunity for internal growth and intentional play with a surf adventure on the Oregon Coast in late June. This experience is designed to assist Oregon’s foster youth in internal asset building, grit development, and confidence building. These attributes set the ground-work for effectively managing past circumstances and conquering future challenges.

2017 Surf Project aids them in their journey to reclaim their future as a positive, worthwhile path ahead.